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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 27th September 2021.

PRESENT

Mrs F Mitchell Mrs A Brown Mr J Robertson Ana Arnett (SIC)

APOLOGIES

Mr A Sinclair Mr H Harrop Mr G Waddell Mrs S Waddell
Cllr G Smith (ex officio) Cllr R McGregor (ex officio) Michael Duncan (SIC)

ABSENT

Mrs C Irvine Ms H Moncrieff Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

Due to lack of attendance, the meeting was not quorate

21/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21/43 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 30th August 2021 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Mitchell.

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21/44 POLICE REPORT

A Police Report for the months of June & July 2021 had been received and reported as follows:

There have been 23 incidents recorded for Dunrossness, which can be summarised as follows:

- One theft reported – enquiries ongoing
- The other incidents were of a routine/minor nature

21/45 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 to position the bench within Dunrossness Kirk Yard, it was necessary to form a concrete pad for it to sit on. AA Fencing had offered to do this. The SIC require a Risk Assessment to be provided by any contractor undertaking works within a Kirk Yard before works can commence and Mr Robertson agreed to produce this in conjunction with the contractor since they have volunteered to carry out the works as a goodwill gesture

4) Defibrillators: Nothing new to report.

21/46 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

1. Scousburgh Sand Road: The possibility of applying to the Shetland Community Benefit Fund for financial assistance with the costs of upgrading the access road to the Scousburgh Sand had previously been discussed. The Clerk had approached S. Malcolmson Plant with a view to obtaining a quotation for the required works. Mr Malcolmson had replied with some queries which the Clerk suggested she could pass to Mr Sinclair (his family being one of the adjacent landowners) to deal with. This was agreed.

21/47 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1. Scousburgh Sand Road (continued):** Mrs Brown also enquired if a litter bin could possibly be provided as part of this project. It was discussed that the SIC Refuse Lorry would not empty a bin at the beach as it is not on their normal route but there is already a bin located at the RSPB boating shed at the end of the beach road. Mrs Arnett offered to make enquiries regarding the possible upgrading of this existing bin to a larger model.
- 2. Shetland Community Benefit Fund:** SCBF had provided details of the projects supported on behalf of the Dunrossness area during the 2021/21 Advanced Grant Scheme (AGS) year. Six projects had been awarded a total of £4,400. The six groups which had received grants were:
 - South Mainland Kindergym
 - Fair Isle Development Company
 - Dogs Against Drugs
 - Classic Motor Show
 - South Mainland Community Association
 - South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club

The Dunrossness area has been allocated a further £10,000 of AGS funds for the year from 1 September 2021 and the unspent funds from the previous year have been carried forwarded making a total balance of £15,600 available.

Concerns were raised that local residents are of the opinion Dunrossness Community Council doesn't support the above grant scheme. Members were keen to stress that this is not the case – the Community Council does support the scheme but declined to be part of the decision making process on whether an application made to the scheme would be supported. It was therefore agreed to ask Kerry Geddes if she could put a piece in the South Mainland Notes section of The Shetland Times clarifying the Community Councils position in relation to Shetland Community Benefit Fund's grant scheme.

21/48 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1. Shetland Seafarers Memorial:** Mr Robertson had attended a reception on 3rd September to mark the occasion of the unveiling of the Shetland Seafarers Memorial on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council. Mr Robertson reported that it had been a pleasant event with canapes & speeches. Only 5 Community Councils had donated towards the memorial, Dunrossness being one of them.

21/48 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

2. **Association of Shetland Community Councils:** An update from the recent ASCC meeting had been received. Among other items, the following were discussed:

- **Community Council Template Grant Application Form:** It was agreed Community Councils should continue to use the new template which was approved by ASCC in March 2021. Any groups needing help with completing an application form should be signposted to the local SIC Community Worker or Michael Duncan
- **Community Council Training Opportunities:** A number of training sessions are being proposed this year
- **Islands Act:** An update was provided. The legislation is designed to improve outcomes for island communities through assessments and review processes will check if proposals affect islands in a more significant way than it would in another community. Scottish Government Islands Team are currently developing training which should be available later this year.
- **Presentations:** Presentations were given on 'Fuel Poverty & Climate Conversation' and 'Activate Shetland'.

Ms Moncrieff, who had attended the meeting on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council, had raised the subject of the ongoing delays with processing planning applications. It is proposed to invite the Planning Dept to a future ASCC meeting to provide an update and discuss.

21/49 FAIR ISLE – Mrs Mitchell reported

Head Teacher: Interviews have been held for the position of head teacher at the Fair Isle school, however, no appointment has been made and the vacancy has been advertised.

Nurse Provision: There have been two applications for the vacant post of nurse in Fair Isle. The applicants are due to visit Fair Isle soon.

21/50 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

This year's Remembrance Service will take place on 11th November. Mrs Brown offered to order the necessary wreaths on behalf of the Community Council.

21/51 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Email ref. Community Council By-Elections:** Following the recent Community Council By-election, Dunrossness Community Council still has 3 vacancies. The Clerk asked the members to put some thought towards possible candidates who could be co-opted.
- 2) **Email from Dogs Against Drugs:** Dogs Against Drugs are holding training sessions over the winter months and members of the Community Council have been invited to attend to watch the Drugs Dogs and have an opportunity to speak to the handlers. The next sessions are 23rd & 24th October.
- 3) **Email ref Draft Water Safety Policy:** A copy of Shetland's first draft Water Safety Policy was attached. As the policy is a draft, the Community Council were invited to provide feedback or input into the policy by completing a short survey.
- 4) **Email ref. Shetland Community Learning & Development Plan 2021-2024:** June Porter, Team Leader – Community Development, provided an update. The Shetland Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan 2021-2024 has just been published. The team are now developing the accompanying Action Plan, which will set out the actions CLD partners will take together, to make the biggest difference to communities and to those individuals and families who face the greatest disadvantage. Actions are being developed to deliver on the following 6 key priorities:
 - Covid-19 Recovery & Renewal
 - Participation
 - Community Resilience
 - Poverty & Inclusion
 - Workforce Development & Performance Data
- 5) **Email ref. Winter Ferry Timetable:** The winter ferry timetable comes into effect on Monday 4th October and mirrors that of 2020.
- 6) **Email ref. Marine Scotland consultation:** The Scottish Government have launched a consultation exercise on a new offshore wind planning round. This new planning round, a Sectoral Marine plan for Offshore Wind for Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas Decarbonisation (INTOG), is designed to identify new potential areas for offshore wind development that will specifically target the electrification of oil and gas infrastructure in Scottish waters. Responses to the consultation are required by 20 October 2021. The consultation can be found online at:
<https://consult.gov.scot/marine-scotland/smp-innovation-and-targeted-oil-and-gas>

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21/51 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 7) Email ref. R100 Programme Update:** Beatrice Wishart MSP, had emailed with an update and reported that the Scottish Government recently announced that the build plans for the 'R100 Programme', a commitment to provide access to superfast broadband to every home and business in Scotland, have now been finalised. The 'premise level' details for individual properties which was previously missing can now be viewed using the online checker at: <https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/>
- 8) Email ref. Levenwick Medical Practice Community Participation Group:** Mr Harrop had emailed the Levenwick Medical Practice regarding Cllr Smith's previous enquiry regarding whether Sandwick Community Council was represented on the Community Participation Group. Mr Harrop was fairly sure they were not and therefore suggested to the Levenwick Medical Practice that this matter might be added to the agenda of the next meeting. Dr Deepa Shah had replied that she considered it a 'good plan' to have representatives from local Community Councils on the Group and they will then be invited to participate in the meetings and receive Minutes.

21/52 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items for discussion

21/53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1. To remove existing slate roof and replace with new structure and sheet covering, Old Byre opposite Quendale Mill, Quendale by Martin & Hilary Burgess** – There were no objections.
- 2. Installation of fibre optic telecommunications cable from the mean low water mark to roadside, via a beach manhole, North Haven, Fair Isle:**
There were no objections.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:55 pm.

Chair

MINUTE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 2021.**

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