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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 30th May 2022.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair) Hugh Harrop (Vice Chair) Michael Duncan (SIC)
Ana Arnett (SIC)

APOLOGIES

Aileen Brown Helen Moncrieff Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)

ABSENT

Allen Sinclair John Robertson Gordon Waddell Sharon Waddell
Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio) Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

22/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22/13 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th April 2022 could not be adopted as the meeting was not quorate

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22/14 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report available.

22/15 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

- a) Fair Isle Roads:** Neil Hutcheson had reported that the Roads Inspector had been to Fair Isle recently for the annual inspection of the various roads and noted that they are in a poor condition with a number of fretted areas and holes that need to be filled. Mr Hutcheson stated that the best repair for these is cold tar patching which can be undertaken by their Fair Isle based contractor.

In the longer term, the intention would be to get a small asphalt/bitmac paving machine into Fair Isle to lay a layer of delayed set bitmac across the full carriageway width. Mr Hutcheson hoped that this will coincide with progress on the replacement ferry and the ro-ro facility could therefore be made use of to take in the required materials and paver. Mr Hutcheson noted that there are over 7 kilometres of road in Fair Isle and SIC Roads would be looking at the improvement of only the most important roads over a number of years. In view of how long it might be before a new ferry was in place on the Fair Isle route, Mrs Mitchell suggested she might approach the Roads Dept and enquire if it would be possible to take the above plant in on one of the other existing SIC ferries and therefore get the necessary repairs done sooner.

- 2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** The Clerk reported that she had written to SIC Burial Services regarding the possibility of the Memorial Permit Application fee being waived in this instance. She had received a reply confirming that this was being considered.

- 3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** There was nothing new to report.

- 4) Glass Recycling Bins at Dunrossness Industrial Estate:** There was nothing new to report.

22/16 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) Community Development Fund Grant Scheme – Project Fund:** Michael Duncan advised that the final date for applications to the CDF Project Fund is 17th June. The Clerk will pursue a second quotation for repairing the Scousburgh Sand road, as suggested by Mr Harrop.

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22/16 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

2) Community Development Fund Grant Scheme – Distribution Fund:

The Clerk reported that the Community Council's applications to the CDF Grant Scheme for a £3000 Distribution Fund Grant had been successful.

There were no grant applications for consideration.

22/17 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant external meetings had been attended.

22/18 FAIR ISLE

Fiona Mitchell reported that planning permission has now been granted for the new Observatory and it is hoped that the ground works can start in June/July with barges arriving in August/September. Adverts will be placed soon for staff for a hospitality type post and a warden.

It was noted that there has been no update so far from the SIC regarding their latest bid for funding for the provision of a replacement ferry.

Ana Arnett, SIC Community Involvement & Development Officer for the area, reported that she had recently visited Fair Isle and met with various groups and had a tour of the school. She had also taken the opportunity to test out technology and hold a test hybrid meeting which she was pleased to report had been successful.

22/19 CORRESPONDENCE

1) ASCC Meeting: The Clerk reported that none of the Community Council members appeared to be available to attend the next ASCC meeting on 14 June. Michael Duncan therefore offered to put forward the Community Council's agenda item on Core Funding.

2) SIC email ref. Consultation on Provision of Free Period Products: As reported in the Press, Shetland Islands Council has launched a public consultation consulting the public on the best places to make free period products available.

Scotland became the first country in the world to make period products free for everyone when MSPs backed a bill in November 2020. The act means that local authorities are now responsible for making sure that free items such as tampons and sanitary pads are available to all those who might need them.

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22/19 CORRESPONDENCE

2) SIC email ref. Consultation on Provision of Free Period Products

(continued): Before the scheme is rolled out in August 2022, the Council would like to hear from anyone who uses sanitary products, who may use them in the future, and those who collect them on behalf of others. The consultation asks where people would like those products to be made available, how people would like to obtain them, and the type of products that may be wanted.

3) Email from School of Medicine, University of Dundee ref SHARE: The email reads as follows:

The need for health research is essential so new treatments can be developed for conditions such as asthma, cancer, dementia, heart failure and mental health issues. We would like to improve the prevention and treatment of disease, which is why we are asking for your help – please sign up to SHARE.

SHARE - The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank, is a register of people aged 11 years and over, who are interested in helping health research and being contacted by SHARE if a health project relevant to you becomes available.

Health research can be anything from filling in a survey about your diet, to researching a new medication for an illness you may have. We need healthy people and those with medical conditions to join. SHARE also seeks your permission to keep any leftover blood following routine clinical tests (e.g. if you have given a blood test at your GP). This leftover sample is anonymised and can be used to help genetic research.

Please sign up to SHARE today at www.registerforshare.org. If you prefer to speak with someone, please contact us on tel: 01382 383471.

There is no obligation for anyone who registers to take part in any projects. Signing up to SHARE allows us to keep you informed of what research is available in Scotland.

SHARE is a great way for people to make a contribution to health research - which can improve the health of everybody in Scotland. Thank you very much for considering this request and please pass this information on to friends and family (anyone over age 11 can join).

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22/19 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 4) Shetland Amenity Trust email ref Launch of Interactive iBook:** Val Turner, Shetland Archaeologist reported that three of Shetland's most prestigious archaeological monuments were brought to life recently at the Shetland Museum and Archives with the launch of the interactive iBook 'Shetland in the Iron Age', together with a series of talks from five visiting archaeologists. Shetland Amenity Trust's Archaeological Section has been working with Dr Li Sou, Historic Environment Scotland, University of Bradford and University of Stirling for the past 5 years on the digital recording of the three monuments and this iBook is the culmination of that work.

The iBook includes 360degree virtual walkable tours around the three Shetland monuments which are on the UK Tentative List for World Heritage Status; Old Scatness Broch and Iron Age Village, Jarlshof Prehistoric and Norse Settlement, and the Broch of Mousa. The interactive experience allows virtual readers to wander around the monuments' inner workings, using staircases and corridors, as though they were on site. It also includes links to information, interviews, historic photographs and even worksheets for schools' use.

22/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Community Council Meetings:** The Clerk suggested holding a 'face to face' meeting soon to enable the members and the new SIC Councillors to introduce themselves. This was agreed. Mrs Mitchell will report back when would be most suitable.
- 2) Electric Fence around Boddam:** Mr Harrop reported that he had been approached by some parents who have concerns regarding the close proximity of an electric fence to the road around Boddam with children walking / cycling to school. The Headteacher had reported that she would be contacting SIC Roads regarding the matter.
- 3) Private Signs, Boddam:** Mr Harrop reported that the disputed signs notifying the public of private land etc around the foreshore at Boddam have now been in place for approximately 10 months, with no change. It had previously been reported that the matter was in the hands of SIC Legal Services. Mr Harrop believed Suzanne Shearer, SIC Development Services, was aware of the situation and it was therefore agreed to contact her for an update and some clarity on the matter.

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22/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

- 4) **Grutness:** Mr Harrop had been informed that a member of SIC Roads and a South Mainland Councillor had recently visited Grutness and removed some wooden stakes from the road verge which had been placed there by a resident in an attempt to protect their private property from traffic negotiating the tight bend up to the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse. The property owners had then received a letter from the SIC advising what had been done. None of the members knew what the regulations are with regard to placing items on a road verge so it was agreed, out of a matter of interest, to contact SIC Roads for clarity on this matter and to enquire what course of action the SIC takes if items are placed too near a road.

22/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2022.**