

## MINUTE

‘A’ & ‘B’

**Special Planning Board**  
**Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick**  
**Friday 4 April 2003 at 9.30 a.m.**

**Present:**

F B Grains	R J Anderson
M U Colligan	I J Hawkins
J C Irvine	G G Mitchell
J P Nicolson	W A Ratter
F A Robertson	J Simpson
T W Stove	W N Stove
W Tait	

**Apologies:**

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**In Attendance (Officers):**

A Hamilton, Head of Planning  
J Atkinson, Planning Officer, Development Control  
J Barclay, Planning Officer, Development Control  
J Pottinger, Committee Officer

**Chairman:**

Mrs F B Grains, Chairman of the Board, presided.

**Circular:**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

3/03      **Planning Applications for Decision**

The Board considered reports by the Head of Public Protection Services (RECORD Appendix 1).

1. Application Ref: 2002/435/PCD - To retain and continue quarrying, Setters Quarry, Baltasound, Unst by Alex Sandison & Sons Ltd

The Board resolved to approve conditionally, on the motion of Mr W A Ratter, seconded by Mr R J Anderson,

2. Application Ref: 2002/442/PCO - Erect seven dwellinghouses (in outline), Heathery Park (Phase 11), Setter, Gulberwick by Mr Colin Clark

The Board resolved to approve conditionally, on the motion of Mr J C Irvine, seconded by Mr W Tait.

3. Application Ref: 2002/460/PCD - To erect two storey administration building, including welfare facilities and associated

car parking, adjacent to Sandy Loch Treatment Works, Upper Sound, Lerwick by Scottish Water

The Board resolved to approve conditionally, on the motion of Mr T W Stove, seconded by Mr W A Ratter.

4. Application Ref: 2003/27/PCD - To extend factory (extension of existing permission 98/037), Gremista, Lerwick by Lerwick Fish Traders

The Head of Planning in introducing the report said that the Bressay Bridge Project Team appeared to be satisfied with the proposals but a further check would be made to confirm this before the decision was issued.

In response to a question from a Member regarding the composition of the Bressay Bridge Project Team, the Head of Planning advised that as far as he was aware there were Council Officials but not Elected Members on it. A Member suggested that this should be revisited in the new Council with the proposal that the Members for Lerwick North and Bressay be included on this Committee.

The Board, on the motion of Mr L Angus, seconded by Mr W A Ratter, approved the application subject to the conditions stated in section 10 of the report.

5. Application Ref: 2003/031/PCO - to develop 3 house sites (in outline), Okraquoy, Cunningsburgh by Mr J Inkster

The Head of Planning summarised the report and explained that although this application would comply with recent proposals on zoning in this area this still had to be finalised and approved in the Local Plan.

Mr T W Stove moved that the application be deferred pending the carrying out of a percolation test, the results of which to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board. Mr W A Ratter seconded.

A Member said that if the application was going to be deferred it would be helpful to know if this was a whole croft that was being divided up into house plots as this was currently a controversial issue.

Some Members were of the view that housing for young people should be encouraged and that this development should go ahead if the percolation test was satisfactory and there would be no adverse impact on development.

Mr J P Nicolson moved as an amendment that the application be granted subject to a favourable outcome of the percolation test. Mr L Angus seconded.

After summing up, voting took place by a show of hands and the results was as follows:-

Amendment (J P Nicolson) - 5  
Motion (T W Stove) - 8

6. Application Ref: 2003/57/PCD and 2003/058/LBC - To demolish existing blockwork harled wall and construct disabled access ramp with associated railings, Church of Scotland Kirk, Weisdale by Church of Scotland

The Board resolved to approve conditionally, on the motion of Mrs F B Grains, seconded by Mr F A Robertson.

7. Application Ref: 2003/77/PCD - To construct shooting club, adjacent to crane yard, Gremista, Lerwick by Shetland Clay Target Club

Mr R J Anderson, Member for the Area, spoke in support of the application and said that he did not share some of the concerns which had led planning officials to recommend refusal. He said that he had been informed that there was currently a move away from using lead shot. In regard to access to the development site he said that he would accept that it was not a pretty site but did believe it was possible to define an access through the site. He said that he did not share the concerns on road safety as the site would only be operated on Sunday morning and possibly two week nights. He also made the point that there was a 60 mile per hour limit on this road and that the sight lines were very good. Accordingly, Mr R J Anderson moved that the application be granted. Mr L Angus seconded.

The Board noted that Lerwick Community Council had no objections

The Chairman made the point that the Reporter had upheld an appeal for the refusal of a previous application on this site. The Head of Planning said that the Reporter's decision would not perhaps "freeze" it for all time but was an important material consideration that ought to be given due weight. He added that in his view there were serious concerns about traffic on this road as cars were driving over the speed limit and one could observe that cars were committed to overtaking at the top of the brae.

8. Application Ref: 2003/081/PCD - to vary condition No. 6 of planning consent Ref. No. 2002/249/PCR to change colour of roof tiles from brown to terracotta, Plot 2, Fladdabister, Cunningsburgh by Mr H Sim and Miss D Sutherland

The Director of Planning in summarising the report said that the new Council would be able to re-consider the whole question of design guidance.

Mr T W Stove said that he could not see much wrong with the colour of this roof and as it had arisen out of an error he saw no reason for the applicants having to change it. He accordingly moved that the colour of the roof tiles should not have to be changed and that the existing terracotta roof tiles remain. Mr W Tait seconded.

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The Chairman said that as this was the last meeting of the Planning Board before the Council elections she would like to thank all Members and Council Staff for their support.

CHAIRMAN