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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 26th September 2022.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)	Gordon Waddell	John Robertson	Helen Moncrieff
Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)		Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)	
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)			

APOLOGIES

Hugh Harrop (Vice Chair)	Allen Sinclair	Aileen Brown
Ana Arnett (SIC)	Michael Duncan (SIC)	

ABSENT

Sharon Waddell	Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

22/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbie McGregor declared an interest in any planning matters.

22/44 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 29th August 2022 was adopted on the motion of Helen Moncrieff

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22/45 POLICE REPORT

No Police Report was due.

22/46 MATTERS ARISING

- 1) Road Matters:** There was nothing new to report.
- 2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will contact Alan Adamson for an update.
- 3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** Fiona suggested asking Ana Arnett if she was aware of any possible funding sources the Community Council could apply to to cover the cost of replacing the faulty cabinet for this defibrillator. This was agreed. Helen also suggested that another possible option was to have a donations tin at Mainlands.
- 4) Glass Recycling Bins at Dunrossness Industrial Estate:** The members were pleased with the two new additional recycling bins which had recently been placed at the site.
- 5) Boddam Signs:** Liam Drosso, SIC Outdoor Access Officer, had emailed an update on this matter. He stated that he and a colleague had recently attended site with the intention to remove the "No Public Access" signs but had been met with confrontation and the threat that they would be physically stopped if they continued with the job so had thought it best to leave before the situation escalated. Mr Drosso is aware this has been an ongoing issue and hopes to be able to resolve the matter as soon as possible. As soon as he has further updates, he will be back in touch with the Community Council. Cllr Alex Armitage stated it was concerning that not much movement was being seen on this matter from the SIC. Fiona felt that the Community Council was being placed in a difficult position as it is obviously a legal matter but that SIC Legal Service don't appear to be updating either the Community Council or local Councillors. It was agreed however, that it was reasonable for the Community Council to request a further update from SIC Legal Services. Alex suggested that an email be sent to SIC Legal Services copying in Jan Riise, Liam Drosso and the local south mainland councillors. This was agreed.

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22/46 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

- 6) Anderson High School Transport:** Cllr Alex Armitage reported that there continues to be children having to stand during their bus journey between Sandwick and the AHS. The number of passengers on this service, combined with the current road works at the Black Gaet junction, means the buses are being delayed and children are therefore late arriving for school which is disrupting their education. Michael Craigie, ZetTrans, is sticking with his original stance that no regulations are being broken as it is permitted to have standing passengers on buses and the SIC is therefore meeting its legal requirements. There is a need for better data collection to give an accurate report on the number of passengers involved. Alex also noted that there could potentially be more children being enrolled at the AHS as some parents are still considering moving their children from Sandwick JHS and with the rising cost of living, more people may be considering using public transport. Alex is scheduled to have a meeting with Michael Craigie and Cllr Robbie McGregor reported that the matter is on the agenda for the pre meeting of ZetTrans. Alex will pass any relevant information from his meeting with Michael to Robbie prior to the ZetTrans meeting. Robbie stated that he is a little concerned this matter may get caught between the Transport and Education Departments and agreed that it is not acceptable for children to have to stand on public transport. John declared an interest, due to a family member using the service, but noted that standing passengers being permitted on buses may be ok in urban areas but he did not think it was appropriate in Shetland where the buses are travelling at 50mph for the majority of the journey and often in inclement weather conditions. Bryan reported that this matter is also being raised with the Education Committee. Fiona suggested the Community Council email ZetTrans and reiterate their concerns prior to the upcoming meeting. This was agreed.

22/47 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

22/48 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1) Driving Simulator:** Cllr Robbie McGregor reported that the local police force currently have an excellent 'toy' at their disposal in the form of a driving simulator. The project is aimed at drivers over 65 who are interested in checking their driving skills are up to standard. Once a venue has been sorted, there will be a press release giving details how anyone who is interested can sign up.

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22/48 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)

- 2) **Association of Shetland Community Councils:** Cllr Bryan Peterson and Helen Moncrieff had attended the meeting on 20th September and reported among items which were discussed at the meeting were the Community Council Scheme Review, Local Place Planning, vehicles blocking passing places and Northlink's response to the current lack of accommodation and freight capacity on their boats.

22/49 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllrs Bryan Peterson reported as follows:

- 1) **Shetland Community Benefit Fund:** SCBF are holding a consultation as they 'gear up' for having additional funding for distribution as the Windfarm project progresses.

22/50 FAIR ISLE

Fiona Mitchell reported as follows:

- 1) **Bird Observatory:** Fiona reported that the modules are currently in Kirkwall waiting for a suitable weather window for the barges to transport them to Fair Isle. This should have taken place earlier in the summer but has been delayed for various reasons.

22/51 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Association of Community Councils:** The ASCC meeting scheduled for 13th September had been postponed as a mark of respect to the late Queen and was rescheduled for 20th September. An SIC report outlining options with regards to the timing of the Community Council elections/scheme review had been discussed at the meeting. Michael Duncan had now asked that Community Councils forward their opinions on the 3 options given and any other comments/options they may wish to put forward. The members agreed that they did not collectively favour any of the options given particularly but did agree that the elections should go ahead this year as originally planned. Fiona had proposed a separate option and it was agreed that the Clerk would also forward this to Michael along with the Community Councils response. The SIC report will be considered at a meeting of SIC on Wednesday 28th September.

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22/51 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 2) **Scottish Government Planning Legislation:** Two items of new planning legislation comes into force on 1 October 2022. Details can be found at legislation.gov.uk
- 3) **Government approach to Anti-Social Behaviour:** The Scottish Government's Community Safety Team are working together with Scottish Community Safety Network on a new ASB project entitled 'Is there another way to approach ASB?'. The Community Council was invited to take part in the consultation process. This was noted.
- 4) **Macular Society Shetland Support Group:** The Shetland Support Group's prime aim is to support patients who suffer from some form of Age-related Macular Degeneration and a close second aim is to inform as many islanders as possible of the problem itself. To this end, they give talks & presentations both in person and via Zoom and invite any interested Community Council's to get in touch with Claire Hurst on 01595 810691 or cmh.amdgroup@mail.com if they are interested. This was noted.

22/52 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) **Community Council Email Address:** It was agreed to investigate changing the Community Council's email provider. The Clerk will investigate options.

Cllr Robbie McGregor left the meeting at 8:00 pm

22/53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) **To change use of a section of front garden ground to incorporate the erection of two shepherd's huts with associated works, Greentaft, Dunrossness by Miss Vicki Leslie** - There were no objections.
- 2) **Proposed replacement roof/extension, replacement roof coverings, installation of PV panels & internal alterations, Bigton Public Hall, Bigton by Mrs Mary Andreas** – Cllr Alex Armitage declared and interest as a member of the hall committee. There were no objections.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Chair

MINUTE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2022.**

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