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Minute of ZOOM Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 29th August 2022.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)	Aileen Brown	John Robertson
Helen Moncrieff	Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)	Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)
Ana Arnett (SIC)		

APOLOGIES

Hugh Harrop (Vice Chair)	Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)
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ABSENT

Allen Sinclair	Gordon Waddell	Sharon Waddell
Michael Duncan (SIC)	Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

22/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22/33 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 27th June 2022 was adopted on the motion of John Robertson.

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th April 2022 was adopted on the motion of Aileen Brown and the Minute of the meeting held on 30th May was adopted on the motion of Fiona Mitchell.

22/34 POLICE REPORT

A Police Report for the months of June & July 2022 had been received and reported as follows:

There have been 12 incidents recorded for Dunrossness, which can be summarised as follows:

- *Concern for Person (3)*
- *Fraud*
- *Threatening or Abusive Behaviour*
- *Dangerous Driving*
- *Fixed Penalty – No Car Insurance*
- *Careless Driving (airport red light)*
- *Domestic Incident*
- *Sudden Death*
- *Firearms Seizure*
- *Threatening Communication*

22/35 MATTERS ARISING

- 1) Road Matters:** There was nothing new to report.
- 2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report.
- 3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** The Clerk reported that the Bigton Shop had secured a new weatherproof box for their defibrillator through Lucky2Be Here and had set up a Crowd Funding page to cover the costs. Cllr Bryan Peterson enquired if there was a register of local defibrillators and who was responsible for the upkeep of the units to which the members replied yes there is a register and often the owners of the premises where they are situated take on financial responsibility, but this was not obviously always the case. Bryan reported that the costs of the upkeep of the units had been a topic of recent discussion at Sandwich Community Council and he offered to ask around the area to see how these costs were met.
- 4) Glass Recycling Bins at Dunrossness Industrial Estate:** The Clerk reported that she had recently written to SIC Cleansing regarding the fact the bins were full again and numerous bags of empty bottles etc were being left on the ground by the bins. She had enquired if it would be possible to have an extra bottle bank provided at the site, while maintaining the existing emptying schedule. A reply had been received stating that emptying was behind schedule due to staff shortages and vehicle breakdowns but it was hoped to have them emptied soon and that any glass on the ground would be cleaned up. In the meantime, it was noted that two additional recycling bins had arrived at the site, which had been welcomed.

22/35 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

- 5) Boddam Signs:** The Clerk had emailed SIC Legal Services again for an update. An apology for not acknowledging/replying sooner to the Clerk's original email in June had been received. The reply also provided assurances that the matter was in hand and that the Council was hoping to resolve the issue shortly. Any further appropriate updates will be passed to the Community Council. Cllr Alex Armitage had called Legal Services earlier in the day and the member of staff dealing with the matter was to return his call but hadn't still done so. Alex had been informed previously that things were progressing but, as it was a legal matter, further information could not be provided at this stage.
- 6) Anderson High School Transport:** A reply to the Community Council's email ref the lack of available seating for all passengers travelling on the buses which serve the AHS had been received from Elaine Park, SIC Transport Planning. The email reads as follows:

In June, a report went before ZetTrans and it was agreed that the pilot of the Service 6A bus be made permanent. This has happened and there are currently two service buses which take the entitled S5 and S6 pupils who live south of Sandwick and public passengers to and from Lerwick in line with the AHS school day. (There is also a third in the mornings but this bus does not go to the AHS)

Calculations used to estimate the numbers of passengers have been noted as an underestimate since the beginning of the new term, however the vehicles remain within their legal carrying capacities (which are made up of both seating and standing capacities).

Cllr Alex Armitage reported that the matter had been raised with the SIC multiple times by various people but the SIC continue to maintain the service is within its legal limits. Alex had also followed the situation up with some bus drivers who had reported that they get often 'get the flack' for the lack of available seating. Alex acknowledged that the situation may be legal but he for one was not happy with it and neither are the service users. He suggested that a possible solution might be the reinstatement of a dedicated school bus but obviously that would depend on budget constraints etc. He also noted that another point worthy of consideration is the fact 'climate change' encourages bus usage, something which this situation does not encourage potential users to do. Alex reported that Elaine Park, SIC, had stated she was happy to meet with Councillors to discuss the matter and, as a Councillor for the area and Chair of Environment & Transport, he was happy to organise a meeting. This was agreed. It was also agreed, as suggested by Fiona, that the Clerk reply to Elaine Park's email acknowledging receipt of her response to the Community Council's email and noting that our local Councillors will be in contact to arrange a meeting.

22/36 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) South Mainland Community Association – To provide and maintain the Sports field, Pavilion & Changing Rooms at Boddam:** This application had been discussed at the Community Council's previous meeting but no final financial decision could be taken at that time as the meeting had not been quorate. Therefore, it was now agreed, as proposed by Aileen and seconded by Helen, to award the requested sum of £625.
- 2) CDF Project Funding:** The Clerk reported that the Community Council's application for £1000 of CDF Project Funding from the SIC to be used to repair the access road to the Scousburgh Sand had been successful. The Clerk will now make an application to the SCBF for the remaining funds necessary to carry out the project.

22/37 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1) Levenwick Medical Practice Patient Participation Group:** Helen reported that the recent upgrades to the open space around the surgery (seating, planting etc) had now spread to the Overtonlea site. The group responsible has now taken on the title of Levenwick Growers Group.

22/38 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllrs Bryan Peterson and Alex Armitage reported as follows:

- 1) Black Gaet:** The SIC have started to remodel the Black Gaet Junction following months of monitoring.
- 2) Toab Post Office:** Not aware of any long-term solution yet to the recent closing of the premises which housed the Toab Post Office

Ann Arnett, SIC, joined the meeting at 1930

- 3) Sandwich Junior High School:** Bryan had visited the school on exam result day and reported that results were above average. Some success is also being had with recruitment to fill teacher vacancies and he had noted a level of buoyancy, confidence and positivity.
- 4) Fair Isle Roads:** Alex had visited Fair Isle recently and had noted the poor condition of the roads, particularly outside the Hall. He had taken photos and would be discussing the matter with the Roads Dept.

22/39 FAIR ISLE

Fiona Mitchell reported as follows:

- 1) **Bird Observatory:** The ground works for the new Bird Observatory are complete and the arrival of the Pods are now awaited, although she understood they are delayed.
- 2) **Development Worker:** Discussions between the Fair Isle Community, HIE and National Trust for Scotland regarding the appointment of a Development Worker for the Isle are progressing.

22/40 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Association of Community Councils:** The next scheduled meeting of the ASCC is on Tuesday 13th September. Helen agreed to attend on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council. She will notify Michael Duncan, SIC and make arrangements to participate via Microsoft Teams
- 2) **Poppyscotland:** Poppyscotland are currently touring its interactive micro museum and will be visiting Shetland at the beginning of September. Interested Community Council members and groups are invited to pop along and visit them at the Shetland Museum between Friday 2nd September and Sunday 4th September.
- 3) **Love to Ride Shetland:** A project with Shetland Islands Council entitled Love to Ride Shetland has been launched recently. The project is an online, community cycling platform open to anyone living or working on the Islands. The project encourages cycling for everyone and would like to get as many people as possible involved in their upcoming campaign – Cycle September. Cycle September is a workplace challenge, with local leaderboards and prizes for participants. Further information can be found at www.lovetoride.net/shetland
- 4) **Energy Development Principles:** SIC approved the draft “Energy Development Principles” in January 2022, and has been promoting them to existing and potential developers since then. They have also discussed them with the UK and Scottish Government and their agencies such as HIE and with local partners like the Shetland Fisherman's Association and the Shetland Community Benefit Fund. The SIC is now looking to round off consultation so any further comments on the draft can be reported back to Council. Views from members of the Shetland Partnership and Community Councils are being sought. The target for feedback is the 19th of September so any comments would be appreciated for then.

22/41 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Toab Shop:** Helen Moncrieff raised the matter of the recent closure of the Toab Shop and Post Office and wondered if there was anything that could be done to reverse this disappointing event and reinstate an important local facility. It was noted that the Toab Shop is a privately owned business and no one was aware of it being available for sale. Cllr Alex Armitage enquired if Helen thought there was an appetite for a community buyout, to which Helen replied probably not as the area is a dispersed community. Fiona also noted that it is sometimes difficult to sustain the volunteering aspect of such ventures. The Bigton Shop was noted as a very successful example of a community buyout venture but Ana Arnett pointed out that their premises are owned by the SIC and a peppercorn rent is paid so to buy premises for such a venture in Toab might be a challenge. Alex pointed out that the Scottish Land Fund supports community buyout projects.
- 2) South Mainland Community Councils:** Cllr Bryan Peterson reported that Gulberwick, Quarff & Cunningsburgh and Sandwick Community Council had expressed an interest in all 3 of the South Mainland Community Councils having a collective 'get together' although no dates etc had been suggested at this stage. The members agreed this sounded like an interesting proposal.
- 3) Community Council Meetings:** It was agreed that the next Community Council meeting will be via Zoom and the October meeting in person.

22/42 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration

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 SEPTEMBER 2022.**