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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 29th November 2021.

**PRESENT**

Mr H Harrop (Vice Chair)  
Mrs S Waddell  
Ana Arnett (SIC)

Mrs A Brown  
Ms H Moncrieff

Mr G Waddell  
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs F Mitchell (Chair)  
Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)

Mr A Sinclair  
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)

Mr J Robertson  
Michael Duncan (SIC)

**ABSENT**

Mrs C Irvine

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)      Police Sgt R Douglas

**21/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Ms Moncrieff declared an interest in the RSPB Planning Application on the Agenda for consideration later in the meeting.

**21/65 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November was adopted on the motion of Mrs Brown.

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## **21/66 POLICE REPORT**

Sgt Douglas attended the meeting on behalf of Police Scotland and advised that the next Police Report due shortly will cover the months of October & November 2021.

Sgt Douglas confirmed, as reported by Cllr Duncan, that the vacant post of Chief Inspector for Shetland has now been advertised.

There being no further police business, Sgt Douglas left the meeting at 7:10pm

## **21/67 MATTERS ARISING**

### **1) Road Matters:**

- a) Hardbrakes Housing Estate Road:** The Clerk reported that she thought the potholes had been filled but would try and confirm.
  - b) Drainage at Ringesta, Quendale:** Nothing new to report.
  - c) Passing Place Signs, Boddam:** Nothing new to report.
  - d) Standing Water, Fleck:** It was noted that SIC Roads and placed a 'Flood' warning sign in the area following recent heavy rain and were therefore obviously aware of the issue previously raised by the Community Council.
  - e) Quendale Farm Brig:** Nothing new to report
- ### **2) Air Traffic Control:** Nothing new to report.
- ### **3) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** Nothing new to report.
- ### **4) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** There was nothing new to report. Mr Harrop was concerned that, in the event of an incident where the defibrillator was required, it may not work correctly and therefore asked the Clerk to pursue the matter of having the unit checked.

## **21/68 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 1) Sandwich Social & Economic Development SCIO (SSED) – To provide and deliver one hot meal per week from 16 December 2021 to January 2023 to vulnerable people in the South Mainland community:** It was agreed that this was a very worthwhile and beneficial project for eligible members of the community, but as the application had just arrived and contained quite a lot of detail, Mr Harrop suggested the members read and consider the document more fully after the meeting and then email the Clerk to confirm their views and if they would be happy for the Community Council to award the £1000 requested. This was agreed. In the meantime, the Clerk will check the level of Core Funding still available for the purpose of supporting grant applications as Mr
- 2) s Arnett** reminded members that the provision of meals cannot be supported by Community Distribution Funds.

## **21/69 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- 1) Levenwick Medical Practice Patient Participatory Group –** Ms Moncrieff reported that she had been unable to attend the above meeting but enquired if any of the community council members would like her to raise any matter with the group. Mr Harrop reported that he had noticed that the telephone call system was much improved.

**21/70 FAIR ISLE –** Mrs Mitchell was unable to attend the meeting & therefore there was no Fair Isle update available

## **21/71 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Boundary Commission:** The Boundary Commission for Scotland is conducting a consultation on its initial proposals for new UK Parliamentary constituency boundaries in Scotland. The Commission's 2023 Review will recommend 57 constituencies, two fewer than present. Two of these 57 (the Western Isles and Orkney and Shetland) are protected in legislation and will not be subject to change.
- 2) Council Elections:** An email had been received from Peter Peterson, Executive Manager, Chief Executive's Department regarding upcoming Council elections. A number of awareness raising activities are taking place in the coming weeks.

## 21/71 CORRESPONDENCE

### 2) Council Elections (continued):

A handbook for prospective candidates has been launched and is available on the Council's website at:  
<https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/file/3563/-who-stands-for-the-council-it-s-people-like-you-new-handbook>

An informal drop-in event on the evening of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the Town Hall is also planned. This will be a chance for anyone who's interested in standing for election to come along and meet officers and elected Members. Further details of this event will be provided in a press release and adverts nearer the time.

- 3) **Bigton Water Main Improvements:** Upcoming essential water main improvement works will begin on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from Geosetter through to the Maywick area. The project has been implemented by Scottish Water to improve water quality and maintain security of supply, involving the replacement and upgrade of water mains pipework. A pre-start letter has been sent to residents who reside along the route of the works.

## 21/72 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) **Community Council Training:** Mrs Arnett reported that she and her colleagues have been running Community Council training events recently. However, the planned sessions for December have been cancelled but it is hoped to rearrange these in the new year.
- 2) **Council Meetings:** Cllr Smith reported that SIC meetings can now be found on You Tube at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDy8W4bfVLieRTIzKK\\_pEVg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDy8W4bfVLieRTIzKK_pEVg/videos)
- 3) **Dunrossness Church of Scotland:** Mrs Brown reported that the local Church of Scotland building will be placed on the market next year.

**21/72 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)**

- 4) Access Signs, Boddam:** Mr Harrop reported that he had received an email from a member of the public regarding various access signs which have been erected at Boddam in which the writer states, *“to my knowledge the signs are in contravention of the Scottish Access Code and Land Reform Bill”* and enquires *“what the Community Council is doing regarding the matter”*. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Community Council are not in a position to address the reported issues as legislation relating to land access is outwith the Community Council’s remit. The only course of action open to the Community Council would be to forward the concerns of members of the public to the SIC, however, it was understood that this matter is already in the hands of SIC Legal Services & Outdoor Access Departments who have the authority to deal with such issues. Mr Harrop was advised to reply to the writer asking them to contact the Clerk if they would like the Community Council to respond directly to their points.

**21/73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

- 1) Replacement of an existing bird hide and DDA ramp, resurfacing of the surrounding hardstanding with geocell matting, and installation of two floating tern rafts in front of the hide on the Loch of Spiggie, Bird Hide, Spiggie Loch, Spiggie by RSPB –** There were no objections and the Community Council supported the application.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:45 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022.**