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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 22 January 2018

PRESENT

Mrs E Flaws Mrs S Malcolmson Mrs S Waddell Mr G Waddell

Mr R Nickerson Mr H Harrop Cllr G Smith (ex officio)

APOLOGIES

Mr R Mainland Miss J Sandison Mr S Mitchell Mrs F Mitchell

Mr M Shearer Ms J Armstrong Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)

Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk) PC Cradock Jeemie Smith (SACC)

17/58 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 18th December 2017 was adopted on the motion of Mr Harrop, subject to the following amendment:

The meeting was held in the **Sumburgh Hotel**

17/59 POLICE REPORT

PC Cradock reported that there had been 9 incidents reported for the Dunrossness area during December including one report of a minor vandalism and one minor road traffic collision. PC Cradock also reported that during the local 2017 drink driving campaign which ran from 1 December 2017 to 2 January 2018, no drivers were detected driving over the legal limit and Police Scotland received no reports from the public of persons driving over the drink drive limit.

17/59 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

Police Scotland in Shetland are also keen to recruit more Special Constables. In recent years they have struggled to identify people willing to join the Special Constabulary but have recently received a number of enquiries about joining the service. There is a requirement for applicants to receive a revised training programme which is closely aligned to the content of the initial training provided to Probationer Officers and delivered at the Scottish Police College. It is apparent the issue of travelling off island to receive this training is a significant stumbling block for prospective applicants. If a sufficient number of candidates to the Special Constabulary can be identified, Area Commander Lindsay Tulloch states in the December Police Report that he will pursue the possibility of delivering appropriate training on Shetland without the need to travel to the mainland. As such, they plan to attend a number of venues throughout Shetland to provide information on joining the service and recruitment to the Special Constabulary.

17/60 AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Mrs Flaws welcomed Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee (SACC) Chairman Jeemie Smith to the meeting. Mr Smith reported that a new system for Air Traffic Control is to be launched and this is something HIAL will have to adhere to. Sumburgh Airport is currently the only HIAL airport which has controlled air space although Mr Smith stated that there will come a point when all major airports will have to have this. A scoping study on the proposed centralisation of air traffic control and remote control towers has been carried out by Helios, an aviation consultancy, and HIAL has agreed in principle with the Helios recommendation to further pursue the remote towers solution. Mr Smith stated that although the technology for such a project is available, the infrastructure is not at present and he therefore estimates it could be in the region of 15 years before any changes are seen. It is expected that the new system would require a capital investment of approximately £28 million, a cost which HIAL cannot afford and therefore would be looking to the Scottish Government for funding. Mr Smith also hopes that Sumburgh will be selected as the site for the remote control tower and it is possible that some of HIAL's smaller airports air traffic control will be amalgamated. Mr Smith reported that he hopes to hold a special SACC meeting to discuss this matter at the end of February/beginning of March and hopefully someone with suitable technical expertise will be available to attend. Cllr Smith agreed with this and stated that how the proposals had been entered public domain had not been very helpful and had created concerns among a lot of people. Mr Smith agreed and stated that he had no concerns regarding the safety of these proposals as any new system would be regulated by the CAA and they are very safety conscious.

Mr Smith left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

17/60 AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (Continued)

With regard to the proposed special SACC meeting, Mr Nickerson stated that he would like some direction and to know what his brief would be at such a meeting as the Community Council representative. Mrs Flaws suggested that Mr Nickerson put his ideas/thoughts on the subject in an email to the Clerk, who will then forward them on to the members for comment. Mr Waddell reported that the Scoping Study appears to be on the HIAL website and the Clerk will therefore forward a link to this to each of the members too. In the meantime, as suggested by Mrs Flaws, the Clerk will contact Andrew Farquhar and enquire if he has any update on a consultation timetable.

17/61 MATTERS ARISING

- 1. Road Matters:
- a) Middle Road, Levenwick: There was nothing to report.
- **b)** Quendale Brig: The members were pleased to note that works to clear the drains at the sides of the Quendale Brig and the repair of potholes had been carried out.
- **c) Bigton Graveyard Road:** There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will request an update from SIC Roads.
- **2. Scousburgh Hill:** The members were pleased to note that the demolishing works are now complete.
- 3. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service: There was nothing new to report.
- 4. Levenwick Surgery: There was nothing new to
- **5. Air Traffic Control:** Andrew Farquhar had replied to the Clerks enquiry regarding an update on a timetable for consultation on HIAL's proposals for Air Traffic Control in the future on 4 January stating that he was 'he was expecting to hear something from the project team in the next few weeks' and that as soon as he did, he would 'pass on any information'. In the meantime, Jeemie Smith, Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Chairman, had been invited to attend the Community Council meeting and update the members. See item 17/60

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17/61 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

6. AHS Bus: As reported at the December meeting of the Community Council, Cllr Smith had understood that the South Mainland Service Bus would be collecting pupils from the new Anderson High after the Christmas break. He reported that, however, this does not appear to be happening but he has not had opportunity yet to pursue the matter. The members thanked Cllr Smith for his efforts so far in getting the bus to drop pupils at the school in the morning and his attempts to modify the afternoon situation. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Michael Craigie, copied to Helen Budge and the South Mainland Councillors, regarding this matter.

7. Levenwick Broadband: There was nothing new to report.

17/62 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club – To assist with costs of travelling to events on the Mainland and additional pool hires: Mr Harrop declared an interest. It was agreed on the motion of Mr Nickerson, seconded by Mr Waddell, to award the requested sum of £250.

Cllr Smith left the meeting briefly to enable the members to discuss planning matters

17/63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. 2017/393/PPF To erect detached double garage with accommodation above, Brakes, Scatness, Virkie by Mr Kevin Harper – There were no objections.

Cllr Smith re-joined the meeting

17/64 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No external meetings had been attended.

17/65 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Association of Shetland Community Councils Meeting: The next meeting of the ASCC is scheduled to take place on 24th March 2018. It was agreed to request that Future Air Traffic Control Provision at Sumburgh be added to the Agenda for the meeting. The Clerk will forward the link to the Scoping Study to Michael Duncan.

17/66 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Fair Isle Ferry Replacement: Mrs Mitchell had enquired via email if the Community Council could ask for an update on the replacement of the Fair Isle ferry. Cllr Smith reported that he had been copied into an email from Cllr McGregor to Susannah Parnaby, Fair Isle Development Company. In the email, Cllr McGregor states that securing fair funding for Ferry Services and funding for the investment required for the Ferry Replacement Programme remains a key priority for the Council. Although the Transport Minister had discussions with the Fair Isle community during his visit in the summer, this is at odds with previous commitments given to the Council. Cllr McGregor offers assurances that the Ferry Replacement Programme which has been developed continues to prioritise Fair Isle and Whalsay ferries, however, Cllr McGregor is concerned that the Programme is unaffordable to the Council and therefore Scottish Government funding is a necessity. Cllr McGregor continues to say that during 2018 Peter Brett Associates and Transport Planning will be finalising the analysis of the transport links for Fair Isle and this will help to identify the critical requirements that would be used to develop the service and design criteria for the future. The Clerk will forward the email to Mrs Mitchell and enquire if she wishes the Community Council assist further.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chair

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2018.

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

• Scotch Whisky Action Fund

 $\underline{https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotch-whisky-action-\underline{fund.aspx}}$

• Garfield Weston Foundation

https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/

• Grants Available for Community Health Walks in Scotland

https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/health-walk-grants.html