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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 31st May 2021.

PRESENT

Mrs S Malcolmson	Mrs A Brown	Mr G Waddell	Mrs F Mitchell
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)	Ana Arnett (SIC)	

APOLOGIES

Mr H Harrop	Mr J Robertson	Mrs S Waddell	Ms H Moncrieff
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)			

ABSENT

Mrs C Irvine	Mr A Sinclair	Michael Duncan (SIC)
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

21/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21/12 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 29th March 2021 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Mitchell

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21/13 POLICE REPORT

During the months of February and March 2021, 31 incidents were recorded for the Dunrossness area. In addition to routine items, this figure included the following:

- Two persons cautioned and charged with assault (one in February and one in March).
- Vandalism – one person cautioned and charged.
- Ongoing Fraud.

So far in May, there have been 7 incidents of a routine nature.

Cllr Duncan stated that he would check that Police Reports would be provided monthly.

21/14 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.

2) Air Traffic Control: Nothing new to report.

3) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: Nothing new to report.

4) Defibrillators: The Clerk reported that Ness Engineering hope to investigate the reported cabinet heater fault soon.

21/15 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) Advance Grant Scheme: An email had been received from SCBF stating that, “as detailed in the SCBF *‘Information for community councils’* document and 1.2 of the MoU, SCBF will decide and advise community councils of their annual AGS allocations by the 31st May each year. It has been decided that for the lifetime of the AGS, community councils will receive the same allocation as they have for this year. Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale, Nesting and Lunnasting, Sandsting and Aithsting and Delting will each receive £50,000 with all other community councils receiving £10,000”.

This was noted.

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21/15 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

2. Sandwich and Dunrossness Hot Meals Project: Rosemary Inkster had forwarded a report compiled on the 'Sandwich and Dunrossness Hot Meals Project' which has run over the winter as part of Covid Community Recovery and reached the end of its term at the end of May.

The project has been run by Sandwich Social & Economic Development (Hoswick Visitor Centre) and was funded through the Community Recovery Fund, Shetland Charitable Trust (through South Mainland Community Association - Senior Citizens), Dunrossness Community Council and Sandwich Community Council. SMCA – Senior Citizens had also contributed from their own funds, making a direct payment to the Sumburgh Hotel who provided and delivered the meals. It was reported that the number of people receiving a meal in Sandwich at the start of the project was 11 and this increased to 16. The number of people in Dunrossness receiving a meal initially was 12 and this increased to 33. The report states that *'our evaluation of the project shows only positive outcomes and demonstrates a previously unidentified and continuing need for this scheme'* and it is therefore hoped, subject to funding, to be able to run it again over the winter months of 2021/22. It is estimated that the cost of the project, based on providing 50 meals per week, would be in the region of £8700. Ms Arnett reported that she is assisting with the sourcing of funds.

21/16 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1) Levenwick Medical Practice: Ms Arnett reported that the Surgery have formed a Patient Participation Group and had held their first meeting recently. It is planned that a meeting will be held every 3 months and Dunrossness Community Council Chair has been invited to attend. Ms Arnett also reported that a new GP has moved to the area who has previous experience of such groups and how well they can work. Ms Arnett had also asked that a representative from Fair Isle be invited to join meetings so that the whole South Mainland community is involved.

21/17 FAIR ISLE

Mrs Mitchell reported that Fair Isle had been contacted with regard to the R100 Project (see item 21/18/5 below) and that a representative planned to visit to see what the options might be for the Isle and corresponding costs.

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21/18 CORRESPONDENCE

1) Association of Shetland Community Councils: The next meeting of the ASCC is scheduled to take place on 8th June 2021 via Microsoft Teams. Mrs Malcolmson agreed to 'attend' on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council.

2) Voluntary Action Shetland: The AGM of VAS is scheduled to take place via Zoom on 2nd June 2021. A copy of the Annual Review 2020-2021 had also been received.

3) Transport Scotland – under 22s free bus travel: Transport Scotland have launched an evidence gathering exercise on the impact the proposed free bus travel scheme for under 22s might have on island communities. This follows on from the consultation carried out late last year on free bus travel for under 19s. A number of respondents to the consultation raised issues around the impacts of the scheme on island communities. In considering these concerns, Transport Scotland committed to carry out an Island Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA) for the under 19s scheme, now the under 22s scheme, before its introduction.

The consultation runs from 24th May to 21st June 2021. You can respond to the consultation [online](#) or by email to: IslandsBusTravel@transport.gov.scot.

4) Shetland Islands Marine Planning Partnership: Simon Pallant, Coastal Zone Manager reported that at the meeting of Shetland Islands Council on 14 April it was agreed that the Amended Draft Version of Shetland Islands Regional Marine Plan (SIRMP) could be submitted to Scottish Ministers for adoption. It is anticipated that Scottish Ministers will agree that the SIRMP can be published later this year. The amended plan, committee report and associated documents can be viewed on the Council's website <https://coins.shetland.gov.uk/agenda.asp?meetingid=7036>

5) BT Scotland – R100 Scottish Isles Fibre Optic Cable Project: Global Marine have been contracted by British Telecommunications plc (BT) to install sixteen submarine cables to extend broadband (30Mbps+) coverage across Shetland, Orkney, and Inner Hebrides. These new cables will form part of the Scottish Government's 'Reaching 100%' (R100) programme contracted to BT Plc. A consultation letter introducing the project and inviting the Community Council to comment on the proposed marine environmental appraisal approach had been received.

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21/18 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

6) Shetland Tourism Association - Request for comprehensive toilet

information: Shetland Tourism Association are compiling a map of all the publicly accessible toilets in Shetland. SIC had been approached for assistance but apparently no centralised list of the facilities which left SIC management exists anymore and therefore Community Council's are being approached for assistance. The facilities in the South Mainland which the members could think of were:

- Grutness Pier – SIC
- Bigton – possibly Bigton Community Enterprise
- Sumburgh Lighthouse – Shetland Amenity Trust
- Boddam Playing Fields – South Mainland Community Association
- Sumburgh Airport

Quendale Water Mill was also mentioned as a possible location of public facilities but this would need to be checked with the custodians. The Clerk will forward these suggestions to Shetland Tourism Association.

7) Geosetter Burn: A letter had been received from a member of the public expressing their concerns regarding what they considered to be an 'overwhelming number of bird watchers at the Geosetter burn' at times and the effect this was having on the wildlife in the area. It was agreed that this was out-with the remit of the Community Council and that the Clerk would reply suggesting that the writer contact Shetland Bird Club to see if they can offer some assistance / suggestions as to how this matter could be addressed.

21/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1) South Community Conversations: Ms Arnett reported that it is planned to host another session of South Community Conversations on 15th June. Among the subjects to be discussed will be the resuming of community activities, reopening of halls etc. Anyone wishing to join should email Ms Arnett at ana.arnett3@shetland.gov.uk for details.

21/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1) Update from Planning Service Development Management Team: The temporary suspension of the free Planning Duty Officer and Pre-Application Enquiry services which began on 22nd February has now been extended until 28th June.

2) To erect dwellinghouse (planning permission in principle), Ellister, Bigton, Shetland, ZE2 9JF by Mr Graham Jarmson: There were no objections.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:35 pm.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON 28th JUNE 2021.**