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Minute of Zoom Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 9th December 2024.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Agnes Tallack Allen Sinclair

ABSENT

Dawna Phillips Vicky Tylsar Ana Arnett (SIC) Michael Duncan (SIC)
Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio) Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)
Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk)

24/75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24/76 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 18th November 2024 was adopted on the motion of Fiona.

24/77 POLICE REPORT

No Police Report had been received.

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24/78 MATTERS ARISING

1) Road Matters:

- a) **Robins Brae Bus Shelter Light:** There was nothing new to report.
- 2) Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report.
- 3) Church of Scotland Brigades Fund:** There was nothing new to report.
- 4) Dunrossness Kirk Yard Gate:** There was nothing new to report.
- 5) Bus Shelter Bike Racks:** There was nothing new to report.

24/79 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1. SCBF – Bigton Community Shop – To assist with the costs of carrying out car park improvements:** The members agreed to support this application on the motion of Aileen, seconded by Irvine, subject to the success of the groups other funding applications.
- 2. SCBF – Bigton Collective – To assist with the costs of running a series of straw workshops focusing on making kishies and stitched straw baskets:** The members agreed to support this application on the motion of Irvine, seconded by Aileen.

24/80 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1) Offshore Wind Development:** Helen reported that she, as part of her role with the RSPB, had recently attended a couple of meetings with representatives from other interested parties such as the SIC, Salmon Farmers etc to discuss and plan how Shetland might monitor the impact of any future offshore wind development on the islands.

24/81 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- 1) Local Place Plan:** Some of the members had participated in recent Webinars relating to the development of Local Place Plans. It was agreed that the webinars had contained a lot of information which needed further consideration and, to this end, Bryan reported that Sandwick Community Council planned to form a steering group and work through recordings of the Webinars.

24/81 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- 1) Local Place Plan (continued):** The possibility of applying for funding in order to employ a development worker to assist all the Community Councils through the process of developing their Plan is also being considered. Irvine suggested that a survey needs to be carried out to establish the communities wishes. Bryan confirmed that there are questionnaire templates available to assist with this. Bryan enquired if the members considered there was any merit in the three South Mainland Community Councils getting together and forming a preliminary steering group, to which the members responded positively. Irvine suggested that it might be useful to also involve the South Mainland Community Association. Sandwick Community Council propose to revisit this during January and Fiona suggested that they extend a formal invitation to Dunrossness Community Council to join them in this process.
- 2) Future Energy:** Bryan reported that what he considered to be a very interesting report entitled Future Energy, the basis of which is how Shetland engages with energy producers in the future, is to be discussed at a Council meeting next week.

24/82 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported as follows:

- 1) Ferry Project:** The SIC's recent decision to fund up to £18.6 million towards the cost of the new ferry and related harbour works had been welcomed very positively.
- 2) Fair Isle Development Company:** The FIDC are currently looking into options for developing the kirk and are also looking at developing the downstairs of the South Lighthouse to provide a couple of housing units.

24/83 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) 'Thank you' letter from SMCHG for Voar Redd Up donation received:** The letter was noted.
- 2) 'Thank you' from RSPB for Voar Redd Up donation received:** Noted.
- 3) Scottish Government consultation on National Marine Plan 2:** Noted

24/83 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 4) Pre-Application Consultation for a Proposed Subsea Fibre Optic Telecommunications Cable System 'The Aurora Project' within UK Waters:** It was noted that it is proposed the cable will pass through UK Territorial Seas (TS) between Orkney and Shetland but will not approach within 10.4 km of the UK coastline.
- 5) Broken Wooden Step at East End of West Voe Beach:** Liam Drosso, SIC Outdoor Access Officer thanked the Community Council for forwarding this report from a member of the public. He will log the issue and try to have it repaired as soon as possible. He also reported that all their infrastructure is monitored annually but often issues arise between surveys and they are therefore always appreciative of people alerting them to any problems.
- 6) Community Council Scheme Review:** Phase 3 consultation is now open for comments until 31 January 2025. The members were asked to consider the Final Draft Amended Scheme for discussion at the next Community Council meeting in January. Further information can be found at www.shetland.gov.uk/ccschemereview
- 7) Council Tax Consultation Survey:** Increased levies for second homes and long term empty properties were introduced on 01/04/24 and are being charged to all dwellings that meet the criteria. This survey is to gain views on specific circumstances where discretionary powers may be used to exclude properties from the increased charges. The results of the consultation will be presented to Councillors to make a policy decision. The members completed the survey online.
- 8) SIC (A970 Lerwick to Sumburgh, Levenwick) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Traffic Regulation Order 2024:** The above Order proposes that a 50 mph speed limit be introduced along the A970 above Levenwick. The members discussed the proposal and considered the introduction of a speed limit would be pointless and would not solve the main issue of the road being too narrow. They felt that those who travel too fast on this section of road for its poor design would continue to do so regardless of a reduced speed limit. It was also agreed that the redesign of this section of road should remain a priority.

24/84 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

There was no other current business for discussion.

24/85 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 –**
The original planning application has been changed from 2 dwellinghouses to 1 and is therefore being re-consulted on. The members were aware that the parties who originally objected have also objected to this latest development and had copied the Community Council into their correspondence with the SIC Planning Department. The members were also aware that the local community are not all of the same opinion. During discussions, the members expressed concern that they do not possess the professional knowledge to be making decisions at this level. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Planning for clarification on whether or not the Community Council's objection to the original consultation still stands and therefore the matter is still likely to be taken to Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025.**