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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 30th April 2018

PRESENT

Mr R Mainland	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr G Waddell	Mr R Nickerson
Mr S Mitchell	Mr H Harrop	Mr M Shearer	
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)			

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Flaws	Mrs S Waddell	Miss J Sandison	Mrs F Mitchell
Ms J Armstrong	Cllr G Smith (ex officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

18/01 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 26th March 2018 was adopted on the motion of Mr Waddell, subject to the following amendment

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer) was also in attendance.

18/02 POLICE REPORT

According to the latest Police Report, 8 items had been recorded for the Dunrossness area during the month of March. These were all of a routine nature with the exception of:

- 1 driver arrested for driving over the prescribed limit of alcohol
- 1 report of vandalism
- 1 report of theft

18/03

18/03 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters:

a) Middle Road, Levenwick: There was nothing to report.

b) Bigton Graveyard Road: There was nothing new to report. The Clerk had emailed Mr Spence, SIC, for an update but no reply had been received. Cllr McGregor volunteered to pursue the matter on the Community Council's behalf.

2. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service: There was nothing new to report.

3. Levenwick Surgery: There was nothing new to report.

4. Air Traffic Control: There was nothing new to report. HIAL is to be invited to attend the ASCC meeting in June.

5. AHS Bus: As stated in the press, it was confirmed that as of the end of May when the new Asymmetric Timetable comes into effect, a dedicated school bus will now transport Dunrossness area pupils home from the Anderson High School at the end of the school day.

6. Levenwick Broadband: Mr Shearer reported that Stuart Robertson, HIE, had stated that he was hopeful that ADSL2 will be operational in the Levenwick area by June/July this year which should greatly improve Broadband coverage in the area.

7. Proposed Sumburgh Airport Parking Charges: A reply to the Community Council's letter to HIAL regarding its proposals to introduce parking charges at Sumburgh Airport had been received. The letter acknowledges the Community Council's concerns and states that *'the decision to move forward with this proposal has been made only after careful consideration of the circumstances at the airport, including the need to balance public subsidy with fair charges. You will appreciate that HIAL, as a Scottish Government owned business, has to operate as cost-effectively as possible and deliver best value at all times. We have had to look closely at all costs and possible income streams to ensure that we continue to retain and deliver growth in air services and maintain vital connectivity to all our airport communities in the Highlands & Islands.*

I want to reassure you that the money raised will be reinvested to maintain and ultimately improve facilities at Sumburgh to ensure the long-term resilience of airport operation there.

HIAL have committed to listen to the views of passengers and those who use our facilities ahead of the charges being introduced on July 1st. This includes a survey of passengers which has commenced and will run for the next few weeks'.

18/03 MATTERS ARISING

7. Proposed Sumburgh Airport Parking Charges (continued): Cllr McGregor reported that Tavish Scott and Ryan Thomson have met recently with Humza Yousaf, Scottish Minister for Transport, on this subject. It was noted that HIAL are indeed consulting passengers but that the survey does not give an option to reject the proposals. The Liberal Democrats have an online petition which can be found on their website. It was also noted that no Planning Permission application has so far been made with regard to any infrastructure which might be needed to implement these charges. Concerns were also raised with regard to who will be 'policing' cars being parked all along the road to avoid parking charges. Mr Nickerson stated that these charges would effectively be like a bridge toll, something which has been abolished elsewhere in Scotland, as the airport is one of only two routes out of Shetland. It was agreed to ask the ASCC to put the subject of proposed Sumburgh Airport Parking Charges on the agenda of their June meeting.

18/04 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens – To assist with the costs of providing monthly meetings for senior citizens in the area: It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Nickerson and seconded by Mr Mitchell, to award the requested sum of £300

18/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To demolish existing entrance porch and store and replace with extension to provide entrance hall and toilets. To demolish existing campsite toilets and shower block and replace with new up dated toilets and shower block with accessible: There were no objections and the members were very much in favour of this application.

18/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No external meetings had been attended since the last Community Council meeting.

18/07 CORRESPONDENCE**1. Email from Michael Duncan, SIC, ref. update on Abandoned Vehicles:**

This matter was discussed at the last ASCC meeting and Patti Dinsdale, SIC Environmental Health had forward information regarding how to dispose of scrap vehicles within the End of Life (Producer Responsibility) Regulations 2005 law. Ms Dinsdale has been invited to attend the next ASCC meeting in June to provide a further update.

2. Email from Michael Duncan, SIC, ref. Non Domestic Water Rates for Community Halls: At the last ASCC meeting, the issue of some Community Halls being charged non domestic water rates the same as public houses, was raised. Mr Duncan is keen to hear which Halls are affected. It was suggested that Mr Duncan could obtain this information through the Association of Community Halls.

3. Email from Michael Duncan, SIC, ref Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation (SSMO) Board Member requirement: The SSMO are seeking a Community Councillor to join its board. The ASCC currently has a representative on the board but the SSMO are keen to recruit another independent representative if possible. The letter was noted.

4. 'Thank you' letters for Voar Redd Up donations: 'Thank you' letters had been received from Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary, South Mainland Community History Group, Dunrossness Primary School and Disability Shetland. These were noted.

5. 'Thank you' letters for grants received: 'Thank you' letters had been received from Dunrossness Inter Church Fellowship Day Care, South Mainland Community History Group and Dunrossness Primary School Nursery. These were noted.

6. NAFC email ref. Shetland Regional Marine Plan Consultation: As part of the ongoing work of the Shetland Regional Marine Plan consultation, NAFC staff will be holding a number of public events over the summer and are also keen to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss any issues relating to the marine environment in the area, consider potential opportunities for actions to address these issues and to hear what the community values in relation to the marine environment. It was noted that there are no known issues in the Dunrossness area as there is currently no aquaculture business but it was agreed to invite an NAFC representative to either the May or June meetings of the Community Council to hear about the Plan.

18/07 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

7. Email ref. British Red Cross Project 'Connecting Communities': The British Red Cross has a new national Project, 'Connecting Communities' which is aimed at those people who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing isolation and loneliness for numerous different reasons ie bereavement, long term illness, retirement, disability. Tam Christie, Connecting Communities Coordinator, is re-launching the local project and further information can be gained by contacting the local British Red Cross or Tam himself at TChristie@redcross.org.uk

8. Email from Claire Morris, Health Improvement Team, NHS Shetland: Ms Morris reports that the Health Improvement Team are currently undertaking a 'big re-vamp' of their website to tailor it more to Shetland. As part of this, she is attempting to put together a 'what's on' section for each area and wondered if the Community Council could help with this. It was agreed to suggest to Ms Morris that she contact Pat Christie, SIC Community Involvement and Development Officer, who might be able to help with contact details etc of groups, clubs etc in the area.

18/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dog Poo Bin: A member of the public had enquired if the Community Council would be willing to provide a Dog Poo Bin for the west end of the Quendale Beach. It appears that there is an issue with dog walkers bagging the poo but then leaving the bags behind instead of taking them away and disposing off them in a responsible manner. It was noted that unfortunately this is a problem at various locations and not just Quendale Beach and it was agreed that the Community Council are not in a position to provide bins. It was also noted that this issue has recently been shared widely on Facebook and it was agreed that the Clerk will ask Garry Cope if he could include an article in his column of The Shetland Times.

2. Citizens Advice Bureau: Mr Mainland reminded members that the Community Council had supported Shetland's CAB with their application for Climate Challenge Funding and he was pleased to report that they had been successful and therefore the monthly Outreach Clinics which sees members of their team travelling to health centres in various areas of Shetland to advice and help people with various issues would continue for a further 3 years approximately. This news was welcomed.

3. Community Council Elections: Community Council elections are scheduled to take place later this year. Mr Nickerson reported that he will not be standing for re-election.

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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 28th MAY 2018.**

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

- **Aspiring Communities Fund**

[http://aspiringcommunities@gov.scot](mailto:aspiringcommunities@gov.scot)