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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 30th August 2021.

PRESENT

Mrs F Mitchell	Mr H Harrop	Mr G Waddell	Mrs S Waddell
Ms H Moncrieff	Mr J Robertson	Cllr G Smith (ex officio)	
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)	Ana Arnett (SIC)	

APOLOGIES

Mr A Sinclair	Mrs A Brown	Michael Duncan (SIC)
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ABSENT

Mrs C Irvine

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

21/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr McGregor declared an interest in any planning matters.

21/33 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 28th June 2021 was adopted on the motion of Mr Harrop.

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21/34 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

a) Hardbrakes Housing Estate Road: Nothing new to report.

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

2) Air Traffic Control: Nothing new to report.

3) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: The Clerk reported that she had met with Kenneth MacKenzie, SIC Burials Department, recently to confirm a possible site within the Dunrossness Kirk Yard for the bench.

4) Defibrillators: Nothing new to report.

21/35 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

1. Scousburgh Sand Road – The Clerk reported that Allen Sinclair had enquired via telephone if it was possible to get anything done to improve the access road to the beach as it was deteriorating significantly again. The Clerk had reported that the possibility of obtaining a quotation, with a view to sourcing funding, for more substantial repairs other than just patching potholes had been discussed a few months ago and she would follow this up.

2. South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Sportsfield, Pavilion & Changing Rooms: Further details of the group's financial position had been received over the summer and distributed to the Community Council members via email. It had been reported that the accounts which had been requested would not be available until later in the year. Mr Harrop had proposed that a grant of £625 be awarded and this was seconded by Mrs Mitchell, with the suggestion that, if funds permitted and the members were so minded, consideration could be given to making up the shortfall later in the financial year. No counter motions had been received and the Clerk had therefore forwarded a cheque for the above amount.

21/36 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report available

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21/37 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant external meetings had been attended.

Councillor Duncan joined the meeting at 7:15 pm

21/38 FAIR ISLE – Mrs Mitchell reported

Fuel Bowser: Mrs Mitchell reported that the new fuel bowser should arrive shortly and thanked the Community Council once more for their financial assistance in making this project possible.

Head Teacher: There has been quite a lot of interest in the advertised vacancy for a new head teacher. However, some of those expressing interest aren't teachers.

MV Good Shepherd: Michael Craigie had reported that there was still no update on the SIC's application to the Levelling Up Fund in respect of the proposed replacement of the current MV Good Shepherd.

Nurse Provision: The health board are due to put out an advert soon for the position of nurse in Fair Isle. Cllr Duncan reported that there might be a slight delay in advertising due to staff holidays.

21/39 CORRESPONDENCE

1) SIC Email ref. Community Council Meetings - Update: Following the relaxation of various Covid related restrictions in August, Michael Duncan, SIC, had been in touch with his colleagues in Corporate Services for guidance on whether face to face Community Council meetings can now resume. He had been informed, however, that the Council expects real changes to take place in terms of Covid legislation and how that is applied to conducting meetings at the end of September. Therefore, in the short term, the recommended course of action for Community Councils is to continue with remote meetings. This was noted.

2) SIC invite to the Unveiling of the Shetland Seafarers Memorial: Mr Robertson had kindly offered to attend on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council

3) Email ref. Association of Community Councils Meeting: Mr Robertson and Ms Moncrieff agreed to represent the Community Council at the next ASCC meeting scheduled to take place on 8th September.

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21/39 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

4) Email ref Proposed Modifications to Community Council Grant Application Forms: Laurena Fraser, Clerk for Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council, had emailed regarding proposed changes to the new Community Council Grant Application Form. Sandsting & Aithsting CC had expressed concerns at the March ASCC meeting that the current form is too complicated and may discourage groups from applying for funding. It had been agreed that Sandsting & Aithsting CC should distribute a new draft form which would then be discussed at the next ASCC meeting. The Clerk had forwarded the draft form to the members for their consideration earlier in the summer and now asked for their views. Mrs Brown had replied by email that she was happy with the new form. It was agreed, however, that the Clerk should forward the email again to refresh the other members memories.

21/40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1) Levenwick Medical Practice - Patient Participation Group: A volunteer for the post of Community Council representative on the above group was sought once more. Ms Moncrieff volunteered and Mr Harrop agreed to pass on her contact details. Cllr Smith enquired if Sandwick Community Council had a representative on the group. Mr Harrop replied he was aware of Sandwick residents attending but he wasn't sure if any of them represented the Community Council. Mrs Arnett confirmed there was no Sandwick Community Council representative. Mr Harrop therefore agreed to point this out to the group admin and suggest that Sandwick Community Council might be invited to nominate a representative.

2) Crofthouse Museum: Ms Moncrieff requested an update on the roof repair works at the Crofthouse Museum. Cllr Smith reported that himself, Cllr Duncan, Sandy Middleton (Shetland Amenity Trust), Ian Tait (Shetland Museum) and Christine Manson had met at the Mill during the summer. The Crofthouse roof repairs are complete but there are 2 further parts of roofing which require repairing/replacing and this will be done next year due to the level of work required. It is also hoped to do some general improvement works around the grounds

3) Boddam Playing Fields Septic Tank: The Clerk requested an update from Mrs Arnett on the matter of the poor condition of the septic tank lids at the Boddam Playing Fields which had been discussed at the Community Council's June meeting. Mrs Arnett reported that she had spoken to one of the SMCA committee members who had confirmed that the matter was in-hand and she had made suggestions with regards to possible funding avenues.

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21/40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

4) Multicourt, Dunrossness Primary School: The Clerk reported that Andrea Henderson, Head Teacher, DPS had recently written to the SIC with concerns regarding the current condition of the Multicourt at the school and the subsequent safety of the children using it. Ms Henderson was pleased to report that it had been agreed to clean the surface, re-plaster the walls and carry out some other minor repairs.

5) Bigton Collective: Ms Moncrieff suggested the Community Council congratulate Bigton Collective for the excellent exhibition they put on in the Bigton Hall recently. The Bigton & Birds Community Exhibition ran throughout July and August with proceeds going to Bigton Collective and Bigton Community Hall. This was agreed

6) Afghan Appeal: Mr Harrop suggested the Community Council should acknowledge by letter their appreciation of all the hard work put in by the members of the group Afghan Emergency - Shetland to help those fleeing the current situation in Afghanistan. This was agreed.

Cllr McGregor left the meeting at 7:40 pm

21/31 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

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 20th August. The members were frustrated with how this continued suspension is impacting on the Shetland public and it was agreed that Mr Robertson / Ms Moncrieff try and raise the matter at the upcoming ASCC meeting and, depending on the outcome of this, it would be decided whether to write directly to Planning to express the Community Council's views and concerns. The Clerk pointed out that the normal process for having a subject included on the ASCC Agenda is to complete a request form several weeks before the publication of the agenda although she was not sure if there was provision in AOCB for additional subjects to be raised.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2021.**