

DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 30th September 2024.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell (Chair) Aileen Brown Irvine Burgess Vicky Tylsar
Helen Moncrieff Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio) Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)

APOLOGIES

Dawna Phillips Agnes Tallack Allen Sinclair Michael Duncan (SIC)
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio) Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)

ABSENT

Ana Arnett (SIC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk) 4 x Members of the public

24/49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24/50 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 26th August 2024 was adopted on the motion of Irvine.

24/51 POLICE REPORT

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

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24/51 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

There have been 15 incidents recorded for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

Road Safety and Road Crime

- Careless Driving
- Fail To Stop and Report Collision
- Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury (2)

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

- Possession of Offensive Weapon
- Threatening or Abusive Behaviour
- Vandalism

Acquisitive Crime

- Fraud

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Concern for Person
- Mental Health

Other

- Communications Misuse (2)
- Drugs – Attempt to Possess (2)
- Medical Matter

24/52 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

a) Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light: Nothing new to report. With the return of the dark nights, the Clerk will contact the SIC for an update.

2) Kirk Yard Bench: The Clerk reported she had been for a site visit to ascertain what materials as required for the concrete plinth.

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

4) Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate: Irvine had been for a site visit and reported that he thought the gate looked reasonably sound at present. The Clerk will check with SIC Burials if they inspected the gate and what their opinion is on its condition.

5) Hestingott Dog Poo Bin: Irvine reported that he had not received a reply to his latest correspondence and would follow this up.

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24/52 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

- 6) **Dunrossness Kirk Yard War Memorials:** Irvine had been for a site visit and reported that there is a degree of lichen covering the memorials which would benefit from being removed. The Clerk will contact SIC Burials and enquire if this is something which the Community Council can attend to themselves.

- 7) **Bus Shelter Bike Racks:** Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Policy & Projects Assistant, had emailed and proposed that SIC can try to purchase some suitable bike racks with Transport Scotland funding in this financial year if the Community Council could provide details of which bus stops they thought would benefit. Following discussions, it was agreed that Robins Brae, north Toab junction and Scatness bus shelters would benefit. Cllr Alex Armitage reported that he hoped to get additional bus shelters in the area and it was therefore agreed that, if this was successful, bike racks at the Bigton junction with the A970 and the Quendale junction with the A970 would also be beneficial. The Clerk will pass this information to Alistair Hunter.

Four members of the public joined the meeting at 7.30pm

24/53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) **2024/219/PPP : To erect 2 no. dwellinghouses (Planning Permission in Principle), Yaafield, Bigton by Mr Maurice Sutherland –** Fiona welcomed the above members of the public to the meeting. Permission had previously been requested to put their views and points on the planning application at Yaafield to the meeting and copies of their correspondence with SIC Planning had been provided to the members.

The members of the public left the meeting at 8.05pm

Having considered the relevant planning documentation available to the Community Council, the members agreed to object to this application as it appears to be contrary to the Local Shetland Development Plan.

- 2) **2024/246/PPP : To erect single storey dwellinghouse, create new access, parking and turning area and install new soakaway (Planning Permission in Principle), adjacent to Makins, Exnaboe, Virkie by Mrs Winifreda Harper -** There were no objections.

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24/53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS (Continued)

- 3) **2024/229/PPF : To erect dwellinghouse and associated detached garage, create access road, turning area and parking and install air source heat pump, North of Koppelsea, Ireland, Bigton by Mrs Merran Adamson** – There were no objections.

24/54 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1) **Viking Community Fund CGS:** A summary of financial support provided to the community by Shetland Community Benefit Fund through Dunrossness Community Council had been received. The report states that *“since the AGS began in February 2021 Dunrossness Community Council have supported 29 projects and awarded a total of £39,839.27 in funding.*
The Viking Community Fund AGS ended on the 31st of August 2024 and Dunrossness Community Council have £160.71 of unspent funds. These have been added to the Community Grant Scheme allocation of £6,515 giving a balance from the 1st of September 2024 of £6,675.71. The Community Grant Scheme is now open for applications”

24/55 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant meetings had been attended.

24/56 COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

- 1) **Dunrossness Primary School:** Cllr Bryan Peterson reported that finance has been approved to demolish the condemned section of the school.
- 2) **Local Place Plan:** When asked by Cllr Bryan Peterson, Fiona confirmed that Dunrossness Community Council have lodged an expression of interest in developing a Local Place Plan for the area. Bryan reported that he believed 7 or 8 Community Council’s would probably go through the process together.

24/57 FAIR ISLE

There was nothing new to report.

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24/58 CORRESPONDENCE

1) **Association of Shetland Community Councils:** The next meeting of the ASCC is scheduled to take place at 6pm in Lerwick Town Hall on Wednesday 6th November.

2) **NHS Share:** SHARE – The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank - is a Register of people who are happy to be sent information about health projects. They need healthy people and people with health conditions to join SHARE. Health research is necessary so new treatments can be discovered for conditions and disease such as cancer, diabetes, dementia, stroke and asthma. When you join, we may occasionally send you information about research projects that might be of interest to you. This might involve taking part in online surveys, sharing your views on your healthcare or taking part in a study researching a new medication for an illness you may have. You can decide if you would like to take part when you find out more about the study.

If you are interested, you can register in a number of ways:

- Online: www.registerforshare.org
- Phone: 01382 383 471
- Email: enquiries@registerforshare.org

3) **Levenwick Burial Ground Rabbits:** Yvonne Scott, SIC Burial Services Officer, had emailed requesting the Community Council's assistance with addressing the problem of the growing rabbit population around and within the Levenwick Burial Ground. Yvonne suggested that the Community Council could assist by organising rabbit control within the parks surround the burial ground by "reaching out to the current land occupiers or owners and potentially seeking help from community members who hold the appropriate firearm licence". Irvine reported that he knows quite a few people who might be interested in tackling the rabbit problem and would point them in the direction of Levenwick.

24/59 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

1) **Boddam:** The members were aware from local reports that the 'private land' signs are back up at Boddam and that there are also reports of visitors to the area being approached and challenged by the landowner. It was noted that this matter has been brought to the Community Council previously some time ago and, as was the case then, the members agreed that this was a legal matter and therefore not one for the Community Council.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2024.**