

DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 30th October 2023 in Dunrossness Primary School.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair) Irvine Burgess Dawna Phillips Ana Arnett (SIC)

APOLOGIES

Aileen Brown Agnes Tallack Allen Sinclair Vicky Tylsar
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio) Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)
Michael Duncan

ABSENT

Helen Moncrieff Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)
Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio) (SIC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

23/57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23/58 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th September 2023 could not be adopted as the meeting was not quorate.

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23/59 POLICE REPORT

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

There have been 9 incidents recorded for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

- Road Traffic Collision
- Other Road Traffic Offence
- Neighbour Dispute
- Public Nuisance
- Theft
- Concern for Person
- Mental Health
- Sexual Offence
- Sudden Death

23/60 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

a) Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light: Nothing new to report. The Clerk will contact the SIC for an update.

b) White Line Road Markings: Nothing new to report.

2) Proposed Kirk Yard Bench: Nothing new to report.

3) Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator: Dawna reported that she has personally taken on responsibility for the upkeep of this defibrillator and, having discussed the matter with Tommy of Mainland's Mini Market and Lizzy of Lucky2BeHere, it has been agreed it will remain in-situ at the shop. Dawna is now investigating having the faulty cabinet replaced.

23/61 FAIR ISLE FERRY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

A member of the SIC team had been due to attend the Community Council meeting but had been unable to do so at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances.

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23/62 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

23/63 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

There was nothing to report.

23/64 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There was no report available.

23/65 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported as follows:

- 1) **Nurse:** A new nurse has been appointed to the vacant position and is due to take up the post in January.
- 2) **Bird Observatory:** The project is progressing slowly. The rendering has now been done but there is still a lot of work to be completed and the contractors will be 'packing up' for the winter.
- 3) **Fibre Optic:** The installation of fibre optic is progressing at speed.
- 4) **MV Good Shepherd:** The Good Shepherd is currently on refit, with the Snolda available to stand in if necessary. Dedicated flights are being provided for the delivery of food supplies. Two of the three vacant crew positions have already been filled and there has been a lot of interest shown in the third. A property on the Isle is available for any new member of crew moving to Fair Isle.

23/66 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Review of Community Council Scheme Establishment:** The SIC is reviewing the current Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Shetland. The first stage of consultation on the replacement of the current scheme which addresses the 'Plan of Community Councils' Areas and Composition' runs until 12 January 2024 and is open to the public. The second stage of consultation shall address the Scheme itself and the final stage of consultation will be held prior to adoption of any amendments. It was agreed to add the Review as an Agenda item for discussion at the Community Council's next meeting in November.
- 2) St Ninian's Beach Car Park Bench:** A member of the public had contacted the Community Council regarding his wish to place an additional bench beside the existing one in the St Ninians Isle Beach car park in memory of his late wife. The Community Council had no objections, but it was noted that they are unable to take on responsibility for any future maintenance of the bench. It was also suggested that Bigton Farm be consulted.
- 3) Employability Roadshow:** The SIC Employability Pathways team are organising a Roadshow which will visit the 'Boddam' Hall on November 14th. Further details can be found in the media, posters or by calling the SIC.
- 4) Quendale Water Issues:** A member of the public had contacted the Community Council and local councillors on behalf of a number of residents of the Quendale area regarding on-going issues with their water supplies. At the time of writing, it was reported that the water had been off 3 times for sustained periods over the past 6 days due to burst pipes. At the time of this meeting, it was reported that Cllr Duncan had taken up this matter direct with Scottish Water and it now appeared that more long-term repairs to the affected section of infrastructure were being undertaken. This was welcomed by the members.

23/67 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Public Toilets:** Following previous discussions relating to public toilets in the Dunrossness area, Irvine reported that the SIC are carrying out a review of all public toilets, including their suitability for disabled access. With reference to the public toilets at Grutness, it was noted that there is no mention of replacing the current ones on the Fair Isle Ferry Project plans.

23/68 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:** The Clerk reported that she had written to SIC Planning ref the Community Council's concerns regarding the modification of the original planning application after the Community Council had submitted their response and was awaiting a reply. It had been noted at a previous Community Council meeting that a subsequent application had been made with regard to the access road to the above proposed development. The Community Council has not been consulted on this so the Clerk had also requested clarification on this.

- 2) **2023/237/PPF – Demolish existing dwelling and erect new accessible dwellinghouse with attached garage and air source heat pump, St Ninians, Bigton by Miss Ivanna Brown:** The members were not aware of any objections.

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 27TH NOVEMBER 2023**