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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Public Hall on Monday 24th October 2022.

PRESENT

Hugh Harrop (Chair) Helen Moncrieff Aileen Brown Ana Arnett (SIC)
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)

APOLOGIES

Fiona Mitchell (Chair) Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)

ABSENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

22/54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbie McGregor declared an interest in any planning matters.

22/55 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 26th September 2022 could not be adopted as the meeting was not quorate.

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22/56 POLICE REPORT

A Police Report for the months of August & September 2022 had been received as follows:

There have been 6 incidents recorded for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

- *Assault*
- *Drugs – Attempt to Posses*
- *Fraud (2)*
- *Sudden Death*
- *Ignoring Traffic Directions*

22/57 MATTERS ARISING

- 1) Road Matters:** There was nothing new to report.
- 2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** It was agreed to postpone the siting of the bench until the Spring.
- 3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** Concerns were raised that it appeared that the proprietors and staff at Mainland's Mini Market are under the impression that the Defibrillator sited at the shop is the responsibility of the Community Council. This is not the case, and it was therefore agreed to write and clarify this point. With regard to replacing the faulty Defib cabinet at Mainland's, Ana Arnett had suggested a possible source of funding was Shetland Community Benefit Fund. However, she also suggested that either the Boddam Hall or the Playing Fields / Gym might be interested in taking over the Defib and having it repositioned at their premisses. Ana offered to have discussions with both groups and report back to the Community Council.
- 4) Glass Recycling Bins at Dunrossness Industrial Estate:** The arrival of the 2 additional recycling bins appears to have eliminated the previous issue with lack of capacity and there have been no further reports of broken glass in the area. This was greatly appreciated.

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22/57 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

- 5) Boddam Signs:** Liam Drosso, SIC Outdoor Access Officer, had emailed a further update on this matter. Mr Drosso reported as follows:

"I hope to go and have another attempt at taking the signs down at Boddam as soon as possible. I have contacted our legal team to see if they have had any further response from the landowner or her solicitor and to check that nothing further has developed recently. When I was last in Boddam to take the signs down we offered the landowner help in managing access to her land with appropriate signs and infrastructure and will continue to do this in the hope that we can resolve the issue in a proper manner that benefits all parties involved".

Hugh suggested that a further update be sought enquiring why this matter had now been ongoing for 14 months without resolution. The Clerk reported that she had copied in 3 members of the SIC Legal department in her last email seeking an update but had received no response from them. She will chase an update from these. Cllr McGregor will also approach Jan Riise, SIC Legal Services regarding the matter.

- 6) Anderson High School Transport:** Michael Craigie, ZetTrans, had emailed an update on the AHS transport issues and reported as follows:

"We have worked out a solution to provide significantly more seating capacity on the service 6A which has been the main area for complaints over the last couple of months. We are proposing to replace the current vehicle on that service with a 70 seat accessible coach which will ensure passengers will be able to get a seat on the journey to the AHS in the morning and back again in the afternoon, bearing in mind the service 6 is also available for travel to Lerwick. We have begun discussions with the operator on the timeframe and cost of securing such a vehicle but as of yet, I don't have details. I hope to have this nailed down on Monday or Tuesday next week. This variation to the contract will cost more and, again, I hope to have detail on this on Monday or Tuesday. Having said that, this will be the most efficient and cost effective solution to the current problem. The additional funding required will be the subject of a report from the Director of Children and Families and will be presented to the Education and Families Committee on 8 November. Once that budget is approved, we can conclude the necessary contractual details and the operator can commit to securing a replacement vehicle. Once I have a better understanding of likely timescales I will provide and update which will likely be around the middle of the coming week".

This news was very much welcomed and Cllr McGregor praised Hugh's efforts for getting this matter resolved independently.

22/58 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. **Da Voar Redd Up:** Details had been received from Shetland Amenity Trust of groups / individuals who had taken part in the 2022 Voar Redd Up. A total of ten had completed the survey confirming they had participated and of these, four had indicated they would appreciate receiving a donation from the Community Council. Providing contact details have been provided, the Clerk will confirm donation details ie individuals must nominate a group to receive the donation etc.
2. **Seumas MacKay: To assist with the costs of participating in the 2023 NatWest Island Games** – The grant application was discussed, but as the meeting was not quorate, no decisions could be taken. Hugh suggested asking the applicant for clarification on whether he also applied to other potential funding sources. This was agreed. It was noted that, as the applicant is currently a student in Glasgow, he is not eligible for a Shetland Athlete Travel Award grant. Cllr McGregor found this unbelievable, but the members thought the criteria was possibly set by Sportscotland who fund the scheme.

22/59 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

There was nothing to report

22/60 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There was nothing to report

22/61 FAIR ISLE

Bird Observatory: The members were pleased to note that the first of the modules for the new Bird Observatory have now arrived in Fair Isle.

22/62 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Shetland Citizens Advice Bureau:** Karen Eunson had confirmed that Shetland CAB had received confirmation that they have been successful in their application for funding through Coastal Communities for a Community Based Energy & Benefits Adviser. The funding starts in January 2023 and runs for 3 years. CAB will be looking to work with community groups and to work in partnership with the local authority and NHS Shetland.

22/62 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 2) Anti-Social Behaviour:** An email had been received from Billy Mycock, SIC ASB Coordinator, regarding the possibility of attending a Community Council meeting in the future. A new ASB Strategy has recently been approved. Mr Mycock states that this is a 'living document', and as such, can be amended when needed to adapt to the changing nature of ASB and services working in this field. The members were grateful that ASB is rarely an issue in Dunrossness and noted Mr Mycock's email for future consideration.
- 3) SHARE:** The Scottish Health Research Register & Biobank (SHARE) is a register of people who are happy to be sent information about health research projects (studies). Additional individuals are being sought to sign up to SHARE. Further details can be found at: www.registerforshare.org or telephone 01382 383 471 or email enquiries@registerforshare.org

22/63 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Community Council Elections:** The Clerk was pleased to report that so far 7 nominations had been received in the elections to join the Community Council, with the closing date extended by a few days due to the email and telephone issues experienced throughout Shetland the previous week. This leaves 5 vacancies which the Community Council will have the option to fill through co-option in due course.
- 2) Upcoming Community Council Meetings:** It was agreed that the next meeting of Dunrossness Community Council, which will be the last of the present Community Council, will be held on Monday 21st November 2022 via Zoom. Existing Community Council members continue in post until midnight on 23rd November 2022. The first meeting of the new Community Council will be a hybrid meeting held on 12th December 2022. The Clerk will confirm with the new headteacher of Dunrossness Primary School that it is acceptable for the Community Council to resume meeting in the school.
- 3) Shetland Community Benefit Fund:** Aileen noted that Shetland Wide applications to the SCBF have to apply to all Community Councils and reported that some Community Councils have taken the decision to close their fund to such applications. Aileen wondered what Dunrossness Community Council's opinion was. The members present felt that the fund should be left open to such applications as each would still be considered on its individual merits, however, this could not be considered as the decision of Dunrossness Community Council as the meeting was not quorate.

22/63 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

- 4) Remembrance Day:** Aileen reported that there will be a short Remembrance Day service at the Dunrossness Church Yard War Memorials at 10:50 on 11 November 2022.
- 5) Development Group Event:** Ana Arnett reported that a Development Group Event was being held at Bigton this weekend with key speakers from the mainland and various groups attending. The event is being held between the Bigton Hall and the Hymhus building.
- 6) Citizens Advice Bureau Benefit Checker:** Ana Arnett reported that SIC Community Work staff can now assist individuals with completing the CAB 'Benefit Checker' form. CAB will then check which benefits are available to the individual. Ana also reported that online training on how to help with money worries is now available to all community groups. Please contact either Ana or SIC Community Work for further details.
- 7) Grutness Waiting Room:** Fiona Mitchell had requested an update, via email, on the situation regarding the Waiting Room at Grutness. The previous facility was replaced (approximately nine months ago) with a temporary waiting room with a view to replacement / upgrade of both the waiting room and the toilets. Cllr McGregor considered that, in his opinion, it was unlikely that these upgrades would take place until it became clear what further developments were required to accommodate a new ferry, but he would make enquiries and report back.

22/64 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022.**