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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 2nd June 2025 in Dunrossness Primary School

PRESENT

Aileen Brown (Chair)	Fiona Mitchell (attended remotely)	Irvine Burgess
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)	Ana Arnett (SIC)	

APOLOGIES

Dawna Phillips	Vicky Tylsar	Agnes Tallack
Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)	Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)	
Michael Duncan (SIC)		

ABSENT

Allen Sinclair	Helen Moncrieff	Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

25/015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbie McGregor declared an interest in any Planning matters.

25/016 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 28th April 2025 was adopted on the motion of Irvine.

25/017 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report available.

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25/018 MATTERS ARISING

- 1) **Road Matters:** There was nothing new to report.
- 2) **Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report.
- 3) **Church of Scotland Brigades Fund:** Aileen reported that the bank account for the Brigade Fund is currently dormant and this needs to be addressed before any further progress can be made. She does not expect there to be any progress until nearer the end of the year, at the earliest.
- 4) **Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate:** There was nothing new to report.
- 5) **Bus Shelter Bike Racks:** There was nothing new to report.

25/019 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) **Community Council Core Funding** – The Clerk reported that the core funding for financial year 2025/2026 should be paid into the Community Council's bank account very soon. Ana suggested that the availability of funding be advertised to local groups, possibly via posters, Facebook etc. It was agreed that this could be looked at near the end of the summer.

25/020 DUNROSSNESS EMERGENCY FUND

The Clerk reported that she now knew which Bank held the account for the Emergency Fund and that she will pay them a visit.

25/021 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1) **Placemaking:** Ana reported that she had been carrying out a piece of work with a group of P4 & 5 Dunrossness Primary School pupils regarding places they felt important and special to them and how they can be enhanced. An event was then held at Sandwick Junior High School which brought together the 3 South Mainland primary schools. A report will now be produced, and once finalised, Ana will share it with the Community Council

25/022 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- 1) **Drug Driving Detection Wipes:** Cllr Robbie McGregor reported that Police in Shetland have recently been trialling the use of a new mouth swab drug wipe kit to detect if a person is driving while impaired through drugs. Shetland had been chosen as a testing ground for the new kits.
- 2) **War Memorial Plaques:** Cllr Robbie McGregor reported that he had been approached with regard to the bronze plaques on the Lerwick War Memorials looking 'sad'. He is in the process of making enquiries with regard to having them refurbished. It was noted that the Dunrossness War Memorials do not have bronze plaques.

25/023 FAIR ISLE

- 1) **Ferry Project:** Fiona reported that the barges had completed the first stage in Fair Isle and she believed they had now gone to Grutness and then would return later to Fair Isle to complete the next stage.
- 2) **Islands With Small Populations:** Ana reported that resilience leaflets for Fair Isle had been produced as part of the Islands With Small Populations initiative. The leaflets provide general information and information specific to Fair Isle on Self Care, Prescriptions/Pharmacist, Nurse, GP or ANP, NHS24, Defibrillator, 999, the Fair Isle Nurse's Clinic, Levenwick Health Centre, Dentist & Optometrist.

25/024 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANS

Ana reported that it is hoped to be able to schedule a meeting soon.

25/025 LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Ana reported that she believes more training opportunities are planned. Aileen stated that the advertising of such training opportunities was often confusing as to whether they were re-runs of past events or new. Ana will put this point forward.

Ana also reported that Sandwick have formed a small focus group and have held a public meeting so are now looking for some public engagement over the Summer and into the Autumn.

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25/026 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no relevant correspondence for discussion.

25/027 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 1) **Dog Poo:** Dawna had reported via email, that she had been approached by a member of the public regarding an issue with dog poo at Dalsetter Wynd and enquiring what the current procedure was for dealing with this. It was agreed that any such issues should be reported to SIC Environmental Services.
- 2) **Maryland Road Issue:** Dawna had received a few reports of drivers experiencing sudden, unexpected gusts of wind hitting their vehicles when passing the large manmade mound at the SIC compound at Maryland and enquired if this mound was likely to be a permanent feature. The Clerk will pass this on to SIC Roads Department.
- 3) **Giant Rhubarb:** Members raised the issue of the presence of the invasive Giant Rhubarb in the ditch near Heather Crest, Robins Brae. Aileen & Irvine stated that they had reported its presence last year to the SIC but nothing appeared to have been done. Irvine will follow this up.

25/028 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters for discussion.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 30th JUNE 2025 IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY
SCHOOL.**