

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson	Mr P Coleman
Mr W Spence	Mr A Carter
Mr D Ristori	Mrs M Hall
Ms F Fraser	Mr J Fraser
Mr S Hay	Mr G Robinson
Mr A Johnston	Mr A Wenger

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell
Cllr M Bell
Cllr B Wishart
Cllr S Leask
Cllr C Smith

Additional Co-opted Members

Miss E Arthur
Mr S Tait
Mr D Morrish, MSYP

In Attendance

Ms F Valente, Clerk
Mrs P Christie, SIC

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman, presided.

09/18/01 **Circular**

Mr Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were a few new people in attendance including Ellie Arthur and Stuart Tait who were the two new representatives from Anderson High School. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were five members of the public also in attendance who Mr Anderson welcomed.

09/18/02 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr E Knight and Mrs C Carroll.

09/18/03 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Cllr Campbell clarified that he had declared an interest in the item on Planning Applications as a Member of the Planning Committee. Mr Wenger said that his name had been omitted from the apologies. The minute of the meeting on 2nd July 2018 was approved by Mr Fraser and seconded by Mr Coleman.

09/18/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There were a couple of updates from the meeting; SIC were looking into the wall at Union St that needs repairs and British Telecom had put the telephone box outside the Post Office on its list for repainting in due course. A group had met to discuss the Interpretation Board project and had decided that a board should be sited at the Clickimin Loch at the junction of Westerloch Drive.

09/18/05 **Police Scotland Monthly Report**

The Police were not in attendance for this meeting.

09/18/06 **Correspondence**

Louise Cluness and Peter Jones had written to say thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the Community Council for a year.

09/18/07 **Finance – Core Funding Report as at 27 August 2018 and End of Year 2017/18 Report.**

There were no comments on the core funding report. The end of year report was approved by Mr Carter and seconded by Mrs Simpson.

09/18/08 **Community Council Elections**

The Chair reminded everyone that the Community Council Elections would be held in October this year and that the notices of the Elections would be announced in the Shetland Times on Friday 14th. The ASCC had funded a project to create videos about the role of the Community Councils and these would be released as part of a social media campaign during September. Cllr Bell said that it was very important to encourage people to stand and that everyone had a role in passing on the news and encouraging people to get involved. He said that it had been a long time since there had been enough interest to generate an actual election. Mr Fraser seconded that opinion and said he was particularly encouraged by the number of young people who had volunteered to come along to Lerwick Community Council and said, with apologies for the cliché, that they really are the future.

09/18/09 **Loot for Lerwick**

The Chair reminded everyone that the Loot for Lerwick closing date was 24 September and that so far six groups had asked for application forms.

09/18/09 **Planning Applications**

Cllr Bell and Cllr Smith declared an interest as Members of the Planning Committee and left the meeting at this stage.

2018/235/PPF North Road/Staney Hill – This application was for a development of six flats. A resident from the area asked to speak and said that they wanted support for their objection for the development as they felt it was not appropriate for the area. The flats would be too high and too obtrusive and would look into the bedrooms and

living rooms of the houses across the road which would be below them. They were concerned also about the lack of space for parking and on the road which is already busy. There did not appear to be space for all the associated wheelie bins which would be required for the properties. In effect the road at this point is a single track road and it is already an accident black spot. In addition to this they do not think that the development is anything like the gutters' huts as described in the design statement and in any cases gutters' huts were not sited along the old North Road. It was not in keeping with the area.

Mr Fraser agreed with the points raised by the residents and said that the development was not in keeping with the Shetland Development Plan.

Cllr Leask said that this road is supposed to be an access only road, but that this is rarely adhered to and the narrow road makes it difficult to accommodate any additional cars.

There was a discussion about the merits of the proposal and the need for additional housing in the area. Mr Morrish added that he would like to see more small unit housing in Lerwick to encourage young people to come back to Shetland after university. Views were split between wanting to support the application because it would bring new homes to the town and the recognition that the site appeared to be very small for the number of flats proposed. It was decided that the Community Council would object to the application on the basis that it did not comply with GP3 of the Shetland Development Plan, along with comments about the concerns over parking and overdevelopment of the site.

2017/383/PPF – This application for flats at 72 North Road had been discussed in two previous meetings. Further information had been received from the Roads Department regarding parking. Ms Fraser moved lifting Objection to 4 Maisonettes as despite concerns raised at meeting SIC Roads Memo dated 24th August stated "the minimum requirement of 4 spaces could be accommodated within an 80 metre walking distance of the development." This was seconded by Mr Coleman.

There were still some concerns over parking and Mr Fraser moved to uphold the objection which was seconded by Mr Ristori; however after a vote which which resulted in 7 members voting to lifting the objection against 4 who wished to retain it, it was decided that the objection should be withdrawn.

2018/232/PPF – The application was for an extension to Linnbrae. There were no objections or comments.

2018/212/VCON – There were no objections or comments to this application to vary a planning condition.

2018/235/PPF Mossy Hill Wind Farm

Mrs Simpson declared an interest in this application as a Committee Member of Sustainable Shetland. Mr Fraser asked whether the community benefit would outweigh the negatives such as the impact on the aesthetic appeal of Shetland which was an important asset. Mr Robinson said that he preferred the aesthetics of wind turbines to the Power Station and pointed out that the alternatives to renewable energy were no good. Global warming and increased acidification of the oceans had to

be tackled now. He commented on a recent report from SEPA which produced figures of CO2 pollution from the Power Station and Sullom Voe which was worrying as CO2 has proven health risks.

The Chair pointed out that the development had a boundary within Lerwick but the actual turbines would be outside of the town. There was a discussion about the likelihood of the development going ahead.

Ultimately with no agreement on whether to support or object to the development it was proposed by Mr Carter that the formal response was to note it, which was seconded by Mr Anderson.

Mr Tait said that he agreed that renewable energy was something that should be encouraged. Mr Morrish agreed that renewables need to be invested in now as global warming would become one of the major problems in the next 30-40 years and something needed to be done now.

Mr Wenger argued against the proposal and pointed out that living within 2km of the wind turbines could have an adverse effect on health because of the electro-magnetic field. Mr Coleman said he was concerned that the development would limit the scope for Lerwick to expand and develop housing as the windfarm would prevent this.

Mr Fraser said that whilst he was an advocate of renewables he did not think the benefits of this particular development had been proven and that the £250k per annum community benefit was just peanuts in compensation.

2018/233/PPF 9-11 Union St - there were no comments.

09/18/10

A.O.B.

- a. Mr Ristori said he had noticed that the dog bins appeared to be in need of replacement. Mr Spence said that they were being exchanged for multi-purpose litter bins instead.
- b. Mr Ristori reported that the disabled space at Gullet's Brae was no longer needed and should be removed. The Clerk would advise SIC. Mr Robinson added that there was another disabled space at Clickimin Road that was no longer required.
- c. Ms Fraser asked whether it would be possible to request that more litter bins could be installed around the Hoofields and Cunningham Way area as there are lots of pedestrians using this area but there are hardly any bins. She suggested the junction at Hoofields and the footpath and the bus stops would be sensible places to site them. The Clerk would write to the Council to make this request.
- d. Mr Wenger asked whether Michael Duncan would be able to attend a meeting sometime to discuss the cycling path project. Mrs Christie said that she would ask him.
- e. A letter had been received complaining about the weeds and potholes around Unicorn View and Ladies Drive. Mr Coleman added that the same problem was happening around Nederdale too. The Clerk would write to SIC to raise this issue.
- f. The Chair reported that NHS Shetland had received some funding from Paths for All to create a shelter at Slett's Path. There was a choice of three different shelters

to choose between and an online poll was available. Members were encouraged to vote for their favourite. The Clerk would email the link to Members.

- g. Police Scotland were urgently looking for volunteers to take part in a focus group on Monday 10th September at Islesburgh. A £40 incentive was being offered. Members were encouraged to take part if they were available.
- h. The Chair said he had noticed an increase in the number of cars parking in the Knab Road which was causing some problems for traffic. Some of the cars are parked illegally. He wondered whether SIC had looked into this situation as it was likely that some of the parked cars were SIC staff who were working in Annsbrae House. The Clerk was asked to write to SIC to enquire.
- i. The Chair suggested that now the new school had settled into its new site that it was time to revisit the road crossings to see if they met the needs of the pupils and other pedestrians in the area. Miss Arthur and Mr Tait said they had not experienced any problems but Mr Morrish said it was difficult getting across the road to school from the Nederald aread. Mr Coleman agreed and said that the junction at Nedersund Road was a blind crossing for anyone trying to get across the road from the Clickimin site and that it was particularly difficult to do this with young children. The traffic light crossing at Sound Station was too far away for most people to use and therefore there is a risk of an accident here. The Clerk would write to SIC to enquire about the crossings around the Clickimin site.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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