

<b>DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>
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Minute of Zoom Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**PRESENT**

Aileen (Chair)	Irvine Burgess	Agnes Tallack	Dawna Phillips
Vicky Tylsar	Helen Moncrieff	Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)	
Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)			

**APOLOGIES**

Fiona Mitchell      Allen Sinclair

**ABSENT**

Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)	Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)	Ana Arnett (SIC)
Michael Duncan (SIC)		

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)	Police Sergeant Alan Patrick	1 member of the public
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**23/46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**23/47 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 was adopted on the motion of Dawna.

**23/48 POLICE REPORT**

Sergeant Alan Patrick attended the meeting and reported that there had been no incidents recorded for the Dunrossness area over the last month other than a couple of reports of speeding. Day shift officers carry out speed gun checks when other commitments permit. Sergeant Patrick also reported that fraud is a subject he is very concerned by and stressed how important it is to get the message out that people should never give out their bank details to telephone callers. Two members of the CC had experience of having a 'call blocker' installed on elderly relative's telephone lines. Sergeant Patrick agreed this was a great way of preventing fraud via telephone calls. These call blockers are available through Trading Standards. Vicky enquired if there was any up-to-date information regarding fraud ie poster etc, available which the Community Council could upload to their Facebook page. Sergeant Patrick will follow this up.

**Sergeant Patrick left the meeting at 7:25 pm**

**23/49 MATTERS ARISING****1) Road Matters:**

**a) Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light:** Nothing new to report. The members will try and take note if the light is now working.

**b) White Line Road Markings:** Cllr Robbie McGregor will check when the road markings above Levenwick are likely to be re-done.

**2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** The Clerk reported that she now has possession of the bench but had failed so far to make contact with AA Fencing regarding the installation of the plinth.

**3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** Dawna confirmed that the Boddam Hall committee are still happy to take over responsibility for the Defibrillator, but she thought they had no preference with regard to where it was sited. The Clerk will pass on Lizzie from Lucky2Bhere's contact details to Dawna to enable the Hall to discuss necessary details in relation to the defibrillator and to take the matter forward to conclusion.

Cllr McGregor declared an interest and left the meeting at 7:30 pm to allow item 23/56/1 Planning Applications to be discussed.

## **23/50 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 1) Southend Under 5's - To provide a Christmas Party with a small gift for each child, food, crafts etc for the local under 5's:** It was agreed, on the motion of Irvine, seconded by Agnes, to award the requested sum of £450.
- 2) Dunrossness Community Council Accounts:** The annual accounts had been approved by the SIC. The Community Council's Core Funding had been fully allocated, however, the Community Development Fund allocation had been underspent by £613 and therefore this amount must be repaid to the SIC.
- 3) Church of Scotland sale – Boy's & Girl's Brigade Funds:** Following Rev Frances Henderson's attendance at the Community Council's August meeting, she had checked a few points with the Church Solicitor with regard to how the funds currently held by the Church on behalf of the Boy's & Girl's Brigades can be used and emailed the answers. The Solicitor had confirmed that the funds need to be transferred to a charitable body and therefore can't be awarded to individual families. Fran therefore thought that this would prevent a straight gift to the Education authority. The funds do not need to go to a formally set up SCIO (charity) but they should go to a reasonably well established and long standing organisation with charitable purposes. Following further brief discussions, the members agreed unanimously, to offer to take over responsibility of the funds from the Church. The funds will be 'ring fenced' and kept separate from all other Community Council business with further discussions to be held at a later date with reference to how they can be put to best use within the community. The Clerk will email the Church to this effect.

## **23/51 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

There was nothing to report.

## **23/52 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr Bryan Peterson noted that there wasn't much to report this month as the Council was only just getting back to normal after the summer recess with a Full Council meeting scheduled for next week.

**Helen left the meeting at 9:05 pm**

## **23/53 FAIR ISLE**

- 1) **Fair Isle Ferry:** Cllr Bryan Peterson reported that the new Fair Isle Ferry project appears to be progressing fairly well. Agnes reported that she had attended the public meeting held recently regarding the project and had found those hosting the meeting to be very helpful. She was also very pleased to report that working through the night had never been up for consideration.
- 2) **Grave Digging Training:** Cllr Robbie McGregor had followed up Fair Isles concerns regarding the proposed Grave Digging Health & Safety training course and reported that the training will now be carried out in Fair Isle as opposed to on the Mainland

## **23/54 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) **Review of Community Council Scheme Establishment:** A Community Council Chairs meeting to discuss the review of Community Council Scheme Establishment had been held on 29<sup>th</sup> August. Fiona (DCC Chair) had sent her apologies. The review will start with a special meeting of the Council to consider the intention to amend the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils followed by three rounds of public consultation and then a Special Council meeting to consider the report on the outcome of each consultation exercise and agree proposals for the next phase of consultation.

## **23/55 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Public Toilets:** Cllr McGregor had reported earlier via email, that he had been contacted about the 'appalling state of the public toilets in Bigton' and was following this matter up. The members discussed the general inadequacies of public toilets in the Dunrossness area, especially during the tourist season, and it was noted that it only takes a few users to turn toilets from a perfectly acceptable condition into an 'appalling state' as reported to Cllr McGregor.

**A member of the public joined the meeting at 7:30 pm**

## **23/56 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

- 1) 2023/007/PPF - Siting of 2 Accommodation pods and small utility building including associated vehicular access and drainage infrastructure:** A member of the public had attended the meeting to raise their concerns with regard to the above planning application which had received approval in April 2023. The Community Council members were informed that, after the Community Council had been consulted by the SIC Planning Dept, the application had been changed from being for short-term lets to medium to long-term lets with no requirement for a building warrant as Pods are in the same class as caravans and mobile homes. It was noted that the Community Council had not been consulted again after this change to the application which the members felt was unacceptable. The member of the public had concerns that Pods are not of a suitable standard for medium to long-term let and that by approving planning permission the SIC were sending out the wrong signal to any potential developer. It was noted that, although no building warrant is required for these structures, surely they would need to meet the stringent regulations imposed on landlords and their properties. The members wondered if previous planning applications for Pods in the Dunrossness CC area had been granted the same level of planning permission and Irvine offered to check. Following lengthy discussions, it was agreed that the Community Council have concerns that, with regard to this planning application, comments were submitted on the original application and, instead of being consulted again by SIC Planning when changes were made, it took representation by a member of the public to make the Community Council aware.

**The member of the public left the meeting at 8:05 pm**

- 2) Marine Licence application for proposed Ferry Terminal Development, Fair Isle, Shetland by Shetland Islands Council –** There were no objections.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**