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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 28th March 2022.

PRESENT

Mrs F Mitchell (Chair)
Mr G Waddell

Mrs A Brown
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)

Ms H Moncrief

APOLOGIES

Mr H Harrop (Vice Chair)
Mr A Sinclair

Mr J Robertson
Michael Duncan (SIC)

Mrs S Waddell
Cllr R McGregor (ex officio)

ABSENT

Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk) Ana Arnett (SIC)

21/94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21/95 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 21st February 2022 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Brown.

21/96 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report available

21/97 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

a) Passing Place Signs, Boddam: Nothing new to report.

b) Quendale Farm Brig: The Clerk reported that, in her opinion, the potholes had been 'roughly' filled. It was agreed that the condition of this section of road may be something that needs to be revisited with the SIC Roads department later when the weather improves.

c) Road Markings: Ms Arnett reported that the subject of road markings had been discussed at the recent ASCC meeting and that smaller sections and junctions that can be done by hand are currently being undertaken by SIC Roads operatives. The larger sections will be carried out by a machine, which is due in the Islands late summer.

d) Fair Isle Roads: Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, had replied to the Clerks enquiry and reported that an inspector is planning to visit Fair Isle later this month to carry out a general inspection of the roads. He will also be looking at the work currently being carried by BT contractors laying a new duct between the airstrip and the ferry terminal.

2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: Ms Moncrieff had recently attended a site visit with Alan Adamson of AA Fencing and had subsequently kindly prepared a Risk Assessment for the works. The Clerk will now complete the necessary paperwork to seek permission from the SIC to site the bench in the Dunrossness Kirk Yard.

3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator: Nothing new to report.

4) Glass Recycling Bins at Dunrossness Industrial Estate: The Clerk reported that the mess of broken glass around the recycling bins had now been cleared up as promised.

5) Rubbish Bin at Dunrossness Industrial Estate: Following the removal of the large wheelie bin from the recycling area, it was noted that some domestic rubbish had once again been left in the area. This had been reported to the SIC for their attention.

Ms Moncrieff joined the meeting at 7:20 pm

21/98 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) Community Council Core Funding:** Michael Duncan, SIC External Funding Officer had confirmed by email that the Community Council's Core Funding budget for 2022/2023 remains unchanged from last year at £9546. The Clerk will send the necessary email to draw down this funding.
- 2) Community Development Fund Grant Scheme:** A budget of £71,000 has been approved by the SIC for the CDF scheme. The first bidding round closes on 22nd April 2021. The Clerk reported that, as in previous years, she will be applying for the maximum £3000 Distribution Fund Grant. Once again, there is also a £1000 Project Grant available should the Community Council wish to apply. The Clerk asked the members to give some thought to this and let her know of any possible projects which came to mind.
- 3) Levenwick Village Club – To install railing alongside disabled access slope to main entrance:** This item had been deferred from the Community Council's previous meeting in order to receive a copy of the applicant's latest accounts and a copy of the quotation for the works. These had both now been received and it was agreed, as proposed by Mrs Brown, seconded by Ms Moncrieff, to award the requested sum of £500.
- 4) South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club – To attend the Inverness Graded competition with a group of 7 swimmers:** It was agreed, as proposed by Mrs Mitchell, seconded by Ms Moncrieff, to award the requested sum of £314.80.
- 5) 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 is in a position to help meet their budget shortfall. This item had been deferred from the Community Council's previous meeting in order to confirm how much funding remained available this financial year and to obtain an indication of the SMCA's current financial position. It was now agreed unanimously, to award a further £190, being the estimated remaining balance available to the Community Council for grant applications.

21/97 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

- 6) Shetland Community Benefit Fund Advance Grant Scheme:** A letter had been received from Eleanor Gear, Administration Officer, stating that the scheme has now been running for almost a year and the SCBF would like to take the opportunity to ask if Dunrossness Community Council would like to reconsider participating in the Scheme. It was noted that the MoU and Data Sharing Agreements have not changed and this was confirmed by Mrs Brown. Mrs Brown also reported that the funding available for the Dunrossness Community Council area is now almost spent until the new financial year in September and that, since Dunrossness Community Council do not currently participate in the Scheme, decisions on applications for their area are taken by SCBF Officers, herself included. None of the members present were willing to take on the responsibility of participating in the Scheme at this time.
- 7) SIC Salary Scales:** Information on the updated salary scale for Clerks received from the SIC was unanimously accepted.

21/99 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1) Levenwick Health Centre Community Participation Group:** Ms Moncrieff reported that she had attended a Patient Participation Group meeting recently and that a grant had been received to develop the surgeries outside space. It is therefore planned to seek the assistance of the community to plant flower beds etc on 14th May. Further details will be posted on the group's Facebook page.
- 2) Ness Boating Club:** Ms Arnett reported that she had attended a public meeting on 25th March to discuss the future of the Boating Club. The results of a structural survey of the building have recently been received and the Committee are keen to hear what the community think is the way forward. It had been agreed in the interim to improve the facilities for caravaners etc and to organise an AGM with the hope that new people will join the committee.
- 3) Transport:** Mrs Mitchell had 'attended' an online SIC Transport meeting held to engage with community councils prior to the publication of summer ferry timetables.

21/99 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)**4) Association of Shetland Community Council: Michael Duncan had provided a brief update from the recent ASCC meeting via email. Among the topics covered were the below**

- **Visitor attraction & littering:** The Council are generally keen to use larger bins in well used locations as this is usually more efficient. There is pressure on bins and litter collections during the visitor season, however, they are looking to provide weekly collections in a range of areas such as visitor attractions, ferry terminals etc.
- **Road issues:** See item 21/97/1c. An additional £50k has been allocated to the budget for white lining in 2022/23. Generally white lines should be updated/re-done every 5-7 years. A new type of 'cats eye', which has been trialled at Voe, appears to have worked well and costs £7 to replace as opposed to £20 and £30 for the previously used type. It is therefore anticipated that a larger number of 'cats eyes' can be installed/replaced with the budget available.
- **R100 Roll Out:** Marvin Smith provided an update re R100. Areas designated for an upgrade should be addressed within the next 5 years. However, it does appear that there will be areas and households across Shetland who are unlikely to get an upgrade from R100. Mr Smith set out some potential options:
 - Apply for £5k vouchers – neighbours could work together to pool resources/seek providers
 - Seeking alternative suppliers
 - Explore 4G for broadband
 - Shetland Telecom – if backhaul connections can be addressed
 - Possible satellite options
 - Community led solutions

Mobile phone coverage is steadily improving locally, particularly for Vodafone, O2 and EE customers.

21/100 FAIR ISLE

Mrs Mitchell reported that the Fair Isle community are still working towards recruiting a new development worker in conjunction with the National Trust for Scotland and Highlands & Islands Enterprise. It is hoped that the re-establishing of this post would progress work needing done in the Isle

21/101 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Scotland's Census 2022:** Following on from a presentation on Scotland's Census 2022 given at the recent Association of Shetland Community Councils meeting, Michael Duncan, SIC, had forwarded the below information about the local support available:

'Scotland's Census Day was Sunday 20 March 2022. Now that Census Day has passed, there may be people that have not yet completed their census and may think they've missed the deadline to do so. But it's not too late to fill it out.

If a householder cannot complete the census themselves, they can ask for help from another member of their household or family who is aged 16 or over, a carer, or someone they trust. If you're aware of anyone who might struggle to complete the census, please consider offering to help them complete it, or let them know about the support that is available locally.

Help and support is available in Shetland:

- From the Council's [Adult Learning](#) team on 01595 743888
- Or from [Shetland Library](#) staff on 01595 743868

Shetland Library has free public access to computers, from Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm, and open late on Thursday to 8pm.

Help is also available at www.census.gov.scot, or by calling free on 0800030 8308. The helpline is open Monday to Friday: 8am-8pm, Saturday and Sunday: 9am-4pm, 19 and 20 March 8am-8pm'

- 2) **Da Voar Redd Up 2022:** Shetland Amenity Trust has announced that Da Voar Redd Up is returning this year in its normal format following Covid-19. This year's event will take place from 23rd – 29th April.
- 3) **Community Council Meetings:** Michael Duncan, SIC, reported via email that a number of community councils have been in touch recently to ask if they can resume face to face meetings. He confirmed that, as previously communicated, all Community Councils are free to decide the format and frequency of its meetings. Therefore, if the community council wishes to meet in person, it is recommended that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety of those attending and that relevant covid and venue rules at the time of the meeting are followed. However, if a community council wishes to continue meeting remotely, that is their choice. It was also noted that, if meeting in person, consideration should be given to making provision available for anyone unable to attend in person but who still wishes to participate i.e. remotely by telephone or online.

21/101 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3) Community Council Meetings (continued):** Mr Duncan also pointed out that it is his understanding that school buildings remain unavailable for community council meetings for the foreseeable future. Mrs Mitchell suggested that it might be an idea to have the occasional in-person meeting. The members agreed that they are happy at present to continue with remote meetings and that, as suggested by Mrs Mitchell, an occasional in-person meeting could be held.
- 4) Email from Shetland Public Protection Committee ref. I Am Me – Keep Safe Project:** Keep Safe Awareness Day was 23rd March. An initiative entitled “Keep Safe Places” works with businesses and community resource locations like cafes, shops, libraries, museums or local authority premises to offer a place for anyone to go who might be feeling lost, scared or vulnerable when out and about or need help from the emergency services. For more information or to become involved in the Keep Safe Project, please contact dawn.smith@shetland.gov.uk or carole.smith2@scotland.police.uk
- 5) Email from Criminal Justice ref. Beach Notice Boards:** The Clerk reported that Julie Halcrow of Criminal Justice had been in touch to say they will be heading out soon (once the weather is suitable) to apply a couple of coats of paint to the notice boards at Westvoe and St. Ninian’s beaches. The Clerk suggested that, although the Community Council no longer applies for Keep Scotland Beautiful awards for these beaches, it might be good to continue to make use of the notice boards. Ms Moncrieff offered to have a look at the contents of the Westvoe notice boards with a view to upgrading.
- 6) Email ref. SIC Road Gritting Arrangements:** Following a query at the recent ASCC meeting regarding SIC policy in relation to road gritting, it was noted that information can be found on the SIC website.
- 7) Email from SIC Planning Department:** An email had been received from Iain McDiarmid, Executive Manager – Planning, to inform community councils that a couple of new planning officers have recently started work with Development Management to assist with the current backlog and increasing workload. These officers are working off island and on a temporary basis but both have a wide range of development management experience in several authorities.

21/101 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8) **Email ref. Shetland Way Feasibility Study:** A feasibility study is underway which will consider the case for developing a long-distance walking, and potentially cycling, route across Shetland. Stantec UK Ltd has been commissioned to support Visit Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Shetland Island Council, Nature Scot and Shetland Tourism Association by undertaking this feasibility study. The email states "*the Shetland Way walking and potentially cycling route would run for circa 79 miles from north to south along the spine of Shetland; linking the islands' considerable natural, cultural and community assets to deliver tourism and social, economic and environmental benefits*". The Community Council was invited to provide its views on the proposal but, since they had no insight into the community's views on such a proposal, it was agreed it would be better if the members completed the survey individually. It was also noted that a separate short resident and visitor survey will follow in the near future. The engagement team can be reached at ShetlandWay@stantec.com

21/102 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) **Social Media Social Calendar:** Ms Moncrieff enquired if it would be possible to have a one stop type 'Social Events Calendar' for the area where events such as Sunday Teas etc could be advertised. The Clerk thought this could be possible on the Community Council Facebook page if groups were to send the details of their events. The members agreed.
- 2) **Council Elections:** The Council Elections take place on 5th May 2022. Of the current South Mainland Councillors, Robbie McGregor and Allison Duncan are standing for re-election. However, George Smith has decided not to stand for re-election. The members thanked Mr Smith for all his help and hard work for the area over his years as South Mainland Councillor and wished him well in the future. Mr Smith stated it had been a 'privilege' to be part of Dunrossness Community Council. Mr McGregor had emailed stating that, in view of his intention to stand for re-election, he believed it would be appropriate for him not to attend this and the next Community Council meeting in April. He also asked that his 'sincere thanks' be passed to the members for the 'courtesy extended' to him at meetings during the last 5 years.

21/103 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters for discussion.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 2022.**