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Minute of Zoom Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)	Irvine Burgess	Agnes Tallack	Dawna Phillips
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)		Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)	

APOLOGIES

Aileen Brown	Vicky Tylsar	Allen Sinclair	Michael Duncan (SIC)
PC Alan Patrick			

ABSENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbie McGregor declared an interest in any planning matters.

24/02 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th March 2024 was adopted on the motion of Dawna.

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24/03 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for the months of February and March 2024 had been received and reported as follows:

There have been 12 incidents recorded for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

- Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury
- Neighbour Dispute (4)
- Vandalism
- Fraud
- Theft by Finding
- Drugs – Intent to Supply
- Drugs – Possession
- Drone Incident (2)

24/04 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

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

b) Sumburgh Airport A970 Standing Water: Cllr Alex Armitage had followed up this matter with the SIC and received the following update from Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads: “we currently have a squad at the Bristow Hangars working away at the drainage issue there. We have previously contacted the airport regarding the drainage issue at the runway. They were to be excavating and cleaning out their filter drains which are likely blocked with windblown sand”.

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

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

4) Crofthouse Museum Peat Fire: The Amenity Trust had agreed to produce a poster appealing for donations of peat for posting on the CC Facebook page. As this still hadn't been received, the Clerk had chased it up and was awaiting a reply.

5) Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate: The Clerk had emailed SIC Burials Department ref the report that the Kirk Yard gate is in need to repair. It was agreed that the gate would be inspected last week and schedule any necessary improvement works.

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24/04 Matters Arising (Continued)

- 6) Hestingott Dog Poo Bin:** The Clerk reported that she had emailed the SIC ref the request for a Dog Poo Bin at Hestingott but had not received a reply. Irvine offered to pursue this matter.

24/05 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) Core Funding:** The Clerk reported that she had emailed the SIC requesting to draw down the Community Council's allocated Core Funding of £9546 for the year 2024/25.
- 2) Community Development Fund Grant Scheme:** The Clerk reported that she had applied for the maximum £3000 Distribution Fund Grant. Once again, there is also a £1000 Project Grant available should the Community Council wish to apply. When applying for a CDF Project grant, the project must be directly delivered by the Community Council and not passed on to another organisation as grant funding or to a Third Party to deliver the project on your behalf.
- 3) Clerk's Salary:** Michael Duncan, SIC, had emailed to inform the Community Council of an increase to Distant Islands Allowance which took effect from 1 October 2023. The members agreed to increase the Clerk's salary accordingly.
- 4) Shetland Community Benefit Fund:** An email had been received from Chris Bunyan, Chair of SCBF detailing proposed changes to the current Advanced Grant Scheme and their other work. The email read as follows:

We are nearing completion of our first 5-year business Plan and a formal legal agreement with VEFW for the community benefit funding of £2,215,000 in 2023-24 and index-linked for future years. While the bulk of this funding will be used for larger strategic projects, 10% a year will be allocated to a Community Grant Scheme which will be very similar to the current AGS.

Ten per cent in 2023-24 will be £221,500 and this will be split between community councils on the same basis as the AGS – the four areas hosting a VEFW turbine will have a budget of £32,575 while the remaining 14 areas will have £6,515. These funds will be available for Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications – but applicants for Tier 2 funding will only be allowed to apply to a maximum of three community council areas.

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4. Shetland Community Benefit Fund (continued):

While this funding is less than currently available under the AGS, there will be a new Tier 3 for so-called 'Shetland-wide' applications, or those applying to more than three areas. In 2023-24 a total of £135,000 will be allocated for Tier 3 and decisions on applications will be made by SCBF.

The current AGS has a total annual allocation of £340,000. SCBF has decided to maintain the 10% of the fund going to the community council scheme for T1 and T2 and to apply additional fundings for Tier 3, giving a total of £356,500 in 23-24.

We are keeping the T1 and T2 application process as simple as possible, but for T3 applications we will be looking for greater emphasis on projects that are directed towards our main priorities which will be laid-out in the Business Plan.

I hope all this doesn't sound too complicated. The biggest change is taking 'Shetland-wide' applications into a separate fund.

The AGS has been remarkably successful – funding 201 applications so far and paying out grants totalling £823,849. These funds have helped projects worth a total cost of £2,855,480. We look forward to the Community Grant Scheme being as successful.

24/06 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW

The Scheme Review, Phase 2 consultation period is now open and will remain open for comments until 5pm, Friday 28th June. Scheme proposals and the online survey form can be found at:

www.shetland.gov.uk/news/article/2637/consultation-on-new-scheme-for-community-councils Paper survey forms will be available in the local shops.

Staff from Community Planning & Development will be attending Dunrossness Community Council's meeting on 27th May 2024 to discuss the Scheme Review proposals.

24/07 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant external meetings had been attended.

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24/08 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- 1) **Local Place Plans - Launch:** Shetland Islands Council reported that they are now “in a position to issue a formal invitation to communities to prepare a **Local Place Plan**”. Local Place Plans are a new type of statutory plan which ensures that community’s aspirations are taken into account when making future planning and development decisions. Cllr Bryan Peterson reported that Scalloway was the first to create a Plan which was a large and comprehensive report which they had received a lot of help and support to produce. The format of a Plan can vary greatly from one coloured in map to a large document with surveys etc – it is up to each community how comprehensive they wish to make it. Also, there are no specific areas which are expected to create Plans ie Dunrossness does not have to create one Plan for the whole area so small communities such as Bigton or Levenwick for example are free to create their own, should they wish. Areas will not be penalised for not having a Plan. Further information can be found on the SIC website www.shetland.gov.uk

24/09 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported as follows:

- 1) **Ferry Project:** Neil Grant and Lee Coutts, SIC had visited Fair Isle to update the community on the new Fair Isle Ferry Project. They had reported that costs are escalating continually which has caused a delay and it now looks like the Grutness works will not commence until next year. The actual cost of the new ferry hasn’t changed. A report is being prepared to go to the Council in May to decide the way forward and with options for reducing costs being considered ie repurposing the hardcore created by the ground works in Fair Isle instead of removing it. Irvine enquired if the initial fast timetable which had been adopted may have limited the contractors which were available to the Council. Fiona agreed that this probably was the case.

24/10 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) “Shaping Our Future Service” consultation:** The consultation document can be found on the SFRS website. To share views, please complete the online survey or email SFRS.PublicInvolvement@firescotland.gov.uk
- 2) **‘Thank you’ email from SMCHG for Voar Redd Up donation:** This was noted.

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24/10 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 3) SIC Development Plan Scheme:** On 13th March 2024, SIC's Development Committee approved this year's Development Plan Scheme for Shetland's next Local Development Plan. Shetland's next Local Development Plan will be part of the Development Plan (working with and alongside national policy written by the Scottish Government) and will set out how Shetland will change in the future, including where development (housing, business and all other development) should and shouldn't happen. It is a long-term vision for the future of development in Shetland and its settlements. It is a document produced by Shetland Islands Council and examined by the Scottish Government for its suitability. Once adopted the Local Development Plan will run for a 10 year period and assist planning and delivery of development. The Development Plans Team is now starting to gather evidence for the next Local Development Plan.

- 4) Email ref 'Remembering Together' from Helen Robertson:** Remembering Together is a Scotland wide arts project to create "collective acts of reflection, remembrance, hope and healing with communities across Scotland" following the Covid pandemic. Helen is one of the five artists chosen to fulfil this in Shetland and is producing plaques featuring the Shetland Lace Tree of Life symbol which will be distributed to Community Councils for display in each of their areas.

24/11 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

There was no AOCB for discussion.

Cllr Robbie McGregor left the meeting at 7:50 pm

24/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) Marine Licence Application 00010648 – Shetland Islands Council (per Stantec) – Capital Dredge & Sea Disposal – Grutness, Shetland:**
Following January's meeting, the Community Council had raised concerns regarding the possible effect these works might have on tides at Grutness. David Hutchison, Scottish Government Marine Licensing Casework Officer had replied that he had requested some advice from the Marine Directorate - Science, Evidence, Digital and Data as to the potential impact. They had advised that they did not believe the dredging will affect the local hydrodynamics and that no properties in proximity to the sea will be impacted by the dredging. They further advised that given the small dredge quantities, composition of material and the results of the wave modelling, they do not believe there will be an increased risk of erosion or flooding within the bay. The email was noted.

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24/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS (Continued)

- 2) **Underground Salmon Farm:** Allen (via email) and Agnes raised concerns regarding reports in the media that a Norwegian company is looking at a site near Spiggie to construct a large scale underground salmon production venture. Bryan believed it would be a long time before such a proposal was reality, if at all. He also suggested that the Community Council contact the Council and enquire if they have been approached in any official capacity regarding this proposal. The Clerk will also emphasis that the Community Council be kept informed of any developments.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 27th MAY 2024.**