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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 1st November 2021.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

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

ABSENT

Mrs C Irvine

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

21/54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21/55 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 27th September 2021 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Brown.

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21/56 POLICE REPORT

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

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

- One driver reported for failing to comply with a red light
- Once incident of assault reported – enquiries ongoing
- Two emergency helicopter landings at Sumburgh Airport – no casualties
- The other incidents were of a routine/minor nature

21/57 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

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

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

c) **Passing Place Signs:** Following a previous email from a member of the public, the Clerk reported that she had contacted SIC Roads regarding having missing 'Passing Place' signs replaced in the Boddam area. Dave Coupe, SIC Roads, had replied as follows:

"There are several areas around the island that are needing Passing Place signs replaced and so we have placed an order with our contractor to undertake this work.

The Boddam area has been added to this so that the work can be undertaken at the same time.

This may however take a little time to be done as the lead time on goods is quite high at the moment, but we will endeavour to have it completed as soon as possible".

The members were pleased with this response.

d) **Standing Water, Fleck:** The Clerk reported that she had reminded SIC Roads about the issue of water lying on the main A970 around the Fleck, Dunrossness junction area and, in particular, just south of the junction where the water crosses the road during heavy or prolonged periods of rain. This had previously been reported to SIC Roads on 26 May 2021.

e) **Quendale Farm Brig:** South Mainland Community History Group had emailed regarding the current condition of the road surface on the Quendale Farm Brig. They had reported it three times to SIC Roads without result and wondered if the Community Council could raise the issue. The Clerk reported that she had contacted SIC Roads regarding the matter and had been informed that it had been passed to Barrie Scobie, Team Leader for the area.

21/57 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

- 2) **Air Traffic Control:** Cllr Smith reported that, if the Union are correct, it looks hopeful that Controllers will continue to be based at Sumburgh for a possible further 5 years.
- 3) **Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report.
- 4) **Defibrillators:** Nothing new to report.

21/58 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) **South Mainland Up Helly Aa (SMUHA) – To assist with the purchase of building materials for the new Galley Shed internal fittings:** It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Robertson, seconded by Mr Harrop, that the requested sum of £800 be awarded.

21/59 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant external meetings had been attended.

21/60 FAIR ISLE – Mrs Mitchell reported

Head Teacher: The latest progress on the appointment of a new Head Teacher is looking promising.

Nurse Provision: There was no new information in relation to the appointment of a resident nurse.

Bird Observatory: The funding target for the rebuild of the Fair Isle Bird Observatory has now been met and the project is proceeding. For further information visit www.fairislebirdops.co.uk

Ferry: The Fair Isle community are disappointed that the SIC's bid for 'levelling up' funding to assist with the replacement of the current Good Shepherd had been unsuccessful. Maggie Sandison, SIC, had been in contact with the Good Shepherd skipper and reported that the SIC had been informed that their bid was good and there might still be opportunities for funding in the future.

21/61 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **SIC Road Scanner results:** A copy of the latest Road Scanner map for the Dunrossness area showing the surface condition of the roads in Dunrossness was attached for the members information. This was noted.
- 2) **Shetland Rape Crisis Annual Report:** The Annual Report for 2020-21 has now been published and can be found at www.shetlandrapecrisis.scot
- 3) **RSPB Spiggie Boatshed Replacement:** Ms Moncrieff reported via email that the RSPB are at the planning stage of replacing the Boatshed with something more useful and enjoyable and intend to have the project complete by the end of March 2022. The intention is to give people a space to use to enjoy the loch and its wildlife and a shelter from the elements. To add some bird interest in the summer, they are planning to install tern rafts and perches (these are common on the mainland). There will be interpretation in the new Hide and although funding isn't available to make the ground into a formal car park, the current outflow clearance gravel and pebbles seems to work so this will be maintained. RSPB have met with Stephanie Bain of Ability Shetland to ensure they are taking into account various needs visitors might have eg autism, dementia etc as well as the more obvious physical limitations. It's also possible the new Hide will host one of the all-terrain wheelchairs and with the new changing room at the airport and the wheelchair, it will mean families or individuals with additional needs can have a better day out in the 'Ness'. As discussed at the Community Council's September meeting, Mrs Arnett and approached the SIC regarding the possibility of getting a larger external bin at the Spiggie Boatshed for the use of visitors to the area, including the beach. The SIC had responded that they are waiting for their new bins to come into stock, and it is their intention to place a 660ltr bin at this site.
- 4) **Local Housing Strategy Survey:** Shetland residents and communities are being asked for their views on the housing issues that matters most in Shetland to help inform and shape the Local Housing Strategy. Shetland Islands Council is preparing the local housing strategy for the next five years. The strategy aims to set a new plan for homes and communities in Shetland, setting out the priorities by the Council and partners to tackle the main housing issues, and links to the 'Housing to 2040' vision for Scotland, launched by the Scottish Government earlier this year.

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- 4) Local Housing Strategy Survey (continued):** The housing survey aims to gather views on what is important locally, what the housing challenges are, and what actions would make a difference. Respondents can choose to provide contact details to be involved in future discussions also. The online survey can be found at

<https://www.shetland.gov.uk/housing/local-housing-strategy-survey>

Anyone unable to complete the online survey, can call 01595 744360 to receive a paper copy of the survey.

The Clerk had emailed out the above details to the members as she considered this was probably an important matter for the Dunrossness area. Both Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Brown reported that they had completed the survey.

- 5) Aviation Strategy – Consultation:** Transport Scotland has launched a consultation on developing a new Aviation Strategy and want as many people as possible to respond. More information, including how to respond, can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/aviation-strategy/>. A number of questions are concerned with air services in the Highlands & Islands, including topics such as the Air Discount Scheme. The answers provided to the consultation will help to inform Transport Scotland's development of the Aviation Strategy. The closing date is 21 January 2022.

21/62 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items for discussion

21/53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

No planning application notifications had been received although Mr Harrop reported that he was aware of one on the SIC Planning website for an extension to an existing property in the area. This was noted.

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

MINUTE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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