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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs S Waddell	Ms H Moncrieff
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**ABSENT**

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

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

Mr Harrop Chaired the meeting

**21/21 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIR**

Mr Harrop announced that Mrs Malcolmson had resigned from the Community Council and her position as Chairperson. Mr Harrop recorded the Community Council's appreciation of Mrs Malcolmson's contribution to the Community Council during her time as a member and latterly as Chairperson.

Mr Harrop proposed Mrs Mitchell be elected as the new Chair. Mrs Mitchell agreed to accept the post in the Interim and confirmed she should be able to fulfil the duties until January. There were no counter motions and Mrs Mitchell was therefore appointed Chair unanimously.

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## **21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr McGregor declared an interest in any planning matters.

## **21/23 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 was adopted on the motion of Mr Waddell.

Mrs Brown joined the meeting at 7:35 pm

## **21/24 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) Annual Road Resurfacing:** The Clerk reported that details of the SIC's planned roads surface dressing, re-surfacing & reconstruction programme 2021 and micro-resurfacing programme 2022 had been received. Works are planned for the following sections of roads:

- Colonial Place, Scatness (micro-surfacing)
- Sandblister Place, Scatness (micro-surfacing)
- Thistle Court, Virkie (micro-surfacing)
- Dalsetter Wynd, Boddam (micro-surfacing)
- B9122 Bigton Straight, Geosetter
- A970 Levenwick
- A970 Channerwick
- Toab Loop
- Spiggie Loop at Bakkasetter
- Vanlop, Scousburgh
- Longfield, Scousburgh

**2) Air Traffic Control:** Nothing new to report.

**3) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** Mr Harrop reported that the bench is being built to order and should be delivered mid July.

**4) Defibrillators:** Nothing new to report.

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## **21/25 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Sportsfield, Pavilion & Changing Rooms** - To assist with annual expenditure incurred to provide sportsfield facilities at Boddam during the financial year 2021-22: During discussions, Mr Harrop pointed out that the annual accounts provided were for year ending 31 March 2020 and therefore the £1500 grant which the Community Council awarded the group in September 2020 was not included. The new grant application form states that *“if your organisation has savings, reserves, cash or investments greater than £10,000 please specify the purpose for which these funds will be used”* and Mr Harrop therefore proposed that a copy of the latest accounts for year ending 31 March 2021 should be requested before any final decision is taken on the application to ensure that the Community Council are adhering to the guidelines laid down by the SIC. This was agreed.

Mrs Arnett reported that a new committee has recently been appointed and that they are looking into refurbishing the gym at the sportsfield. Mrs Arnett will forward the committee details to the Community Council.

T/Police Sergeant Alan Patrick joined the meeting at 7:50 pm

## **21/26 POLICE REPORT**

Cllr Duncan had spoken to the Chief Inspector ref the frequency of Police Reports and he had confirmed that these would be provided monthly once again in due course.

Mr Patrick confirmed the next Police Report is due and the end of July.

Mr Harrop enquired if there was any update on the incident of graffiti at Garthsness. Mr Patrick replied that it would not be appropriate for him to comment at this stage as enquiries are still ongoing, but he would hopefully have an update for the Community Council soon.

T/Police Sergeant Alan Patrick left the meeting at 8:00 pm

**21/27 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**No relevant external meetings had been attended.**

**21/28 FAIR ISLE**

**MV Good Shepherd:** Mrs Mitchell reported that a funding application has been submitted to the Levelling Up Fund as part of the project to replace the current Good Shepherd.

**Church of Scotland Kirk:** Ideas of alternative uses for the Fair Isle Church of Scotland building, which is to be sold, are being considered.

**MV Good Shepherd:** Some passengers are now being taken again with the relaxation of Covid related restrictions.

**R100 Project:** Members of the R100 team plan to visit Fair Isle to carry out a survey of how they can benefit from this project.

**21/29 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1) SIC Email ref. Community Ferry Hires:** Details of Community Ferry Hires for the current financial year (2021/22) had been received. Mrs Mitchell confirmed these were satisfactory.

**2) 'Thank you' letter from Fair Isle Development Company for grant received:** This was noted.

**3) Email from Michael Duncan, SIC, ref Community Councillor and Clerk Training Opportunities:** Members were asked to complete a questionnaire regarding their training needs. SIC Community Planning & Development also intend to hold another clerks training workshop later this year. The Clerk will resend the questionnaire to the members.

**4) Crofthouse Museum:** Ms Moncrieff reported that the Community Council had been asked on Facebook if there was anything they could do to encourage and support Shetland Amenity Trust with the Crofthouse Museum. Cllr Smith reported that he is meeting with Dr Ian Tait and Sandy Middleton with regards to the schedule for repairs to the buildings. It is not expected to be possible to complete repairs to all the roofs this year due to weather constraints.

**21/29 CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

**5) Email ref. R100 Sub Sea Cable Project:** BT plan to hold pre-application consultation events regarding proposed licensable marine activities within the Shetland section of the R100 Project for the installation of five marine telecommunication cables. Further information can be found at [R100.subseacableproject.co.uk](http://R100.subseacableproject.co.uk)

**6) Email ref. Electoral Ward Boundaries:** Scottish Boundary Commission has been consulting recently on proposals for the number of councillors and the electoral ward boundaries in Shetland. The Commission has now considered all responses to the public consultation and submitted its Final Proposals to Scottish Ministers. The report and further information regarding the review is available at <https://boundaries.scot/2019-reviews-electoral-arrangements>

**7) Email from Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council:** The Parent Council had emailed to express their concerns with regard to the fact that pupil numbers at the school have dropped very slightly which means the number of teachers will be reduced from 5 to 4. A parent survey to collect views had been carried out which resulted in a high response rate and an overwhelming feeling in the community that this is not the time for such a major restructure. The Parent Council had written to Cllr George Smith and Robin Calder, SIC Quality Improvement Officer, and at the time of writing to the Community Council, were due to meet with Helen Budge and Robin Calder to present the views of the parents. Cllr Smith reported that he was aware that this meeting had taken place and that pupil numbers are 6 or 7 below the level required for 5 teachers. He also understood there will be no change to the plan to reduce the teacher level to 4 but there will be some flexibility in the form of the Head & Deputy Head teachers being allowed some time to provide additional support where needed. Mr Robertson reported that, on a positive note, he believed the teacher whose post is being discontinued has secured the post of PE teacher. Mrs Arnett reported that Helen Budge had sent a letter to parents explaining the new teaching formula which includes 10.5 hours a week of the Head Teachers time. Robin Calder is scheduled to meet staff and the parent council in the new term.

**21/30 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1) Levenwick Medical Practice - Patient Participation Group:** It was noted that, with Mrs Malcolmson's resignation, the Community Council will no longer have a representative on this group. There were no volunteers for the position. Mrs Mitchell reported that a Fair Isle resident is joining the group.

**2) 24hrs Self Service Filling Station:** Mr Robertson reported that Bolts Car Hire are installing Self Service Fuel Pumps at their premises at Sumburgh Airport.

**3) Boddam Playing Fields Septic Tank:** The Clerk had received a report that the septic tank lids at the Boddam Playing Fields are in a poor state of repair which could be hazardous to children playing in the area. Mrs Arnett thought they might be the responsibility of the SIC and volunteered to report the matter.

Cllr McGregor left the meeting at 8:20 pm

**21/31 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1) To erect dwellinghouse with decking, air source heat pump, attached garage and detached garage, Plot, Netherton, Levenwick by Mr Gavin Colvin:** There were no objections.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:25 pm.