

<b>DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>
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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**PRESENT**

Fiona Mitchell (Chair)            Irvine Burgess            Dawna Phillips            Vicky Tylsar  
Agnes Tallack            Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)            Ana Arnett (SIC)

**APOLOGIES**

Aileen Brown            Allen Sinclair            Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio))  
Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)            Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)

**ABSENT**

Helen Moncrieff            Michael Duncan (SIC)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)            Elaine Park (SIC)            Jarryd Jamieson (SIC)

**24/37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**24/38 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 25th June 2024 was adopted on the motion of Agnes.

**24/39 POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police Report available.

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**24/40 MATTERS ARISING**

**1) Road Matters:**

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

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

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

**4) Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate:** Nothing new to report. Irvine will check the gate and provide an update next month.

**5) Hestingott Dog Poo Bin:** Irvine reported that the SIC didn't appear keen to have a 'dog poo' bin positioned at Hestingott and had suggested that the existing bin (which is a private householders bin) could be used. The members did not consider this suggestion to be acceptable. Irvine will follow this up further as he has still not received a response to his previous counter arguments and suggestions.

**6) Dunrossness Kirk Yard War Memorials:** Irvine will examine the War Memorials and provide an update next month.

**7) Bus Shelter Bike Racks:** Elaine Park, SIC, had advised via email that she had passed this matter to Alistair Hunter, Active Travel. The Clerk reported that she had not heard from Mr Hunter to date. Elaine confirmed that he was currently on leave and she would chase this up with him on his return.

**24/41 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1) Shetland Community Benefit Fund:** Fiona confirmed that she would have the Memorandum of Understanding and Data Sharing Agreements signed and returned to Shetland Community Benefit Fund by the end of August.

## 24/42 PUBLIC BUS SERVICE

Fiona welcomed Elaine Park and Jarryd Jamieson, SIC, to the meeting.

Elaine explained that the current service bus contract period comes to an end in August 2025 and therefore the stakeholder and community engagement exercise to inform the business case being developed for the next generation of public bus contracts is being carried out between the middle of August and the middle of September.

Elaine explained that 'during the current contract period (which started in August 2020 and runs to the middle of August 2025), there has been a significant shift in the way in which people use bus services in Shetland and the profile of the passengers has also altered with the introduction of the free bus travel for Under 22s initiative. It is therefore extremely important that we engage with as much of the community as possible in identifying the issues being experienced by those who do and do not use services currently and the opportunities available, ahead of the design of the next set of services' Elaine and Jarryd presented an overview of existing bus services, including information specific to the Dunrossness Community Council area. Various suggestions where improvements could possibly be made were discussed, including

- A service from Northlink to the Viking Bus Station to coincide with the arrival of the Northlink Ferry. It was also suggested that Northlink could advertise details of which bus services can be accessed from the terminal. Elaine reported that it is hoped to be able to provide information in bus shelters detailing how to get to specific destinations ie AHS, Shetland College, Viking Bus Station, from that particular shelter.
- An alternative arrangement to the current 'side by side' buses when transferring passengers from the main route bus to the feeder service at Channerwick

Vicky also pointed out that older travellers tended to avoid the service which leaves the AHS at the end of the school day as they consider it to be too busy and noisy.

To put forward your views / opinions, Area Transport Forum – Drop-in Sessions are scheduled to be held in the South Mainland as follows:

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1830 - 2100 Carnegie Hall, Sandwick
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1030 – 1300 Cunningsburgh Hall

An online survey can be found on the ZetTrans website at [www.zettrans.org.uk](http://www.zettrans.org.uk) or if you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, telephone 01595 744868. The consultation period runs until 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Elaine and Jarryd left the meeting at 07.50 pm

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#### **24/43 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

No relevant meetings had been attended.

#### **24/44 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr Alex Armitage reported that no Council meetings had been held over the summer. However, he had recently visited Fair Isle and one of the subjects which had been raised was the lack of a 'family & friends' scheme on air fares. Such a scheme currently operates on both Northlink and the Good Shepherd. Ana replied that this situation also applies to Foula and that Community Planning are looking at having a small feasibility study carried out although, as the SIC wouldn't be able to apply for funding for such a study, it might be necessary for a local group to seek funding.

#### **24/45 FAIR ISLE**

Fiona reported as follows:

- 1) **Ferry Project:** Fiona enquired if there was any update on whether or not the Levelling Up funding which was granted by the previous UK Government was still going ahead. Alex offered to request an update from the SIC and report back.
- 2) **Bird Observatory:** Works are progressing slowly. Painting contractors have been in and it is now over to electricians and plumbers

#### **24/46 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) **Invitation to meet with SSEN Transmission:** SSENT would like to meet with Community Councils to discuss future SSENT projects in Shetland and to "gather invaluable feedback prior to formal consultations". Thea Groat, SSENT Community Liaison Manager, reports that, since the HVDC links was approved back in 2020, SSENT have had several local and large-scale developers reach out regarding new projects connecting into the link. In addition, in March of this year, OFGEM proposed a 2<sup>nd</sup> HVDV link between Shetland and mainland Scotland, which has attracted more enquiries about connections. The invite was noted.
- 2) **Ferries Resilience Review:** The Council has embarked on a resilience review of the Ferry Service, looking at short to medium term options to compliment the longer term Island Connectivity review. Andrew Inkster, Executive Manager, noted however that this was perhaps less relevant at this stage to Fair Isle, given the current separate project for their service.

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**24/46 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

**3) Stoura Offshore Wind Farm Public Exhibition:** ESB Generation & Trading are hosting a public exhibition in the Shetland Museum on 19<sup>th</sup> September from 2-8pm to introduce the Stoura Offshore Wind Farm. The wind farm site is located approximately 40km to the east of Skerries. Members of the Stoura Project Team will be available to discuss the project at the exhibition.

**4) Redundant Vehicles in Shetland:** Shetland Amenity Trust is no longer contracted with the CarTakeBack Recycling scheme and the responsibility for abandoned vehicles sits with Shetland Islands Council's Environmental Health Department. They have new arrangements in place for uplifting vehicles reported as abandoned.

The Trust has now stopped removing redundant vehicles and other scrap, but there are other operators in the community and many local businesses with appropriate vehicles that can assist with uplifts.

**5) Local Place Plan Updates:** Over the past couple of months, the Local Place Plan Team have been publicising the opportunity that Community groups have to create a Local Place Plan (LPP). A Local Place Plan is a new type of plan which ensures that community's aspirations are to be taken into account when making future planning and development decisions. The members agreed to register Dunrossness Community Council's interest in the process at this stage. The LPP Team stress that, by engaging in this process, community bodies are not committing themselves in any way.

**24/47 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS**

There was no other current business for discussion.

**24/48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1) The erection of a prefabricated stables building, including three stables, washing bay, double garage and a boat shed, Spiggie House, Dunrossness by Mr & Mrs Adrian & Anne Flowers –** There were no objections.

**2) Erection of new workshop building, extension to yard area and alterations to junction with road, Ness Engineering Ltd, Scatness, Virkie by Ness Engineering Ltd –** There were no objections.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.**