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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 25th March 2024 in Dunrossness Primary School.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair) Aileen Brown Dawna Phillips Vicky Tylsar
Helen Moncrieff Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)

APOLOGIES

Irvine Burgess Agnes Tallack Michael Duncan
Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio) Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)
Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)

ABSENT

Allen Sinclair Ana Arnett (SIC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

23/105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23/106 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 22nd January 2024 was adopted on the motion of Vicky and the Minute of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 was adopted on the motion of Dawna.

23/107 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report due this month.

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23/108 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

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

b) Sumburgh Airport A970 Standing Water – Although the Community Council hasn't received any updates ref this matter, Alex reported that he thought this had already been raised with SIC Roads but he would check. The Clerk reported that she thought the original area of standing water had been addressed but there was now sometimes another area at the other side of the runway. Dawna also pointed out that there is also still an issue by the Westvoe Beach car park.

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

3) Church of Scotland Brigades Fund – Nothing new to report.

4) Crofthouse Museum Peat Fire: A reply to the Community Council's query regarding whether the Crofthouse would be burning peat in their fire this year had been received from Shetland Amenity Trust. Jacqui Birnie, Cultural Heritage Manager, stated that "last year, due to changes, we were no longer permitted to commercially purchase peat. Due to that change we had to cease burning peat during the latter part of the season. For this next year we are hoping to burn peat again, but we would like to ask the community to help by donating any leftover peat they have from last year's cast. We go through about 100 bags of peat a year." Vicky suggested that the Community Council ask the Amenity Trust to produce a poster which can be posted on the CC Facebook page. This was agreed.

23/109 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1) Uncashed Cheques - The Clerk reported that there had been two Community Councils cheques which had not been cashed and had now expired. She had spoken to both parties and the cheques will be reissued.

2) Da Voar Redd Up 2023 – Aileen's proposal that each group who took part in Da Voar Redd Up 2023 be awarded a donation of £100 was seconded by Fiona. Thirteen groups had completed the Shetland Amenity Trust Voar Redd Up survey confirming they had carried out a Redd Up.

23/109 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

- 3) SMUHA – To assist with the costs of building materials to continue with the internal fitting of the Galley Shed:** It was agreed, as proposed by Dawna and seconded by Vicky, to award the requested sum of £300.
- 4) Bigton Community Hall – To purchase 2 x Table Tennis Tables and accessories for the use of the anyone residing in the Dunrossness Community Council area:** It was unanimously agreed to award 90% of the total cost of the project and was proposed by Aileen and seconded by Dawna.
- 5) Bigton Farm Family Trust – To purchase materials to create concrete plinths for the existing refuse bins:** It was agreed to award the requested sum of £142.20, as proposed by Fiona and seconded by Aileen.

23/110 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant external meetings had been attended.

23/111 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- 1) Energy Strategy:** Alex reported that the draft Energy Strategy document was to be discussed at a Council meeting on Wednesday. The document is large at 200 pages long. Alex considers that renewable energy could be huge in Shetland due to the amount of wind we experience making Shetland very appealing for the positioning of Wind Turbines and that this document is therefore not fit for purpose and should be reconsidered so that Shetland does not lose control of this sector. Vicky suggested that more engagement should be made with Shetland youth on the matter as they are the up-and-coming Shetland population.

23/112 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported as below:

- 1) Fair Isle Bird Observatory:** As reported in the media, the construction firm building the new Bird Observatory has gone into administration. The building is wind and watertight with just the inside left to be done, however, it will not be ready for use this year.
- 2) Ferry Project:** Works will be starting at the Grutness end first. Alex reported that he believed this will be in August / September, once any young birds have fledged.

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Helen joined the meeting at 8:50pm

23/113 CORRESPONDENCE

1) Association of Shetland Community Council: The latest ASCC meeting had taken place on 12th March 2024 and the below update had been provided.

- **Local Place Plans**

Peter Mogridge, SIC Development Plans & Heritage gave a presentation and answered questions.

- **Shetland Way Hiking Path**

An outline map of the proposed route was provided. This revised route is still being checked and developed by Steve Mathieson, VisitScotland and his Project Team and therefore may be subject to change.

- **PTSN Switchover**

Further discussion took place about the switchover under matters arising. It was agreed that the ASCC write to Alastair Carmichael MP and Beatrice Wishart MSP to flag up concerns. It was also requested if regular updates on this topic can be sent to Community Councils.

- **Community Council Scheme Review - update**

A report on the review is due to be presented to a Special Council meeting on 27 March 2024. This report will be two-fold:

- Present results from phase one consultation on Community Council areas and composition
- Present a proposed draft scheme to seek approval from Members to begin consultation for phase two of the review.

It is anticipated that consultation on phase two will take place over a 10 week period between April – June 2024. Following completion of the phase two consultation, there will be a period of analysis by the Project Board to review all feedback and comments received. Thereafter, the draft scheme will be updated and preparations for the final phase three consultation period will begin. It is anticipated that phase three consultation will take place in the second half of financial year 2024/25.

2) Da Voar Redd Up 2024: This year's event will take place between 20th and 26th April 2024. Groups who take part in the Dunrossness area and wish to be considered for a financial donation from the Community Council are reminded that they must complete the Da Voar Redd Up survey to confirm their participation.

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23/113 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 3) **The Future of the Universal Postal Service:** Ofcom's consultation on the future of the universal postal service sets out some options including two main ones for letters which are:
- Making changes to the existing first and second class so most letters are delivered through a slower service taking up to 3 days or longer, with next-day still available for urgent letters
 - Reducing the number of delivery days from 6 to 5 or 3
- Details of the consultation had been posted on the Community Council's Facebook page.
- 4) **Fly Tipping at Ireland Beach, Bigton:** Concerns had been raised by a member of the public regarding the dumping of material at Ireland beach. It was noted that, in the past, it had been the practice to place wood at the site a few weeks before November in order to have a Guy Fawkes bonfire. However, material is now being dumped at the site all year round which results in rubbish being blown around the area and into the burn during the winter months. Alex reported that he had the matter in hand and had raised it with the SIC.

23/114 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) **Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate:** Aileen reported that the Kirk Yard gate is in poor condition. The Clerk will raise this with the SIC burial's department.
- 2) **Service Bus:** Dawna raised the matter of the current bus service not being ideal for disabled users in some cases (ie only accessing some side roads once in the morning and once again late afternoon) and wondered if there was any way in which this could be addressed. It was noted that disabled users do not currently have a statutory right over other passengers so, for instance, if the bus is full, a wheelchair user does not take priority. Ways of addressing these issues could possibly be considered as part of the service review which will be taking place shortly prior to new contracts coming into force.

23/115 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) **2024/072/PPF – To upgrade an existing agricultural access track, Clavil, Rerwick, Bigton by J&A Sinclair:** There were no objections.
- 2) **Revocation of Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle:** SIC has raised an Order to revoke an existing traffic order which allows disabled persons' parking places to be removed from Thistle Court, Virkie outside No. 19. This was noted.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 29th APRIL 2024.**