

DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Special Zoom Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

PRESENT

Aileen Brown (Chair)	Irvine Burgess	Vicky Tylsar	Agnes Tallack
Helen Moncrieff			

APOLOGIES

Fiona Mitchell	Allen Sinclair	Dawna Phillips
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

24/86 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) 2024/219/PPP Re-Consultation: To erect 1 no. dwellinghouse (Planning Permission in Principle), Yaafield, Bigton by Mr Maurice Sutherland** – As agreed at the previous meeting, the Clerk had contacted Planning to enquire if the Community Council's objection to the original version of the above application still stood now that it had been changed from 2 properties to one. Jack Wiseman, Planning Officer, had replied that he would still count the original objection in terms of taking the application to planning committee should they intend to recommend approval and would report the Community Council's response along the lines of "objection to proposal for 2 dwellings, no comment on proposal for one dwelling" unless he received revised comments. Following further discussions, the members agreed to respond to the re-consultation stating that the Community Council has heard representations from both parties (applicants and objectors) and is aware that the community is split on its views. Dunrossness Community Council recognises that the applicant has taken steps to address some of the objectors concerns in the amended application and has reduced the scope. This has also addressed some of the Community Council's previous concerns, however, they still have some remaining concerns with regards to how this proposal fits the Local Development Plan.

Agnes left the meeting at 6.17pm

24/87 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **SIC (A970 Lerwick to Sumburgh, Levenwick) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Traffic Regulation Order 2024:** Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, had replied to the Community Councils objection to the implementation of a 50mph speed limit on the A970 at Levenwick. Mr Hutcheson stated that *“while the narrow carriageway on the A970 at Levenwick is a problem it is not the issue that the proposed 50 mph speed limit is intended to address”*. He continues to say *“the road’s surroundings and its poor alignment could be a contributory factor in the severity of any accidents occurring along this length of the A970, especially the steep bank on the east side of the road. The blind summits and tight bends also increase the likelihood of an accident. In these situations, where the road has not been designed to the latest standards, we will consider introducing a reduced speed limit to reduce the likelihood of accidents and to reduce their severity should they still occur. This is in line with the “Safe System” approach to road safety that the Council recently adopted. A part of this system is speed management and the use of speed limits, where appropriate, to reduce vehicles speeds. The A970 at Levenwick, due to the various hazards along its length, would be considered a suitable road length for a reduced limit. The intention is that this would be introduced on a temporary basis until the road’s width and alignment are improved. This is currently second on the Council’s prioritised list of capital road improvement schemes and is programmed to commence on completion of the B9082 Cullivoe road improvements. This is expected to be in two years time. The Roads Service, as part of the traffic order consultation process, is required to seek the withdrawal of objections. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you could confirm whether your Council, following consideration of the above comments, still wish their objection to stand. Should that be the case, it will be included in the report to the Environment & Transport Committee so that Councillors are aware of the objection when making their decision”*.

The members unanimously agreed **not** to withdraw their objection.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2024.**