

DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 11th November 2024.

PRESENT

Aileen Brown (Chair) Irvine Burgess Agnes Tallack
Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio) Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)

APOLOGIES

Fiona Mitchell Helen Moncrieff Michael Duncan (SIC)
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio) Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)

ABSENT

Allen Sinclair Dawna Phillips Vicky Tylsar Ana Arnett (SIC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk) 2 x Members of the public

24/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24/61 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 30th September 2024 could not be adopted as the meeting was not quorate.

24/62 POLICE REPORT

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

There have been 14 incidents recorded for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

Road Safety and Road Crime

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

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

- Threatening or Abusive Behaviour (4)

Acquisitive Crime

- Fraud

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Concern for Person (2)
- Mental Health

24/63 MATTERS ARISING**1) Road Matters:**

- a) **Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light:** Carl Symons, SIC Environment & Estate Operations, reported that a new light and panel has been acquired for trial but that they are currently waiting for a bracket to be made in order for it to be attached to the existing pole. In the meantime, a temporary pir battery led fitting has been put in position.

2) Kirk Yard Bench: There was nothing new to report.

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

4) Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate: Yvonne Scott, SIC Burials Department, had reported that the gates had been inspected and, due to the costs to restore them to good condition being prohibitively high, they are currently looking into replacing them with galvanised ones.

5) Bus Shelter Bike Racks: The Clerk had passed on the information ref. the suggested bus stops for bike racks to Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Policy & Projects Assistant. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

Two members of the public joined the meeting at 7.35pm

24/64 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) **2024/219/PPP : To erect 2 no. dwellinghouses (Planning Permission in Principle), Yaafield, Bigton by Mr Maurice Sutherland –** The above members of the public were welcomed to the meeting. Permission had previously been sought to put their points on the planning application at Yaafield to the meeting. It was noted that the above planning application has been amended to 1 no. dwellinghouse since the Community Council submitted its original response to the consultation. The Clerk reported that Jack Wiseman, SIC Planning, had confirmed that once the Planning Department are in receipt of an amended plan from the applicant, the council will be carrying out a re-consultation which will include re-consulting the Community Council. He also confirmed that when a planning application goes to Committee, both the applicant and an objector are able to put their points forward.

The members of the public left the meeting at 8.10pm

24/65 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

The meeting was not quorate so no finance matters or grant applications could be considered.

24/66 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1) **Association of Community Councils Meeting:** The ASCC meeting took place on 6th November. Bryan Peterson had attended the meeting and Michael Duncan, SIC, had provided the below report via email:
 - Consultation for mothballing schools
This topic was submitted and introduced by Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council. Shetland Islands Council had approved School Mothballing and Reopening Mothballed School Procedures earlier in the year. Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council expressed concerns at Community Councils not being consulted in the process. Following discussion it was agreed that the ASCC write to the Council with a request that Community Councils should be consulted at the earliest point of school mothballing process.

24/66 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**1) Association of Community Councils Meeting (continued):**

- Council Tax consultation
Paul Fraser, the Council's Executive Manager – Finance, introduced this agenda item. The Council will be undertaking a consultation exercise regarding proposals for Council tax Policy on empty homes and second homes. The Council is keen to identify any "unintended consequences" from changes to Council tax rates and are seeking help from Community Councils on how best to consult and approach communities. After discussion a "blended" form of consultation was agreed. A survey form will be published by the Council in due course which can either be returned direct to the Council or individuals will also be encouraged to pass on comments to their local Community Council to collate and share with the Council.

- Shetland Community Benefit Fund
This topic was submitted and introduced by Scalloway Community Council. Discussion took place regarding the reduced budget allocations to Community Councils. It was noted that the budget allocations for both the construction phase and operational phase of the Viking Wind Farm were agreed and set in advance of works commencing. However following discussion it was agreed that the ASCC write to Shetland Community Benefit Fund to ask when they were due to review its budget allocations, and to explore if there was any possibility of increasing the Community Council budget allocations.

- Community Council Scheme Review
An update was provided on the review. Phase Two consultation on the Scheme Review had been concluded, analysed and collated and will be reported to a Special Meeting of Shetland Islands Council. A proposed final draft Community Council Scheme of Establishment and supporting documents will be also presented to the Special Council meeting to seek permission to consult on the proposed final draft Scheme. The final draft Scheme will include a proposed new funding mechanism and worked example.

24/66 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETING**1) Association of Community Councils Meeting:**

- Community Council Scheme Review (continued)

The Special Council meeting takes place on 19 November. Once decision has been reached, it is hoped to commence with the Third and final Phase of consultation. This is scheduled to take place from 29 November to 31 January 2025, but these dates are subject to change. Following completion of Phase Three consultation the feedback received will be collated and analysed, and then a report recommending a new Community Council Scheme of Establishment will be presented to a Special Council meeting in March 2025. If approved, the new Scheme would come into effect from 1 April 2025. It is planned that following the launch of the new scheme, a programme of training will be rolled out.

24/67 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- 1) Local Place Plan:** Bryan reported that the subject of the Local Place Plan had been raised at the recent ASCC meeting. SCBF had been approached regarding the possibility of providing funding to enable someone to be employed to carry out the admin duties for Community Councils wishing to create their Local Place Plan. It had been proposed that this topic be included on the Agenda for the next ASCC meeting in March 2025.

Agnes left the meeting at 8.55 pm

24/68 FAIR ISLE

There was nothing new to report.

24/69 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Dunrossness Kirk Yard Damage:** Yvonne Scott, SIC Burial Services Officer had emailed to inform the Community Council that a grave within the Dunrossness Burial Ground had unfortunately recently been damaged by a vehicle and that, although an attempt had been made by someone to repair the damage, it was insufficient. SIC Burial Service will be carrying out proper repairs shortly to address the issue.

24/69 CORRESPONDENCE

1)Dunrossness Kirk Yard Damage (continued): Yvonne also reported that, when kirks within SIC burial grounds began being sold, they introduced Section 9: Properties (Kirks) Within Burial Grounds Used for Non-Religious Worship into the existing Burial Ground Management Rules to safeguard the interests of both the bereaved and visitors. The Rules can be found on the SIC website or you can contact Burial Services on 01595 744853 or 744898, or email if you require a paper copy posted to you.

2) Community Resilience: The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) are working together through a partnership with the British Heart Foundation to equip people with vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest outside of hospital.

They can offer a free training session for communities where people will be able to -

- Learn how to recognise a cardiac arrest and what to do in an emergency situation
- Understand when you should call 999 and what to expect
- Learn CPR technique and help you perfect it while you practise
- Learn how to use a defibrillator and where you can find your nearest one

The sessions are around 60-90 minutes long and include instruction and practice of CPR and defibrillation facilitated by the Ambulance and Fire team. It is the intension to provide sessions across Shetland.

If you would like to find out more or speak about arranging a session, please contact Matt or Drew at matt.mason@firescotland.gov.uk or Andrew.Mayhew@nhs.scot

3) Email from a member of the public: An email had been received from a member of the public regarding "comments and complaints which I have sent to our local SIC councillors which have not been addressed or remedied but which I trust are in your (Community Council) remit to investigate". The points made related mainly to the Scatness / Airport area and many were Roads related. The members agreed that the complainant had already made the Community Council aware previously of a number of the points and that these had already been passed to the relevant parties for investigation. It was therefore agreed to pass the latest correspondence to Neil Hutcheson, Head of SIC Roads, asking for his input. The Community Council had previously been in contact with the SIC Outdoor Access Officer in 2023 regarding the condition of the West Voe Beach Access Steps (east end) so would contact him again regarding the latest development highlighted in this email.

24/70 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

There was no other current business for discussion.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024.**