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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 25th September 2017

PRESENT

Mr R Mainland	Mrs E Flaws	Mrs S Waddell	Mr S Mitchell
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)			

APOLOGIES

Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr M Shearer	Mrs F Mitchell	Ms J Armstrong
Miss J Sandison	Mr R Nickerson	Mr H Harrop	Mr G Waddell
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)	2 x Police Officers	Mr G Cape (Shetland Times)
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17/34 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 28th August 2017 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mitchell subject to the following amendment:

17/28/5 Levenwick Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours: *the following should be added* the members agreed that the Surgery should be congratulated on the positive results it had received in the Health and Care Experience Survey 2015/16

17/35 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for August stated that there had been eighteen 'incidents' recorded for the Dunrossness area. These consisted of the following:

- 1 driver cautioned and charged with speeding,
- 1 reported theft – enquiries ongoing
- 2 vehicle minor collision
- 1 noisy neighbour call

All the other items were of a routine nature

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17/36 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) Middle Road, Levenwick: There was nothing to report. The Clerk has requested an update.

b) Scousburgh Hill: There was nothing new to report.

3. Scrap Vehicles: Sita Goudie, Shetland Amenity Trust, had emailed with an update regarding Autogreen cars. She states that Alistair Carmichael has been asking questions regarding the 'state of play' with Autogreen vehicles in Shetland and has forwarded Mrs Goudie a letter from Michael Gove, MP. In his letter, Mr Gove has requested that anyone experiencing difficulties with the Autogreen (rewarding recycling) scheme contact his government representative, Paul Hallett, directly at Environmental Quality Directorate, DEFRA, Area 2B, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR. Tel 020 8225 7405, Email paul.hallett@defra.gsi.gov.uk .

4. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service: There was nothing further to report.

5. Levenwick Surgery: There was nothing new to report on this subject. Mr Mainland stated that, upon consideration, he suspected that some patient's issues with obtaining appointments was not down to the current surgery opening hours only but a combination of that and how the appointment system currently works. Mr Mitchell stated that he believed the Surgery may be considering rolling out a telephone appointment system whereby a patient makes an appointment to talk to a doctor by telephone.

6. Air Traffic Control: Andrew Farquhar, Sumburgh Airport Operations Manager, was unable to attend this month's meeting. Mr Mainland suggested that the Community Council ask for a copy of the presentation he and Catriona Wheeler, Senior Air Traffic Controller, gave at the recent SACC Meeting and then a new date for attending a Community Council meeting could be arranged if considered necessary. Cllr Smith reported that he had received a letter from Andrew Farquhar giving an update on the proposal that air traffic control be provided by a centrally controlled system. The letter states that '*HIAL have engaged Helios, a UK-based air transport consultancy, to conduct an independent scoping study. HIAL staff and trade union representatives are being kept fully informed about the study and a number of HIAL Air Traffic staff are in the project team. HIAL is also keeping other key stakeholders informed. The Project Team are commenting on the Draft Interim Report for accuracy and then Helios will finalise and share the draft conclusions and suggested next steps with all HIAL staff and key stakeholders in the first week of October*'. In light of this letter, it was agreed that the Community Council would postpone any further action.

17/37 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Community Council Accounts: The Clerk reported that the Community Council's Annual Accounts have been completed by Voluntary Action Shetland. These were approved by the members and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk will forward a copy to VAS and Michael Duncan, SIC.

2. South Mainland Community Association, Boddam Playing Fields - To assist with the annual expenditure incurred providing playing field facilities at Boddam: It was agreed, on the motion of Mr Mainland, seconded by Mrs Flaws, to award the requested sum of £1000.

17/38 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

Notification of Planning Applications: Further to the Community Council's email to the SIC Planning Department with regard to difficulties finding all planning applications for the Dunrossness area when searching the SIC Planning website, a response had been received from John Holden, Team Leader – Development Management, Planning. Mr Holden states that *'the procedure regulations we follow for planning applications prescribe that we must consult with the relevant community council where the development proposed is likely to affect the amenity of the area of the community council. Historically, and continuing practice is that, community councils are also automatically consulted on proposals for new houses (including single houses). The regulations also provide that in relation to proposals where we have not consulted on the ground the development proposed is likely to affect the amenity etc, the community council in whose area the development is to take place can inform the planning authority that it wishes to be consulted. Noting the community council concern that by not always receiving consultations it considers it may be missing out on the opportunity to make comments (on account of Dunrossness not always being in the planning application address), I can advise that in the planning applications search facility to be found online, it is possible through clicking on the 'Advanced' tab to do a search of applications by community council area. Another means of searching for application in the Community Council's area is by the weekly list of applications – available by clicking the Weekly/Monthly Lists tab'*.

17/39 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. South Mainland Schools Parent Council Meetings: Cllr Smith reported that he had recently attended all three South Mainland Schools Parent Council Meetings and had been particularly encouraged by the number of people keen to be involved in the Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council. There was a good atmosphere and plenty of willingness to participate

17/40 CORRESPONDENCE

1. SIC email ref. Community Asset Transfer and ownership and the role of Community Councils: Michael Duncan, SIC, had forwarded a link to a recent article issued by the Scottish Community Council's website ref the above. Mr Duncan states that Community Asset Transfer is an area of activity that potentially may become increasingly relevant to Community Councils. This was noted.

2. Keep Scotland Beautiful email ref Seaside Award Scheme: A copy of the KSB report for St Ninian's and Westvoe Beaches was provided. A couple of minor points for improvement were noted ie. replacement of faded notices in notice boards.

3. RSPB email ref. LIFE Bid Letter of Support: The local RSPB are preparing a LIFE funding bid and have requested that the Community Council consider providing a letter of support to form part of their bid. *Biosecurity for LIFE – Safeguarding the UK's globally important seabird island SPA's* is to protect colonies of breeding seabirds from the threat of invasive mammalian predators and to promote best practice in island biosecurity more widely across the EU. The project is UK wide and in Shetland the RSPB would focus their attention on the Special Protection Areas (SPA's) covering Fair Isle, Foula, Fetlar, Mousa, Noss, Papa Stour and Ramna Stacks & Gruney. The members agreed to write a letter of support.

4. SIC email ref. Developing new Ways of Working Together: Mr Mainland had received an email from SIC Community Planning informing the Community Council of their plans to visit Fair Isle on 29th September to meet with the islanders for initial discussions relating to the above project. However, the visit had ended up being postpone as it would have clashed with NHS Shetlands planned visit to the Isle.

17/41 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Citizens Advice Bureau: Mr Mainland reported that Karen Eunson, CAB, had been in contact enquiring if the Community Council would be willing to provide a letter of support to accompany CAB's application to the Climate Challenge Fund. CAB are applying for funds to enable them to continue with their outreach programme from April 2018 – Mar 2020. The members agreed this was a very worthy programme and Mr Mainland will draft a letter.

2. Rural & Islands Housing Funds: Mr Mainland reported that Cllr Smith had sent him some information regarding the Rural & Islands Housing Funds. The £25 million Rural Housing Fund and the new £5 million Islands Housing Fund runs from 2016 to 2019. Dunrossness would qualify as rural, however, Community Councils cannot apply directly and any application requires the support of the local authority, a development company or a housing association. Mr Mainland plans to discuss the above with Brian Leask of Hjaltrand Housing Association so see if it is something they would be interested in.

3. Levenwick Community Broadband: Mr Mitchell reported that there are a few Levenwick residents showing definite interest in the proposal for Community Broadband. It is planned to distribute fliers around the whole village to see if there is any further interest and then hold an open meeting in the Levenwick Hall late October. Mr Mitchell enquired if Mr Mainland would be available to attend the meeting since he has been attending recent Digital Forum meetings and has some knowledge of the current Broadband situation in Shetland. Mr Mainland agreed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chair

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2017.

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

- **Corra Foundation**

<https://www.idoxgrantfinder.co.uk/localgov/News/View/GRUKBP3!N65316>

- **Community Capacity and Resilience Fund**

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/running-your-organisation/funding/capacity-resilience-fund/>

- **BBC Children in Need Main Grants Programme**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/60DXlxYvbbtcTDm79Mjryj/main-grants-should-i-apply>

- **Triangle Trust 1949 Fund**

<http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/>

- **Weir Charitable Trust**

<http://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

- **Tesco Bags of Help Funding**

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/boh-grant-for-project-tes>