

<b>DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>
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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 via Zoom.

**PRESENT**

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)      Dawna Phillips      Vicky Tylsar      Agnes Tallack  
Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)      Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)

**APOLOGIES**

Aileen Brown      Irvine Burgess      Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)  
Ana Arnett (SIC)      Michael Duncan (SIC)

**ABSENT**

Allen Sinclair      Helen Moncrieff      Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

**23/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**23/12 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was adopted on the motion of Agnes

**23/13 POLICE REPORT**

No Police Report was due this month.

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## **23/14 MATTERS ARISING**

### **1) Road Matters:**

- a) Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light:** Irvine had reported that the light still doesn't appear to be working although it was noted that there is little requirement for it at this time of year. However, the Clerk will request and update from SIC in the hope that the light can be operational for the winter months.

### **2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report.

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

## **23/15 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 1) Community Development Fund Grant:** The Clerk reported that the application for the maximum £3000 Community Development Fund grant had been successful.

- 2) Ability Shetland – To provide sensory kits for use by autistic children and adults visiting specific locations ie halls, shops, airport etc in the South Mainland:** The application was discussed and it was agreed that the idea in principle is a good one, however, the members had some questions ie how long are these kits expected to last and will each venue take responsibility for the kit. The Clerk will put these questions to the applicant.

- 3) Bigton Collective – To purchase Portable Appliance Testing equipment to improve current second-hand shop services:** Follow discussions, it was unanimously agreed to award a grant of 90% of the £429.21 cost of the project.

## **23/16 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- 1) Scottish Sentencing Council:** The Improvement Service and the Scottish Sentencing Council hosted a free online webinar for community councillors on Wednesday 22nd March which Vicky had attended. Scottish Sentencing Council staff had given a talk on how sentences in criminal cases are decided by judges in our courts, the guidance in place to help judges make these challenging decisions and what particular factors are taken into account when sentencing young people. Vicky reported that part ref sentencing of young people had been particularly interesting and highly recommended this webinar if it was run again.

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## **23/17 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr Bryan Peterson provided the below report:

- 1) **Sandwick JHS** – It was reported at the recent Education & Families Committee meeting that progress is being made in the right direction and that everything is positive. The inspectors will not be revisiting the school as they now consider everything to be in place to reach the required level. Cllr Peterson believes a separate report is being compiled regarding how SJHS came to be in the position it did and how the SIC Education Department can prevent this happening to a Shetland school again. With regard to pupil placement, there is some evidence that parents who had previously requested a place for their child at the AHS have changed their minds since the publication of the latest inspector's report. Agnes enquired, if pupil numbers for the upcoming academic year are too low, will this have an impact on teacher numbers? Vicky reported that schools have to confirm their final pupil numbers at the end of August for funding and that the new timetable for year 2023/24 had come into effect today.
- 2) **Swimming Lessons** – There had been a slightly heated debate in the Council Chambers regarding the consultation on the provision of swimming lessons through the schools. The recommendations from SIC officers was to cease free lessons for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students as it is found that they are often less interested due to their age, they are more self-conscious about getting changed together and abilities vary with some at competition level by this stage. It was recommended that the focus should be on Primaries 5, 6 & 7 and, in particular, those who haven't yet met a 'competent' level.

## **23/18 FAIR ISLE**

Fiona reported as follows:

- 1) **Bird Observatory:** The workmen and cranes are back on the Isle and it is hoped to have a delivery of Pods within the next 3 weeks. Unfortunately, the attempted delivery today had had to turn back due to weather conditions.

## **23/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) **Shetland Amenity Trust - Help Shape the Future of the Past:** The Clerk reported that the Engagement Team considered their session with the Community Council could be condensed to 20-30 minutes and it was therefore agreed to invite them to attend the next Community Council meeting.

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## **23/19 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

- 2) **“Who Stands for the Council – Shetland Islands Council”:** As part of the work the Council has been doing over the past few years to encourage more candidates to stand for election, two “high calibre” speakers will be in Shetland on 19<sup>th</sup> June. An event is being held in the evening for community council reps, some business reps and MSYPs. This was noted.

## **23/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for consideration.

## **23/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

- 1) **Shetland Islands Council – Pier Extension & Rock Armour Protection – Grutness Pier:** A Marine Licence has been requested to undertake pier extension & rock armour protection at a location below the level of Mean High Water Springs. Responses to the consultation were required by 25 May 2023. Agnes reported that, although she had read all the documentation available to her, she could see no mention of what time of day it was proposed these works would be carried out. She had concerns that the plan would be to carry out the works during the night as had been the case with the airport runway extension which had caused significant disturbance to the nearest residents. Cllr Peterson suggested that Cllr McGregor, as Chair of SIC Planning, might be the best person to answer that question. Fiona volunteered to contact Cllr McGregor.
- 2) **Community Resilience – Emergency Plan Templates & Examples:** Further to discussions which took place at the ASCC meeting in March regarding community resilience following the power outage in December and snowy conditions, Michael Duncan, SIC, had forwarded range of template and example emergency plans for information. Organisations with Emergency Plans can apply to the SSEN Resilient Communities Funding for financial assistance and the next bidding round is expected to open sometime in the next month or two. The members agreed that an Emergency Plan is a brilliant idea in principle, but also a major undertaking long term when it comes to possibly housing and maintain any equipment and needs co-ordination across the board. Cllr Peterson stated that he believed the SIC are reviewing their current Emergency Plan following last winters snow and power cuts.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**