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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**PRESENT**

Mr R Mainland  
Mr G Waddell

Mr R Nickerson  
Mrs S Waddell

Mrs E Flaws    Miss J Sandison  
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)

**APOLOGIES**

Mr H Harrop  
Mrs S Malcolmson  
Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)

Mr S Mitchell  
Mr M Shearer

Mrs F Mitchell                      Ms J Armstrong  
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)

Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

2 x Police Officers

Mr G Cape (Shetland Times)

**17/09 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 24th April 2017 was adopted on the motion of Mr Waddell subject to the following amendments

**PRESENT:** Mr Harrop was not present at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April and had sent his apologies

**17/06/1 Review of Support to Association of Shetland Community Councils:** should read - *The CCLO duties will be met by the SIC.*

**17/10 POLICE REPORT**

No Police Report had been received but the attending Officers offered to forward a copy and stated that there had been 21 'incidents' reported for the Dunrossness area during the previous month. These included a report of 2 missing persons, who had been located safe and well, and one arrest for driving while over the drink drive limit. The other 'incidents' were of a routine nature.

**17/11 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) Middle Road, Levenwick:** The Clerk reported that she had not received a reply from SIC Roads yet regarding the Community Council's request that a mirror be placed at the bottom end of the Levenwick Middle Road to assist drivers joining the main road through Levenwick

**b) Scatness:** The Community Council had been copied into an email from Cllr McGregor to Neil Robertson, SIC Roads. Mr McGregor had been contacted by a Scatness resident regarding the fact that when the service bus attempts to turn into Scatness, it often meets traffic heading north and cannot complete its manoeuvre and therefore blocks the road until either it, or the oncoming traffic reverse to enable the other to pass.

**c) Scousburgh Hill:** The Chairman thanked Mr Cape for his efforts in helping push forward the works to make the buildings at Scousburgh Hill safe and writing an article for The Shetland Times on the matter. Magnus Laursen, SIC, had also emailed with an update from BT which states that they hope to commence demolition of the buildings in a 'few weeks time' with a view to having the site flattened by mid/late summer and the ground reinstated after that. With regards to the sheets of metal which are lying down the hill from the site, Mr Laursen states that they do not appear to have come from the buildings and therefore the SIC cannot deal with them but BT are now investigating if they may have come from the dishes and they will hopefully have them removed. In response to the above, Mr Harrop had emailed with the information that the timing of the proposed demolition may conflict with breeding Red Throated Divers which have traditional nest site within the BT site. Red Throated Divers are protected by law and it is a criminal offence to disturb them at/near a nest site. Any dependent young may not fledge until late July/mid August. The members agreed that the Community Council would forward this information to Mr Laursen.

**17/11 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**3. Scrap Vehicles:** The Clerk reported that Shetland Amenity Trust cannot uplift the scrap Suzuki vehicle which is currently at Grutness as it comes under the Rewarding Recycling system and would therefore have to be registered through this scheme and uplifted by 60 North. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should ask the SIC to deal with the matter.

**4. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service:** Mr Mainland and Mr Nickerson had still not managed to meet with Peter Mogridge, SIC due to other commitments. Mr Mogridge had forwarded a copy of the ZetTrans Draft Main Issues Report for the member's information/consideration. The 'Main Issues' will make up the core of the refreshed Shetland Transport Strategy due for completion in the autumn of 2017. As the member's had been informed previously, this stage of the Transport Strategy Refresh is quite high level. The members were happy with the main points made and the document was noted.

**5. Levenwick Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours:** Mr Ralph Roberts, NHS Shetland, had replied to the Community Council's letter regarding opening hours at the Levenwick Surgery. He states that he is pleased to note the Community Council's comments about the level of care provided by the practice but can recognise and understand the comments in relation to the flexibility of opening hours. Mr Roberts letter continues as below:

*As you may be aware, Levenwick practice is an Independent GP practice that provides NHS care on the basis of a "contract" administered by NHS Shetland. While this used to be the norm, across the UK, and remains the most common model providing GP services in the NHS this has become less common in Shetland and from later this year Levenwick will be one of only 3 practices working in this way.*

*Under these contractual arrangements the Practice is required to provide services on 5 mornings and 4 afternoons per week. In Shetland the normal opening hours are either 0800 or 0830 to 1630 to 1700, with practices (like Levenwick) who take part in the Out Of Hours co-operative also having to provide an emergency GP on call until 1730.*

*As you indicate a small number of our other practices do offer extended hours, perhaps on evening a week or on a Saturday morning but the national funding available for this is extremely limited and only commits a practice to providing 30 mins extended opening per 1000 patients.*

**17/11 MATTERS ARISING****5. Levenwick Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours (continued):**

*As you have been advised the Scottish Government and the British Medical Association are currently negotiating a new GP contract that we are expecting to be phased in over the next few years. I understand that opening hours will be one aspect that is considered within these negotiations, along with how we make working in primary Care and as a GP more attractive. This is extremely important since as you may well be aware there is a significant shortage of GPs in the current workforce.*

*NHS Shetland continues to be involved as a stakeholder in the development of the new contract and I am happy to confirm that we will continue to raise the issue of extended opening and ensuring that the new contract is fit for purpose for the Primary Care Service that is provided Shetland.*

The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Roberts for his reply and report that the members are reassured by the fact that he plans to continue to pursue the matter of extended opening hours within the development of the new GP contract.

Mr Nickerson enquired if the members thought that the Community Council should approach Tavish Scott regarding this matter and request that he raise it with the Scottish Government in whichever way he sees fit. This was agreed. The members also discussed the possibility of undertaking a survey of Dunrossness residents with regard to opening hours at the Levenwick Practice and are interested to know the findings of recent patient surveys undertaken by the surgery.

**5. Patient Travel:** The members had been delighted to note NHS Shetland's decision to continue using air travel as their preferred option for patient travel to the Mainland.

**17/12 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

There were no grant applications for consideration.

**1. CDF Distribution Fund:** As noted at the Community Council's April meeting, the application to the CDF Grant Scheme for the maximum £3000 Distribution Fund Grant had been successful and this was confirmed in a letter from Vaila Simpson, Executive Manager, Community Planning & Development. The acceptance document was signed and will be returned to the Grants Unit by the Clerk.

**17/12 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)**

**2. CDF Project Fund:** Mr Mainland reported that, in light of the rejection of the Community Council's first application to the Project Fund, a second modified application for assistance with the costs of operating the KSB Seaside Award Scheme for St. Ninian's and Westvoe Beaches and for carrying out some ground maintenance to the St. Ninian's Chapel Site has been submitted. Information on whether this application has been successful should be available shortly.

**17/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. To erect dwelling house with air source heat pump, land adjacent to the east of Lindale, Ireland, Bigton by Mr & Mrs Chris Pope:** There were no objections.

**2. Installation of approximately 5.5 kilometres of buried electrical cable, erection of control building, erection of six transformer units and erection of up to 40 kWp of ground mounted photo-voltaic panels, Fair Isle, extending from Harbour in North to Settled Areas in South by Fair Isle Electricity Company:** There were no objections.

**17/14 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Shetland Islands Council:** Cllr Smith reported that he had attended the first meeting of the new Shetland Islands Council. Below is a list of some of the Committees which the South Mainland Councillors are on:

**George Smith**

<b>Education &amp; Families Committee</b>	<b>: Chair</b>
<b>Environment &amp; Transport Committee</b>	<b>: Member</b>
<b>Licensing Committee</b>	<b>: Vice Chair</b>
<b>Planning Committee</b>	<b>: Member</b>

**Allison Duncan**

<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>: Chair</b>
<b>Community Safety &amp; Resilience Board</b>	<b>: Vice Chair</b>
<b>Development Committee</b>	<b>: Member</b>
<b>Harbour Board</b>	<b>: Member</b>
<b>Integration Joint Board</b>	<b>: Vice Chair</b>

**Robbie McGregor**

<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>: Member</b>
<b>Education &amp; Families Committee</b>	<b>: Member</b>
<b>Environment &amp; Transport Committee</b>	<b>: Vice Chair</b>

**17/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. 'Thank you' letter from South Mainland Community Association - Senior Citizens for grant received:** This was noted.

**2. Letter from SIC ref. Community Council Constitution:** A number of agreed changes have taken place to the original Community Council Constitutions since they were last signed in 2001/2002, including changes made to by election procedures and changes made to who can audit/verify accounts. Dunrossness Community Council's updated Constitution was enclosed for the member's consideration and signature by the Chairman. The Clerk will forward a copy of the document to each member prior to a decision on its approval being taken at our June meeting.

**3. Email from SIC Development Plans:** A copy of the latest newsletter from the Development Plans team was provided.

**4. Storage Heating and SSE Meters:** During Judith Fenton of the Citizens Advice Bureau's attendance at a previous Community Council meeting to update members on what services CAB could provide in relation to Household Energy issues, a point had been raised regarding SSE's monopoly over householders with Total Heating Total Control (THTC) Meters. Tavish Scott, who was also in attendance at the same meeting, had passed the matter to Alistair Carmichael who had raised it with SSE. In reply, SSE and stated that, *"although this meter type does offer significant benefits in terms of the 24 hour off-peak rate, we do respect customers' right to choose their energy supplies, and there are two ways in which customers with THTC can go about switching supplier"* – 1. Exchange the THTC meters for one which is more widely supported by other electricity suppliers, 2. Find a supplier who is willing to accommodate the two supply numbers for your property which is necessary to retain the same heating and hot water 'boosts' which Scottish Hydro provide as part of the THTC package. SSE also confirmed that currently only customers with standard or dual fuel meters can have a smart meter fitted. Should a customer with a THTC meter wish to have a smart meter fitted, it would likely be necessary for them to have an electrician carry out some modifications to the properties internal electrical wiring to accommodate the lower specification meter. Although, SSE will replace meters free of charge, the customer would be liable for the cost of any other wiring modifications required.

For further information, contact the CAB. Although the members were sure CAB are aware of all the information provided in this letter, it was agreed to forward a copy to them.

## **17/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Keep Scotland Beautiful Seaside Awards:** Mr Mainland informed the meeting that it has just been announced that St. Ninian's and Westvoe beaches have once again been awarded a KSB Seaside Award. Any group wishing to take part in a beach clean in return for a small donation towards their groups funds from the Community Council should contact the Clerk to reserve a place on the rota. Mrs Mainland reported that there is a pile of rubbish in the car park at Westvoe awaiting collection and it was agreed that the Clerk will contact the SIC to request that Essy Kert uplift this when it is in the area next.

**2. Health Checks:** Miss Sandison informed the members that a Community Nurse from the Levenwick Surgery had been at the Bigton Hall today holding a free, drop in clinic carrying out health checks for the public

**3. Review of Support to Association of Shetland Community Council:** Mr Mainland reported that the ASCC has invited him to attend a meeting of Community Council Chairs in June to prepare a collective response to the SIC with regard to the above. Mr Mainland suggested that, instead of attending the meeting, he would send a letter detailing Dunrossness Community Council's position on this matter and ask that the ASCC response should be based on the majority of all Community Council's views, not just those who might attend this meeting. The members agreed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON  
MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**External Funding Sources:** For more information on current external funding sources, see below:

- **The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**  
<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/>

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