

<b>DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>
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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 25th August 2025 in Dunrossness Primary School.

**PRESENT**

Aileen Brown (Chair)      Helen Moncrieff      Vicky Tylsar      Ana Arnett (SIC)  
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)

**APOLOGIES**

Fiona Mitchell      Irvine Burgess      Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)  
Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)      Michael Duncan (SIC)

**ABSENT**

Allen Sinclair      Dawna Phillips      Agnes Tallack  
Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

**25/044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Robbie McGregor declared an interest in any Planning matters.

**25/045 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 was adopted on the motion of Helen.

**25/046 POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police Report available.

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**25/047 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 funds have to be transferred to a charity and therefore the Community Council cannot take charge of the fund as originally planned. Ana suggested the South Mainland Community Association as an alternative. This will be discussed further at a later date.
- 4) **Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate:** There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will request an update from SIC in regard to the suggested replacement of the gates.
- 5) **Bus Shelter Bike Racks:** There was nothing new to report.

**25/048 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENTS**

A full updated version of the Community Council Scheme of Arrangements, which was adopted by the SIC in March, had been provided by Anne Cogle, SIC Executive Services Dept. The Clerk had forwarded the document previously to the members for their consideration and they now unanimously agreed to formally adopt it.

**25/049 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 1) **Dunrossness Central Public Hall** – To assist with the costs of replacing some old tables and chairs and also purchasing additional: It was noted that the Community Council will only consider grant aiding a maximum of 90% of a project cost. Due to the fact this is the first grant application of the financial year and that the full project cost would use a sizeable portion of grant funding available year, the members agreed unanimously, as proposed by Vicky, to award 45% at this stage with the option that the Hall can re-apply for additional support with this project later in the financial year if necessary. Aileen also confirmed that a new round of funding will be available from SCBF from September and that the Hall's project would fit their criteria perfectly.

**25/049 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)**

- 2) **Da Voar Redd Up 2025:** Confirmation had been received from Shetland Amenity Trust that eight groups had taken part in the annual Da Voar Redd Up in the Dunrossness area and completed the online survey confirming their participation and their wish to be considered for a financial donation from the Community Council. As in previous years, individuals taking part will be asked to nominate a group to receive their donation. The members unanimously agreed to award a total sum of £1000 to be divided equally between the eight groups.

**25/050 DUNROSSNESS EMERGENCY FUND**

The Clerk reported that she had located a copy of the Dunrossness Emergency Fund constitution. It was agreed in 2005 that Dunrossness Emergency Fund would be administered through Dunrossness Community Council, however, the Clerk had learned from the Bank that none of the signatories on the bank account are members of the current Community Council. It was therefore suggested that a meeting should be held to agree the updating of the signatories. This was agreed.

**25/051 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- 1) **Scotland's Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy:** Helen reported that she had attended a recent meeting regarding the above. She had suggested that for each turbine built, a sum of money should be lodged by the developer in a fund to support housing in Shetland.

**25/052 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

- 1) **Fair Isle Scrap Cars:** Councillor Robbie McGregor reported that he had been approached by Derryck Shaw ref Fair Isles need to dispose of various scrap cars. Robbie has spoken to the relevant SIC department so hopefully this will be addressed soon.

**25/053 FAIR ISLE**

- 1) **Islands with Small Populations:** Ana reported that the annual event for Islands with Small Populations is scheduled to place on 19<sup>th</sup> September. The event will have guest speakers and workshops etc

## **25/054 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANS**

Ana reported that herself, Irvine and Aileen have been in touch with a number of local people regarding how they might be able to support the resilience plan and this had received a positive response. It is hoped to have a draft plan ready for the next Community Council meeting. Following that, the next stage would be a desk top scenario with the SIC etc to confirm that the draft plan works.

## **25/055 LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

There was nothing new to report.

## **25/056 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Stoura Public Exhibition:** A public exhibition focusing on the onshore elements associated with the Stoura Offshore Wind Farm is scheduled to take place in Voe Public Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September between 2 & 7pm.
- 2) Draft Marine & Coastal Restoration Plan:** The Scottish Government has launched its consultation on the Draft Marine and Coastal Restoration Plan. The consultation is open until 19th October and a public event will be held in Lerwick Town Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 14:00 to 19:00.
- 3) Thistle Court, Virkie – Parking Place for Disabled Person’s Vehicle:** The final version of the above proposed Order and its notice of proposal had been received from SIC Roads. The Community Council had no objection to the proposal.
- 4) Community Council Elections 2025:** The timetable for the upcoming Community Council Elections had been received as follows:
  - Notice of Election published Friday 12 September 2025
  - Nomination forms validated from Monday 15 September 2025
  - Closing date for nominations Thursday 16 October 2025 at 4 p.m.
  - Notice of Poll/Uncontested Election Friday 17 October 2025
  - Issue of Postal Ballot Papers by Friday 31 October 2025
  - Closing Date for return of Ballot Papers Thursday 20 November 2025 at 5 p.m.
  - Verification and Counting of Votes Friday 21 November 2025The first meeting of the new Community Council must be held within one month of election day.  
Nomination forms are available from SIC or the Community Council and further information can be found at [shetland.gov.uk/community](http://shetland.gov.uk/community)

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## **25/056 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

- 5) Rabbit Control at Levenwick Burial Ground:** Yvonne Scott, SIC Burial Services Officer, reported that, in addition to the on-going pest control measures being carried out by locals in the surrounding fields, she has contacted the SIC Environmental Health team and requested their assistance in managing pest control within the burial ground itself
  
- 6) Sumburgh Heritage Sign:** An email had been received from Paul Moar, Lerwick enquiring if Dunrossness Community Council might be interested in a 'heritage sign' for the Dunrossness area. Such signs have already been erected for Lerwick, Burra, Aith, Vidlin, North Road, Veensgarth and Eshaness. Mr Moar's place-name books inform him that Sumburgh originates from 'Sunnborg' meaning 'south broch', Dunrossness originates from 'Dynrastarnes/Dynröstarnes' meaning headland of the noisy tidal race and Quendale originates from Kverndair meaning 'the field/dale with the mill'. Although the members were quite interested, they agreed this would require further consideration.

## **25/057 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS**

There was no other current business for discussion.

Robbie left the meeting at 8.55pm

## **25/058 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

- 1) Proposed removal of public payphones at various sites by BT Group** – Thirty Three public payphones which are no longer needed have been identified in Shetland. These have been assessed using the criteria in Ofcom's "Review of the telephony universal service obligation". It is proposed that any of the kiosks which are listed will have the telephony removed and the kiosk locked. There were no objections.
  
- 2) Erection of a single storey dwellinghouse & creation of 2 car parking spaces (Planning Permission in Principle), Site at Meagill, Maywick, Bigton by Mr Martin Goodall** – It was noted that the location is the site of a ruined dwelling. There were no objections.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 IN DUNROSSNESS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL.**