

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2018

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the Town Hall, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

Members

Mr D Ristori

Ms F Fraser

Mr S Hay

Mr A Wenger

Mrs M Hall

Mr J Fraser

Mr G Robinson

Mr E Knight

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell

Cllr M Bell

Cllr B Wishart

Cllr S Leask

Cllr A Westlake

Additional Co-opted Members

Miss E Arthur, AHS

Mr S Tait, AHS

Mr D Morrish, MSYP

In Attendance

PC T Ewart, Police Scotland

PC B Mulholland, Police Scotland

Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Ms K Fraser

10/18/01

Circular

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Ms Fraser volunteered to chair the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

10/18/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Anderson, Mrs Simpson, Cllr Smith, Mr A Carter, Mr A Johnston, and Mr P Coleman.

10/18/03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting were agreed after Mr Ristori asked for his comments on the planning application for North Road/Staney Hill to be recorded in more detail. He had commented that the housing project at Staney Hill was perhaps too big for the area and had asked whether the residents might have been happier with a smaller development for the site. The minutes were approved by Mr Ristori and seconded by Mr Fraser.

10/18/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

10/18/05 **Police Scotland Monthly Report**

PC Mulholland reported on Police activity over the last month. There had been 7 cases of vandalism, 1 of which has been detected already with 5 more under investigation. There have been a number of motoring offences such as speeding, using a mobile phone, lack of MOT etc.

Cllr Westlake asked whether there were proactive patrols around Bell's Brae Primary School as there is an ongoing problem with people complaining about parking in the area. PC Mulholland replied that they do monitor this situation, although this tends to act as a deterrent rather than a way of witnessing it. He said he would report back to his supervisor that this is an ongoing problem.

Mr Ristori said that he had received reports of anti-social driving around Quoys. It was also reported that people are still using the old North Road as a way of accessing Ladies Drive. PC Mulholland said that it was difficult to prohibit this activity although the Police target this area for speeding. There has been more training for the local force on the use of speed guns which do act as an effective deterrent.

Mr Ristori reiterated his request for the Police to have an occasional presence at Victoria Pier to monitor unsocial driving in this area.

Cllr Leask asked whether the Police were aware of any problems with drug use around Bell's Brae school. PC Mulholland replied that they were not aware of this and advised that residents should report this on the 101 number if they have concerns.

10/18/07 **Finance – Core Funding Report as at 26 September 2018**

Mr Fraser asked about the progress on closing the office at Stout's Court. This project is still ongoing as there is a large amount of archive material and equipment to move out before the office can be closed. There were no comments on the financial report.

10/18/09 **Planning Application 2018/176/PPF**

Cllr Bell declared an interest as Member of the Planning Committee and did not contribute to the discussions.

There were no objections to the change of use planning application.

10/18/10 **Community Council Elections**

Members were reminded that the closing date for election was 11 October and all current members who wished to stand again needed to complete a nomination form and submit it in time.

10/18/11 **Revocation of Disabled Parking Spaces**

There were no objections to the revocation of disabled parking spaces that the Community Council had reported to SIC as they were no longer required.

10/18/12 **Loot for Lerwick**

Members were reminded of the Loot for Lerwick event that would take place on Saturday 6th October at Islesburgh. There were 8 groups applying for grants from the £5000 on offer.

10/18/13

A.O.B.

- a. Mr Fraser was whether it would be possible to ask SIC to investigate traffic calming measures around Staney Hill, from the Holmsgarth Road roundabout up to Staney Hill Hall as there have been numerous complaints from residents about this dangerous stretch of road. The Clerk will write to SIC Roads.
- b. Mr Fraser said he had received complaints from residents at the new Observatory housing estate that there were no post boxes within easy walking distance. He had spoken to Royal Mail about the possibility of getting a new one installed but was told that this would not be possible. Instead it may be possible to consider relocating one from another part of South Lerwick. Cllr Westlake pointed out that this might not be a simple solution as there will undoubtedly be people who rely on the existing postboxes. She suggested that Royal Mail should be asked to provide data on the usage of the postboxes before any request to relocate them is made. The Clerk will write to Royal Mail.
- c. Cllr Westlake said she had received numerous complaints about the increase in littering around Clickimin Loch and the surrounding footpaths and roads since the school had opened last year. Mr Tait and Mr Morrish confirmed that the pupils had received numerous instructions from the school about not dropping litter but it was still continuing. It was pointed out that there were not many litter bins in the area around the school and it might help if there were more. Mr Wenger commented that the Dunna Chuck Bruck message might need to be changed to something more positive, like Bin the Bruck. The Clerk was asked to write to the school to see if there was anything the Community Council could do to help with the litter campaign.
- d. Mr Wenger commented on the energy price increase by SSE, the second in less than a year. He said this would undoubtedly affect many people and asked if there was anything that could be done to campaign on this issue. Cllr Bell agreed this was a serious issue for Shetland and something that had been raised regularly with the Scottish Government. The Citizens Advice Bureau had a new energy advisor and people were encouraged to make use of this service. The Clerk would write to CAB to ask if there was anything that could be done to support the service in campaign on fuel poverty issues.
- e. Mr Wenger reported that a street light was not working at the garages at the back of Anderson Road and that there appeared to be asbestos sheets stacked against one of the garages. In addition to this one of the garages was considered to be in a dangerous state of repair. The Clerk would report the street light issue and inform Environmental Health/Building Control about the asbestos and the garage.
- f. Mr Robinson reported that the new street lighting columns at Norstane/Staney Hill had not had the lamps fitted yet and wanted to know when these would be fitted as the posts had been installed months ago. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 7.40 pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Lerwick Community Council Draft Minutes – October 2018
Subject to approval at the November 2018 meeting

Chairman.....

Date.....