

DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 27th October 2025 in Dunrossness Primary School.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)	Irvine Burgess	Helen Moncrieff	Dawna Phillips
Agnes Tallack	Vicky Tylsar	Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)	
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)			

APOLOGIES

Aileen Brown Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)

ABSENT

Allen Sinclair	Ana Arnett (SIC)	Michael Duncan (SIC)
Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

25/074 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbie McGregor declared and interest in any Planning matters.

25/075 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 29th September 2025 was adopted on the motion of Dawna.

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25/076 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for the months of June, July, August and September 2025 had been received. The August and September reported was as follows:

There have been 10 incidents recorded for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

Road Safety and Road Crime

- Careless Driving
- Fail to Stop and Report Collision (2)
- Other Road Traffic Offence

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

- Assault

Acquisitive Crime

- Fraud

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Mental Health
- Stalking

Other

- Communications Misuse
- Sudden Death

25/077 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:** Frances Richardson, Shetland Parish Administrator/Treasurer, had emailed with an update regarding the brigades fund and reported that permission from the Chief Executive of the Boys Brigade fund to disperse the fund locally had only just been received this week and work is continuing to reactivate the bank account where the funds are held locally. She also reported that she is aware that the Churches accountants would prefer that the funds were dispersed directly to youth groups in the area, and the directive of the Boys Brigade states that the funds must only go to youth groups. Irvine pointed out that there are very few youth groups specifically in the Dunrossness area so this might be difficult. Vicky enquired if the Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council might be an option. The Clerk will reply to Frances' email and ask her if she can clarify the criteria for the dispersal of the funds.

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25/077 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

- 4) **Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate:** There was nothing new to report.
- 5) **Bus Shelter Bike Racks:** There was nothing new to report.

25/078 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) **Levenwick Village Club – To assist with the costs of purchasing a large screen TV and Upright Freezer:** In order to increase the range of activities and events that can be held in the Hall, the committee are currently in the process of applying for an alcohol licence. Community members have expressed an interest in gathering for sports events and mini film nights, hence the requirement for a large screen TV. Also, in order to continue to provide catering for events, a new freezer is required as the previous, very old, chest freezer has ceased to function. Taking into consideration the level of budget remaining for distribution and the Community Council's need to spread the benefits of the budget over as wide a section of the Dunrossness area population as possible, it was agreed, as proposed by Vicky, seconded by Agnes, that a grant of £1349.99 (sufficient to cover the cost of the freezer) be awarded.
- 2) **Shetland Community Benefit Fund Tier 1 Application – Scottish Women's Institute – To cover the costs of providing accessible transport for a members 'day out' in Spring 2026:** The Community Council members were happy to support this application. The Clerk will provide the necessary feedback to SCBF.

25/079 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

The window for nominations for the Community Council Elections 2025 closed on 16th October with Dunrossness receiving 7 nominations, which leaves 5 vacancies. Anne Cogle, SIC Governance & Law Dept, had since received two expressions of interest in joining Dunrossness Community Council. Anne had advised both parties of the vacancies and that the filling of these will be considered at the first meeting of the new Community Council in November, in accordance with the Community Council Scheme of Establishment. The Clerk will contact both parties prior to the November meeting to confirm if they are still interested in joining and the members will then consider how they wish to proceed with filling the remaining vacancies. It was also noted that two outgoing members of the Community Council have decided that they are willing to be co-opted on for a further term.

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25/080 DUNROSSNESS EMERGENCY FUND

The Clerk reported that, on the advice of the Bank, she is in the process of having the signatories changed as the first stage to reactivating the dormant bank account. With regard to the decision at the previous Community Council meeting that the members should consider suitable avenues for distribution of the funds, the following were suggested:

1. Viking Genes Project – Agnes had attended a recent presentation by the Viking Genes team who are currently in the process of applying for funding to take forward the next stage of their project.
2. Local Halls – Vicky suggested the local halls (Fair Isle, Boddam, Bigton, Levenwick) as a means of potentially benefitting a wide range of local residents
3. Resilience Plan – Irvine suggested that the money could be put towards plugging the shortfall in resources required for the Dunrossness Resilience Plan which aims to support the Dunrossness Community in the event of challenges such as extended power cuts, extreme weather (snow) etc. This was currently the favoured option and Irvine will obtain further details.

Agnes left the meeting at 8.00pm

25/081 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant external meetings had been attended.

25/082 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

This being the last meeting of the current Community Council, Councillors Alex Armitage and Robbie McGregor thanked the outgoing committee for their work during the last term.

Councillor Alex Armitage reported as below:

- 1) **Transport Planning:** Alex had attended a meeting with SIC Transport Planning and had discussed bus services. Transport issues during cruise ship season had been discussed and it is hoped to formalise a plan to address this.

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25/082 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS (Continued)

- 2) **Internet:** Alex had been approached by a local resident regarding the recent internet cable issues. Alex had raised this with the SIC Chief Executive but had been informed that the situation did not meet the criteria to require an emergency response and therefore the SIC were not obliged to take responsibility for resolving the situation. Irvine also noted that at an ASCC meeting 2 years ago, the SIC had been tasked with looking into a backup plan for the Homelink service in the event of an internet failure following the roll out of digitalisation but that nothing further had been heard on the subject. Irvine also enquired what the SIC's opinion is on the fact that it is practically impossible to use a mobile phone in Lerwick anymore, and not just when there are cruise ships visiting. Alex replied that when he raises the subject, he keeps getting told it is a service provider problem, however, he will raise both of the above again.

25/083 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported that the Good Shephard is currently away on refit and the service is being covered by the Snolda, sailing from West Burrafirth.

Due to the failure of the internet connection, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2025 IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY
SCHOOL.**