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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 22nd February 2021.

PRESENT

Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr J Robertson	Mrs A Brown	Ms H Moncrieff
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex officio)	
Ana Arnett (SIC)			

APOLOGIES

Mr H Harrop	Michael Duncan (SIC)
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ABSENT

Mr A Sinclair	Mr G Waddell	Mrs S Waddell	Mrs C Irvine
Mrs F Mitchell			

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

20/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McGregor declared an interest in any Planning items.

20/65 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th January 2021 was adopted on the motion of Ms Moncrieff, subject to the following addition requested by Mr Robertson:

20/62/2 Overtonlea Care Centre & Health Centre Car Parks: *Mr Robertson reported that 'staff have to book the gritter to do that road and it used to cost £20 a time but apparently the charge was lifted when Maggie Sandison became chief executive. The continuing problem has been that the gritter doesn't do the road/car park as a matter of routine and there have been reports of key workers falling over and cars slipping, particularly when arriving for early shifts'.*

20/66 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report available.

20/67 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

a) Hardbrakes Housing Estate Road: Nothing new to report

b) Road Signs to Airport: Nothing new to report.

c) Drainage at Ringesta, Quendale: Nothing new to report.

d) Overtonlea Care Centre & Health Centre Car Parks: Cllr McGregor had contacted Dave Coupe, SIC Roads, regarding the gritting of the car parks at Overtonlea Care Centre & Levenwick Health Centre during wintry spells, and it had been agreed that the gritter would attend at approximately 7.30am each morning as required. This was greatly welcomed.

e) Toab Streetlights: Following an email from a member of the public with regard to the dangerous condition of the streetlight columns in Toab (another column at fallen down across the road), Cllr Smith had forwarded an update he had received from SIC Roads with regards to streetlight upgrading in the Dunrossness area. Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, states that the contractor is currently working at Hillock and will then progress to Dalsetter Wynd followed by the A970 at Boddam, then Toab and finally Maybury. This was noted.

20/67 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

2) Air Traffic Control: Cllr Duncan reported that he had listened to a programme on BBC Radio Alba which had discussed HIAL's proposed centralisation of Air Traffic Control and it was quite clear, in his opinion, that HIAL intend to proceed with this project irrespective of what Community Council's or the communities affected want and that they have already spent in the region of £5 million on the building they plan to use. Mr Robertson enquired if the Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee have discussed this matter. Cllr Duncan confirmed that they have not as there have been no SACC meetings since the start of the pandemic.

3) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: This project will be restarted next month.

4) Defibrillators: Ness Engineering have confirmed that they will investigate the reported cabinet heater issue in the defib unit at Mainland's shop and provide a quotation for the repair.

20/68 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1) ALICE Theatre Project CIC - To commission professional playwright and theatre director Grace Barnes to develop writing skills with new playwrights through a series of Zoom workshops. These sessions will result in a collaborative performance piece which will explore the community memory of the Braer disaster: The members noted that the proposed project had its positives in relation to the local community. It was also noted, however, that no other possible source of funding had been approached other than Shetland Arts Development Agency, who had turned down the application. In line with previous grant awards, Ms Moncrieff proposed offering a grant of £300. Mr Robertson noted that some of the pupils at the school have been researching the Braer disaster recently and its impact on our community and had produced some very impressive work. He was mildly disappointed that more financial support could not be offered to this theatre project. Ms Moncrieff therefore made a second proposal that the Community Council offer a grant of £500 towards the project. This was agreed by the members and the sum will be paid to the group once they can confirm details of how the remaining balance for the project will be funded.

Cllr Smith joined the meeting at 7.30pm

20/68 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

2) Keep Scotland Beautiful Seaside Awards: The Clerk reported that the KSB Seaside Awards scheme is once more open for applications but that the Community Council now only has approximately £160 left in the fund which has previously been used to cover the application fees etc. The Clerk also reported that it costs £360 per beach in application fees and therefore with 2 beaches in the Dunrossness area previously holding the award, this amounts to a total of £720 per annum. The members agreed that this was not the best use of funds and felt that Shetland's beaches were outstanding whether they held a KSB award or not. It was therefore agreed not to apply this year for KSB awards for St. Ninian's and Westvoe beaches. It was also agreed that the previous regular 'beach clean-ups' which were carried out by local groups in return for a donation could still be considered.

3) Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) Advance Grant Scheme: SCBF had written to Shetland Community Council's detailing the final arrangements for running their Advance Grant Scheme and the role they see Community Council's playing in the administration of this scheme. They had also provided a 'Memorandum of Understanding' and a 'Data Sharing Agreement' which they asked the Community Council to sign. Various Community Councils have contacted the Association of Community Councils with concerns and queries with regard to these documents, prompting SIC Corporate Services to be consulted for advice. Community Councils have therefore been advised not to sign the 2 documents in the meantime until further advice is available.

20/69 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No external meetings had been attended.

20/70 FAIR ISLE (Shetland Partnership - Islands with Small Populations Locality Plan)

Ms Arnett, SIC, had requested that this be a standing item on the Agenda in order to keep the Community Council informed of what it is happening in Fair Isle.

The Shetland Partnership, Islands & Small Populations Locality Plan includes the islands of Fair Isle, Foula, Papa Stour, Skerries & Fetlar. Ms Arnett explained that over the past few years, various projects have 'morphed' into the Shetland Locality Plan which is now a 'live' document and can be viewed on the SIC website at <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/download/317/locality-plans>.

20/70 FAIR ISLE (Shetland Partnership - Islands with Small Populations Locality Plan) (Continued)

The Strategic Delivery Group is currently looking at various challenges which the islands face and ways of overcoming these barriers. Cllr Smith reported that he has attended the last two Strategic Delivery Group meetings which, at this stage, were pretty much dominated by operational items. Ms Arnett reported, however, that in regard to Fair Isle, internal meetings are now being organised to discuss what the community has identified as their priorities.

20/71 CORRESPONDENCE

1) Grow Shetland Project: Grow Shetland has been developed to support the implementation of the SIC's Fair Food policy and help individuals, communities, groups and schools grow more of their own food. It is a 3 year pilot project and runs until January 2024, delivered by Transition Turrieffield. More information can be found at <http://www.turrieffieldveg.co.uk/> , <http://www.facebook.com/turrieffield> & <http://www.instagram.com/turrieffield>

20/72 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee:** Ms Moncrieff volunteered to attend SACC meetings on behalf of the Community Council. The Clerk will forward her contact details to HIAL and update Michael Duncan, ASCC.
- 2) Road Conditions:** Mr Robertson enquired if there was any evidence that the recent frost had caused cracking of the road's surfaces. Cllr McGregor replied that SIC Roads are in the process of checking if there are any defects which need addressing and suggested it would be helpful if the public reported any such issues to the Roads dept.

Cllr McGregor left the meeting at 7:55 pm

20/73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1) Update from Planning Service Development Management Team: Due to a backlog of planning applications, an increasing workload, staff vacancies and additional pressures of home schooling and poor connectivity, the Planning Department have decided to temporarily suspend the free Planning Duty Officer and Pre-Application Enquiry services from 22nd February until 29th March to enable staff to focus on the statutory function of processing applications. The Dept. are currently running another round of recruitment for Development Management Officers, but in the meantime have the Marine Planning team taking on some of the development management work.

20/73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1) Update from Planning Service Development Management Team (continued): They have also managed to get a previous team member back on a one day a week “loan” from another Council Service to help with applications and reduce the backlog. The Building Standards Team, who are currently fully staffed, will continue to provide a Duty Officer Service.

2) (2020/271/PPF) To erect Agricultural Building, Upper Stoneybrake, Fair Isle by Ms Amy Stout - There were no objections.

3) (2021/016/PPF) To erect Agricultural Building, Scholland, Virkie by Scholland Farm Ltd - There were no objections.

4) (2021/051/PPF to 2021/056/PPF) Installation of 6 x Pipebridges at various locations in the Bigton area by Scottish Water – There were no objections

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON 29th MARCH 2021.**