

DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Zoom Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 28th August 2023.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)	Aileen Brown	Irvine Burgess	Agnes Tallack
Vicky Tylsar	Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)	Ana Arnett (SIC)	

APOLOGIES

Dawna Phillips	Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)	Michael Duncan (SIC)
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ABSENT

Allen Sinclair	Helen Moncrieff	Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)
Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)	Rev Frances Henderson
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23/34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23/35 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 26th June 2023 was adopted on the motion of Aileen.

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23/36 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for the months of June and July 2023 had been received and reported as follows:

There have been 7 incidents for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

- Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury
- Other Road Traffic Offence
- Theft
- Concern for Person
- Dog Bite (2)
- Drugs – Attempt to Possess

23/37 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

a) Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light: Nothing new to report.

b) White Line Road Markings: The Clerk had emailed SIC Roads regarding the poor condition of the road markings above Levenwick. Neil Robertson had replied that this section of road is on the list for attention but, due to poor weather conditions, it had not been possible to re-do the lines as planned. The road lining contractors are due up again later in the year and it is hoped to get this section re-done then.

2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: The Clerk reported that she had tried contacting AA Fencing again about scheduling when the concrete plinth could be installed but had not received a reply to date. Hugh Harrop has also asked if the bench (which has been stored in his shed since its purchase) could be moved soon as he requires the space. The Clerk will collect the bench.

3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator: There was nothing new to report. It was agreed to ask the Boddam Hall to discuss how they wish to proceed at their next meeting.

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23/38 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) Dunrossness Early Years - To provide waterproof clothing, topsoil, raised beds and seeds and rubber safety surfacing for the playground:** Following discussions, it was agreed that surely the rubber safety surfacing for the playground, at a cost of £2000, should be something that the Education Dept was responsible for. Cllr McGregor offered to write to the Education Dept regarding this. Vicky proposed that a grant of £1900 be offered towards the clothing and garden items. This was unanimously agreed.
- 2) Dunrossness Community Council Accounts:** The annual accounts had been prepared by Voluntary Action Shetland and were unanimously approved.

23/39 CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SALE – BOY’S & GIRL’S BRIGADE FUNDS

Rev Frances (Fran) Henderson was welcomed to the meeting. She reported that with the Dunrossness Church of Scotland building having been put on the market recently, artefacts have been being distributed to new suitable homes and the final service had been held on the 27th. However, she had asked to attend this meeting of the Community Council as there is a sum of £6000 currently under the umbrella of the Church of Scotland which was raised locally for the Dunrossness Boys and Girls Brigades. With neither of these groups now in existence in Shetland, the Church would like to see this money put to suitable use and is therefore asking what the local community would like to see done with it, bearing in mind it is classed as a restricted fund and therefore there are restrictions as to how it can be used. Fran suggested that it should be used in the same spirit it was raised ie youth activities, children’s clubs, Christian youth activities etc. During discussions, Agnes asked how it would work if the Community Council took over the fund. The Clerk replied that the fund would need to be ring-fenced and kept completely separate from the Community Council’s other business. Fiona asked if there was a timescale for concluding this matter and Fran replied, no, but it would be preferable if it could be concluded within 6 months. Fran will check the legal side of the options for the fund and report back to the Community Council.

Fran left the meeting at 8pm

23/40 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

There was nothing to report.

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23/41 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Robbie McGregor provided the below report:

- 1) South Mainland Bus Service:** A member of the public had raised concerns with the SIC (Community Council and South Mainland Councillors copied into email) regarding the fact that pupils attending the Anderson High School have once again been forced to stand during their bus journey to school due to a lack of seating. This had been a long running issue last school year on the Service 6A but had been resolved with the introduction of a larger coach. The latest issue affects the Service 6. Cllr McGregor reported that he is in correspondence with the SIC regarding this matter and hopes to have it resolved very soon. He also understood that SIC officials have been in direct contact with the member of the public concerned.

23/42 FAIR ISLE

- 1) BT Dishes:** Fiona reported that BT had recently met with the Fair Isle Community with regard to the current condition of the BT Dishes. The dishes are in such poor condition that it is necessary for them to be taken down before they fall down and BT are working on how to maintain services during this period.
- 2) Bird Observatory:** The construction of the new Bird Observatory is progressing with roof works currently being undertaken.
- 3) Nurse:** The current Nurse leaves her post in Fair Isle next week. The post has been advertised, although Fiona was unclear on what NHS Shetlands plans are for providing relief cover in the interim.
- 4) Grave Digging Training:** As the Fair Isle community currently provide grave digging services for SIC Burial Services, the SIC would like participants to undertake a 2 day course in September to ensure that industry standards and health and safety obligations are being met. Fiona enquired if this was mandatory as it may be difficult for both grave diggers to be absent from Fair Isle at the same time. Cllr McGregor offered to discuss Fair Isle's concerns with the Burial Service.

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23/43 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Anchor for Families:** Anchor for Families is a “low level support service” looking to engage with families which are struggling with rising living costs, health concerns, isolation etc. Sean Harnett, Support Worker, can be reached at sean.harnett@shetland.gov.uk, 01595 745104 or 07385012171. The service is based at Hayfield House but has use of a room at Sandwick JHS every Monday from 0930 to 1130 for face to face meetings. Further information can be found on the SIC webpage.
- 2) Festive Ferry & Winter Ferry Timetables:** This has been passed to Fiona. Elaine Park, SIC Transport Planning Service, states that, as there has been no recorded feedback that is specific only to the winter timetable, this will follow the same pattern as last year and will be made available for bookings shortly.

23/44 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

23/45 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2023**