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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 25th March 2019

PRESENT

Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr G Waddell	Mr J Robertson	Mrs A Brown
Mrs C Irvine	Ms H Moncrieff	Mrs K Greaves	Mr A Sinclair
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)		

APOLOGIES

Mr H Harrop	Mrs S Waddell	Mrs F Mitchell
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

18/69 NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Malcolmson welcomed the new members to their first meeting of Dunrossness Community Council

18/70 DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Smith declared an interest in item 7 of the Agenda (Planning Applications & Planning Matters)

18/71 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th February 2019 was adopted on the motion of Mr Waddell.

Mr Robertson left the meeting at 7.40pm

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18/72 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report available

18/73 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters:

a) Bigton Graveyard Road: There was nothing new to report.

b) Hardbrakes Housing Estate Road: The Clerk reported that she had contacted SIC Roads and they had confirmed that the Hardbrakes housing estate road is not an adopted road and therefore the SIC are not responsible for carrying out repairs. The Clerk believed the original owner of the estate may have been responsible for the upkeep of the road as part of the deal when the area of land was purchased. As the SIC now own 5 of the properties, Cllr Duncan will enquire of SIC Housing if they have any knowledge who is responsible for the roads upkeep.

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

3. Levenwick Surgery: Dr Maudsley had replied, as follows, to the Community Council's letter regarding surgery appointment times:

"Unfortunately the new GP contract does not provide any new funding to allow for extending the opening hours. We have been discussing the possibility of offering surgeries in the evenings and weekends. Clearly this would be an advantage for residents of the South Mainland, and is something to which we would aspire. However, we are already working in the evenings and at weekends to keep on top of the work generated during the existing opening hours. Taking on more work without additional resources to employ the necessary extra staff isn't a realistic option as things stand. We made a small change following your previous letter, in that we open half an hour earlier each morning to allow people to collect their prescriptions a little earlier, and this is being well used. We are not currently able to extend the opening hours further. Should things change, such that we are able to offer appointments out with the current hours, we are aware that this is a priority for our patients. We are grateful to you for bringing this to our attention again, and for your remarks about the overall satisfaction with our service".

This was noted.

4. Air Traffic Control: There was nothing new to report.

18/73 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

5. Proposed Sumburgh Airport Parking Charges: Mrs Greaves pointed out that cars are being left parked on the hard standing area across from the Babcock hanger at Sumburgh Airport and in the car park at the Memorial as opposed to in the paying car park. Mrs Greaves and Mr Sinclair were of the opinion that this was dangerous with people walking along the edge of the road with suitcases etc and Mrs Greaves suggested that the Community Council should contact HIAL regarding this matter. Cllr Smith confirmed, however, that this area does not belong to HIAL and therefore it is outwith their control.

6. Sumburgh Airport Water Rescue Craft: Mr Robertson, as Dunrossness Community Council representative, had received notification from Jimmy Smith, Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Chairman, that there is now no threat to the provision of a water rescue craft at Sumburgh Airport and in fact they may be receiving a new one. This news was welcomed.

Mr Robertson re-joined the meeting at 7.45pm

6. Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: It was agreed to request a site meeting with Kenneth MacKenzie, SIC Burial Ground Supervisor, to discuss the possibility of placing a bench in the Dunrossness Kirk Yard.

18/74 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Community Council Core Funding: Michael Duncan, SIC External Funding Officer, had confirmed by email that the Community Council's Core Funding budget for 2019/20 remains unchanged from last year at £9546. The Clerk had sent the necessary email to draw down this funding and the final paperwork had now been received for signature. The Chair duly signed the document.

2. Community Development Fund Grant Scheme: Once again a budget of £68,000 has been approved by the SIC for the CDF scheme. The first bidding round closes on Friday 29th March. The Clerk reported that, as in previous years, she is applying for the maximum £3000 Distribution Fund Grant. It is also hoped to make a second application for the maximum £1000 for a Project Grant which would be to help with the funding of St Ninian's and West Voe Beaches Seaside Award Schemes.

18/74 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

3. Rotary Club of Shetland Donation: The Clerk reported that once again the Rotary Club had made a donation of £100 towards the two local senior citizen groups Christmas Meals. Apologies had been given for the 'lengthy delay' in making the donation. £50 will be forwarded to each of the two groups, Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care and South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens.

4. Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care – To provide a 'Comforts Fund' which meets the cost of non-statutory expenses such as entertainment, sometimes with guests, a Christmas meal and gifts for clients of Day-Care, held one day per week in the Levenwick Hall for elderly local residents in need of care and company: Mrs Brown declared an interest. A grant of £200 had been requested, but the members unanimously agreed that a grant of £150 would be awarded along with the £50 donation detailed at item 3 above.

5. Shetland Gymnastics Club – To assist with the costs of sending 6 gymnasts (one from the Dunrossness Community Council area) to the Inter Island Gymnastics Competition in the Isle of Man in July: It was agreed to award the requested sum of £187 as proposed by Mr Robertson and seconded by Mrs Brown.

6. Lerwick Amateur Swimming Club – To assist with the costs of a Dunrossness Community Council area member taking part in the British Swimming Championships and the British Summer Championships in Glasgow: It was agreed to award a donation for the requested sum of £460, as proposed by Mr Robertson and seconded by Ms Moncrieff.

7. Dunrossness Central Public Hall – To assist with the costs of painting the kitchen, purchasing new kitchen equipment, purchasing new heating emitters to replace leaking ones and start to upgrade the heating system: Mrs Greaves enquired if the Hall would be entitled to free insulation and if it would be possible for the Community Council to get details of their plans for the future. Mrs Malcolmson confirmed she believed their plans were to expand the list of activities/events held in the Hall as it is upgraded but she would pass on both the above points to a committee member. It was agreed, as proposed by Ms Moncrieff, seconded by Mrs Irvine, to award the requested sum of £1500.

8. Da Voar Redd Up: This year's Da Voar Redd Up is to take place on the weekend 27th & 28th April 2019. As in previous years, the members agreed to set aside £1000 to donate equally between the groups who clear an area in Dunrossness and complete all the necessary Shetland Amenity Trust paperwork

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Cllr Smith left the meeting at 8:30pm to enable the members to discuss any planning applications

18/75 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. Proposed land change of use from agricultural to garden ground and to construct extension to existing dwelling house, West Ireland, Ireland, Bigton by Mr Brian Jamieson: There were no objections.

Cllr Smith re-joined the meeting at 8:35pm

18/76 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Knab Masterplan: Cllr Smith reported he had recently attended a meeting regarding the Draft Knab Masterplan. Further details can be found at item 18/77/5 below.

2. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Meeting: The next SACC meeting is due to be held on 26th March 2019. Mr Robertson will be attending on Dunrossness Community Council's behalf.

18/77 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email ref Scottish Government Consultation: Views are being sought on proposals to strengthen the enforcement of animal welfare legislation. Further details can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/animal-welfare/animal-health-welfare-act-amendment-2019>

2. SIC email ref Our Plan 2016-20: A progress report on the Council's Corporate Plan 'Our Plan 2016-20' can be found at www.shetland.gov.uk/our-plan-progress-report.asp

3. Email from Michael Craigie, SIC, ref Inter-Island transport Business Cases – Update: The Transport Planning section of the SIC website, where a brief update on where matters are at in relation to current inter-island transport studies, can be found at www.shetland.gov.uk/transport/siits.asp

Mr Craigie also states that, in relation to the Ferry Service Levels Outline Business Case, the SIC will be in touch with Community Councils again soon to provide details of the measures that are considered necessary in the short and medium term to address the social and economic needs of the islands and will form the basis for the case for future funding from Scottish Government.

In relation to the Outline Business Case for the replacement of the Fair Isle Ferry, they will be in touch soon on the public engagement process to finalise this Business Case.

18/77 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

4. Fair Isle Bird Observatory Fire: Mrs Mitchell had asked that Fair Isle's thanks be conveyed to Dunrossness Community Council and the many folk from the 'Sooth End', and all over Shetland, for their kind words and offers of help following the Bird Observatory fire. Cllr Duncan reported that the Fair Isle Fire Engine requires some mechanical repairs and they currently have a 2wd appliance as a temporary replacement. This is not ideal and a suitable 4wd is being sought.

5. ASCC email ref. Draft Knab Masterplan: SIC has now approved an eight week consultation period from 8th March 2019 until 5pm on 3rd May 2019 for the Draft Knab Masterplan Supplementary Guidance. The Planning Service are now seeking comments on this draft and the papers can be viewed at www.shetland.gov.uk/developmentplans/currentconsultations.asp The Knab Masterplan Project team intend holding a number of public events to give the opportunity for members of the public, agencies and organisations to view and discuss the proposals. More details of these events will be available at www.shetland.gov.uk/Knab-Materplan.asp

6. SIC Planning letter ref. Call for Sites – Shetland Local Development Plan 2: The Call for Sites process for the next Local Development Plan (LDP2) has now opened and will run until 30th June 2019. The Call for Sites is being used to help SIC Planning identify land in LDP2 to meet housing, business and industry requirements. It will provide the opportunity for landowners and developers to submit sites that they feel are suitable for inclusion in LDP2. Further information on the Call for Sites Process, including the Story Map and Online Form can be found at www.shetland.gov.uk/planning/CallforSites.asp

7. Scottish Water email ref. Planning Application for Fair Isle Water Treatment Works: Scottish Water have submitted a planning application to SIC (which was discussed at the Community Council's February meeting) for the development of their existing Water Treatment Works (WTW) on Fair Isle. The proposal would involve an extension to the existing WTW site to build a new water treatment building as well as additional clear and raw water storage tanks. The project aims to provide an improved supply of clear, fresh drinking water to the Fair Isle community for years to come. The project is in the early stages and consultation has begun with stakeholders such as the National Trust for Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage and a local Archaeologist. The next steps will be subject to both planning and internal approval. The Community Council will be kept informed of progress in due course.

18/78 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Westvoe Beach: Mrs Greaves reported that over recent years, the retaining wall at the east end of Westvoe Beach has sustained damage and in her opinion requires repair. She also reported that the area around the steps onto the beach at the east end is now somewhat dangerous for the user due to the bottom legs of the steps not actually reaching the ground anymore and the number of stones on the beach leading up to them. Mrs Greaves enquired if anyone knew who would be responsible for this. Cllr Duncan reported that himself and a local resident have been in contact with the SIC in recent years regarding this matter and Jonathon Duncan, SIC, had even paid a visit but reported that there was no funding available for any repair works. With reference to the steps, Ms Moncrieff will check through the Amenity Trust if these were put in place through the Outdoor Access initiative. Enquiries will be made regarding responsibility for the upkeep of both the steps and the wall.

2. Service Bus, Scatness Junction: Mrs Greaves raised the issue of the Service Bus obstructing the Scatness Junction when it stops to pick up passengers. She considered this dangerous to other road users and felt the matter should be investigated. Mrs Greaves suggested that the SIC could upgrade convert an area of, what appears to be, unused land to the east of the junction for use by the bus to enable it to vacate the main road when stopping for passengers in the area. Further discussions were held regarding the feasibility of this and the possible owner of the piece of land in question. Cllr Smith also reported that, according to SIC, there are no official bus stops in Shetland and that therefore buses can be requested to stop anywhere along their route by passengers. The Clerk will raise the matter with SIC Roads.

3. Otters Crossing Signs: Ms Moncrieff enquired if it would be the Community Council who would erect signs warning of otters crossing roads. She would be keen to see signs erected at Grutness and along the road behind Westvoe Beach as these are common places for otters to be on the road. The Clerk responded that this would be the responsibility of SIC but that the Community Council could write to SIC Roads with the request. This was agreed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

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**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2019.**

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

- **The Triangle Trust 1949 – Development Grants (Working with carers)**

<http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/what-we-fund>

- **Peatland Action Fund**

<https://www.nature.scot/climate-change/taking-action/peatland-action/peatland-action-2019-2020>

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