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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 21st February 2022.

PRESENT

Mrs F Mitchell (Chair)
Ms H Moncrief

Mr H Harrop (Vice Chair)
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)

Mrs A Brown
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)

APOLOGIES

Mr G Waddell
Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)

Mr A Sinclair

Ana Arnett (SIC)

ABSENT

Mr J Robertson

Mrs C Irvine

Mrs S Waddell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

Michael Duncan (SIC)

21/84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McGregor declared an interest in any planning matters.

21/85 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 24th January 2022 was adopted on the motion of Mr Harrop, subject to the following amendment

PRESENT: Mrs Brown was not present

21/86

21/86 POLICE REPORT

A Police Report for the months of December 2021 & January 2022 had been received and reported as follows:

There have been 14 incidents recorded for Dunrossness, which can be summarised as follows:

- *One vehicle RTC – driver charged with careless driving.*
- *One person charged with supplying controlled drugs.*

All other incidents were of a routine/minor nature

21/87 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

- a) Drainage at Ringesta, Quendale:** The Clerk reported that this has now been carried out.
 - b) Passing Place Signs, Boddam:** Nothing new to report.
 - c) Standing Water, Fleck:** Ditching in the area is ongoing.
 - d) Quendale Farm Brig:** Nothing new to report. The Clerk will request an update from SIC Roads.
 - e) Road Markings:** The Clerk had emailed SIC Roads and the matter has been passed to Neil Robertson.
 - f) Fair Isle Roads:** Mrs Mitchell enquired of the SIC Councillors if they knew when the Roads Dept planned to visit Fair Isle to assess the roads for any necessary repairs. Cllr McGregor replied that Neil Hutcheson had reported in a letter dated 24 September 2021 that there were only a couple of minor repairs necessary and that they were to be carried out by Ian Stout. Mrs Mitchell stated that with ongoing construction works in the Isle, she thought the road to the airstrip might now need some attention. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would email Neil Hutcheson with this information and copy in Cllr McGregor.
- 2) Air Traffic Control:** Nothing new to report. Item to be removed from matters arising list.
- 3) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** It was agreed to ask Alan Adamson of AA Fencing to meet representatives of the Community Council at the Kirk Yard to discuss his proposed method for installing the bench to enable a risk assessment to be completed.

21/87 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

- 4) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** Nothing new to report.
- 5) Glass Recycling Bins at Dunrossness Industrial Estate:** The Clerk reported that she had received a reply to her email regarding the mess of broken glass around the recycling bins at Mainland's from Brydon Gray. He had reported that Cleaning Ops would have a clear up of the area next week and the collection truck staff would be reminded to keep an eye on this in future.
- 6) Rubbish Bin at Dunrossness Industrial Estate:** It had been reported that household domestic rubbish is regularly placed in and around the large wheelie bin behind Star Vehicle Fuels and during a recent spell of windy weather the contents of these bags had been blowing around the car parks. This is not the first instance of this. The members agreed this was not acceptable and were unaware how this bin came to be in the area in the first place as it had not been requested by the Community Council or the shop or filling station to the best of knowledge. Since household refuse is collected regularly from every household, it was agreed there appeared to be no necessity for this bin and therefore the Community Council would ask for it to be removed to prevent these issues reoccurring.

21/88 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) Levenwick Village Club – To install railing alongside disabled access slope to main entrance:** It was noted that no accounts were submitted along with the application and the quote for the works is to follow. The Clerk will chase up these two items prior to the next Community Council meeting.
- 2) South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Playing Fields:** In August 2021, the Community Council had awarded the SMCA a grant of £625, which was only part of the requested sum, and agreed that the Community Council's financial situation could be reviewed at the end of the financial year (March 2022) and if funds allowed, and the members were minded to do so, it might be in a position to cover any shortfall in the SMCA Boddam Playing Fields maintenance balance. Marshall Henderson of the SMCA had now written to enquire if the Community Council are in a position to help meet their budget shortfall. It was agreed that this decision could not be taken until the last meeting of the financial year and to request a copy of the latest SMCA accounts in the meantime.

21/89 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1) **Levenwick Health Centre Community Participation Group:** Ms Moncrieff reported that NHS Estates is looking to improve the green space and the Levenwick Doctor's Surgery with things like benches etc and are interested in erecting a Polycrub. The next meeting of the group is scheduled to take place in March.

21/90 FAIR ISLE

Mrs Mitchell reported as below:

- The new school Head Teacher and Nurse have now arrived although the Head Teacher is currently in temporary accommodation as the schoolhouse requires some upgrading.
- The Fair Isle community is currently looking into recruiting a new development worker and are currently in discussion with Highlands & Islands Enterprise regarding funding.
- The Scottish Water works are still ongoing.

21/91 SHETLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The members discussed the content of the Shetland Local Development Plan (LDP) Main Issues Report and were concerned that there appeared to be no proposed development sites listed for the Dunrossness Community Council area while there had been fifteen in 2014. It was also noted that the SIC site at Horseshoe Close was no longer listed as a potential site for development. The members wondered if it was possible that there were no sites now or was there an error in the document. Cllr Smith reported that he had spoken to Suzanne Shearer, SIC Team Leader-Development Plans & Heritage a good few weeks ago when this document was still being prepared and she had expressed real concerns that no proposed sites had been put forward by landowners south of Sandwick. It was agreed that Mr Harrop would contact Ms Shearer to clarify if it was correct that there were no sites in the Dunrossness area (including the Horseshoe Close site) and if the landowners who put forward sites in 2014 and been contacted again for this latest document. Mr Harrop will email the outcome of his discussions with Ms Shearer to all members. Mrs Mitchell had prepared a draft response to the consultation from the Community Council, and, subject to Mr Harrop's discussion with Ms Shearer, she will circulate the draft among the Community Council members for their approval before submitting it. Mr Duncan reminded members that virtual consultations on the Main Issues Report for the Local Development Plan are now in progress and there is a meeting scheduled for the South Mainland on 24th February. Ms Moncrieff asked that this be posted on the Community Council's Facebook page.

21/92 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Scotland's Census 2022:** Email from David Black, Regional Manager in the Highlands & Islands for Scotland's Census 2022.

Mr Black states that *'the census is the official count of every person and household in Scotland, that usually happens every 10 years. It helps build a picture of the population, which government and other service providers rely on to make important decisions in your local area. This is people in your community's chance to get involved in Scotland's Census 2022 as we need their help and enthusiasm to encourage people across Scotland to participate'*.

Mr Black enquired if it would be possible to share a link on the Community Council's Facebook page. The Clerk had forwarded the request to Mr Harrop who is one of the Admins for the Community Council Facebook page.

- 2) ASCC Updates:** Responses to a couple of issues raised at previous ASCC meetings had been received, as below:

a) Letter from VisitScotland ref. Visitors & Litter: Steve Mathieson, Shetland Development Manager states that VisitScotland are very aware of these issues on a national basis and launched a campaign this year to promote what they call responsible tourism

<https://www.visitscotland.com/about/responsible-tourism/>

Part of this is a charter that tourists are asked to adhere to

<https://www.visitscotland.com/responsible-tourism-promise/> and sign up to by using #RespectProtectEnjoy on social media.

Mr Mathieson continues: *'We have made this a powerful central theme of our marketing over the past year and will continue to push the message. Responsible parking is very much part of the message.'*

Although the campaign and the emphasis on improved visitor management came about because of well-documented issues in other parts of Scotland, I've noted locally the increase in campervans and caravans arriving in Shetland. While I welcome this I also realise that education is important if we're going to maintain the excellent relationship between locals and tourists in Shetland that isn't always seen in other Scottish communities. At the Tourist Centre in Market Cross we hand out leaflets on following the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and we also have a film in the window with the same message on a continuous loop. Staff already talk to campervan/caravanners about things like pulling into passing spaces to allow traffic behind to overtake and not staying overnight in passing places and that will continue in the future.'

21/92 CORRESPONDENCE**2) ASCC Updates (continued):****b) Letter from Shetland Amenity Trust ref. Abandoned Vehicles:**

Sandy Middleton reported as below:

'There is a duty on car manufacturers to ensure the scrappage of end-of-life vehicles. There are two schemes running covering different manufacturers.

- **Car Take Back** - Shetland Amenity Trust operate this scheme in Shetland and we uplift, depollute and scrap the vehicles makes that fall within this scheme. We do this on request and issue certificates of destruction. We had to halt this service for a period last year due to the pandemic, however, we are fully operational again and catching up with the backlog. We have worked with SIC in the past to support them in uplifting vehicles from more remote islands whereby they have brought the vehicles to mainland Shetland and we have then uplifted them.
- **Autogreen** - This scheme is operated in Shetland by the John Lawrie Group. Shetland Amenity Trust have an agreement with John Lawrie that we will uplift cars for them within a 30 mile radius of Lerwick. We deliver these cars to John Lawrie who then carry out the depollution and scrappage service. This does mean, unfortunately, that for certain makes of car that are covered by this scheme and out with the 30 mile radius there is no uplift service. The John Lawrie Group may now have a system in place for this so it would be worth checking with them.

If someone suspects a vehicle has been abandoned, then they should contact the SIC.

It is worth noting that the duty for car scrappage is placed on the vehicle manufacturer and at present we are delivering this service as there is no other option in Shetland. In effect, a charity is delivering a service that the car manufacturer is legally required to provide. We are currently reviewing our work on car scrappage with a view to ensuring we achieve full cost recovery from the vehicle manufacturers and associated schemes.'

- 3) Voluntary Action Shetland Survey:** The Community Council, as an organisation who has received services from VAS, are asked to complete the survey in the following link to give feedback on the services they provide. The survey is aimed to assist VAS in continuous improvement and provide them with the required information for their funders.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/thirdsectororganisations/>

21/92 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 4) **KSB Seaside Awards:** Yell Community Council had emailed enquiring what the factors were which led to Dunrossness Community Council ceasing applying for a KSB award for Westvoe & St. Ninian's beaches and if there had been any negative repercussions. The Clerk had replied.
- 5) **Scottish Government Planning Information:** As requested, Michael Duncan, SIC, had forwarded updates on the current work being taken forward by the Scottish Government's Planning and Architecture Division which they considered will be relevant to community councils. This was noted.
- 6) **Dunrossness Road Safety Matters:** Colin Gair, SIC Traffic & Road Safety Engineer had emailed regarding two matters as below:
- a) Collision, Toab: *'The Road Service was recently made aware of a collision involving an elderly pedestrian near the shop in Toab. While details of the incident are limited it is acknowledged that the both the road carriageway and footway in the area are narrow. However, there are significant constraints to improving this situation. Following a detailed discussion with Cllr Duncan it was agreed that perhaps the current 30mph speed limit was too high for the arrangements along this stretch of road. Therefore, in order to appraise this properly, I undertook to carry out some traffic flow and speed surveys in the area. These are to be programmed for early action within our 2022 survey list. I would therefore hope to be able to carry out the surveys in late March/ early April this year, with a view to identifying any appropriate action(s) by the beginning of May. Following the surveys and review I will revert to your council with our findings and any proposals for the information and comment of your members.'*
- b) Dunrossness Primary School: *'Members of the Community Council may be aware that we carried out some traffic counts around the Dunrossness Primary School in September 2021. Unfortunately this area and the count information is a little bit more complicated to analyse and due to other work commitments, I do not expect to have any outcomes identified from that until mid- to late-March. However, when I have some findings and any proposals for this area I will also revert to your Council for the information and comment of your members.'*

21/93 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) RSPB Spiggie Loch Hide:** Ms Moncrieff reported that the new hide etc at Spiggie Loch should all be in place end of March, beginning of April. She thanked the Community Council for their support on behalf of RSPB.
- 2) Dunrossness Community Council Chairperson:** Mrs Mitchell reminded the members that when she agreed to take on the post of Community Council Chairperson it was for a period of 6 months which means she will Chair the upcoming March meeting but will be resigning as Chair after that. Mr Harrop thanked her on behalf of the Community Council for taking on the role.
- 3) ASCC Meeting:** Michael Duncan reminded members that the next meeting of the ASCC is scheduled to take place on 8 March and asked for the details of the Dunrossness Community Council representative asap. The Clerk will contact the absent members to enquire if any of them are available to attend the above meeting.

Cllr McGregor left the meeting at 8:20pm

21/94 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters for discussion.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 28th MARCH 2022.**