

MONDAY 7 MAY 2018

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson	Mr W Spence
Mr E Knight	Mr A Carter
Mr A Wenger	Mr S Hay
Mr D Ristori	Mrs M Hall
Mr G Robinson	Ms K Fraser

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr B Wishart
Cllr S Leask

Additional Co-opted Members

Miss L Cluness, AHS

In Attendance

Sgt Victoria Duthie, Police Scotland
Rachel Shucksmith, NAFC
Charlotte Slater, NAFC
Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman, presided.

05/18/01

Circular

Mr Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

05/18/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Westlake, Mr M Duncan, Mr P Jones, Mr P Coleman, Cllr M Bell, Cllr P Campbell, Cllr C Smith.

05/18/03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minute of the meeting on 2nd April 2018 was approved by Ms Fraser and seconded by Mr Carter. Mr Carter pointed out an error in attributing something he had said in item 4/18/11 para 3, when in fact it was Mr Hay.

05/18/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

05/18/05

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Sgt Duthie gave a report on behalf of Police Scotland. There had been 196 incidents in the Lerwick area. These included: 6 noisy neighbour reports; 1 drink driving; 1 assault;

2 breaches of the peace; 8 incidents of vandalism; 8 persons charged with possession of drugs; and drugs recovered from two houses. The remaining incidents were of a routine nature including a number of road traffic offences such as using a mobile phone while driving and driving a car without an MOT.

05/18/06

Correspondence – Replies from HIAL re: Airport parking and SIC re: SUSTRANS Projects

The response from HIAL regarding the introduction of daily parking charges at Sumburgh Airport was discussed. It was clear that HIAL had no intention of backing down on this decision.

The response from SIC regarding the suggestion that the Council applied for funding from SUSTRANS to create a cycle/footpath along the old road to Scalloway was discussed. SIC replied that this project would cost in the region of £6 million and with only 50% funding available would cost the Council £3million which was unaffordable.

Mr Wenger argued that the Council had based its estimate on a different route to the one proposed, which he thought would be cheaper and suggested that the Charitable Trust might be approached to make up the funding. This led to a discussion about what the Community Council could achieve for Lerwick in terms of promoting safer cycling in the area. Mr Robinson suggested that in some areas where the main roads had a soft verge instead of a pavement it might be a good idea to tarmac the verge to around a metre on the other side of the white line to provide a lane that cyclists could use. This idea had been adopted in other parts of Britain to great success. There was a discussion about cycling routes around the schools as these roads are very busy and many parents would not be happy with children cycling on the road. Ms Fraser asked whether children should be encouraged to ride their bikes on pavements as this might be safer, however, Mr Spence checked the regulations online and said this was not legal, even for children. The result of the discussion was that it would be a good idea for the Council to investigate creating new cycle lanes where possible.

It was noted that the 20mph signs had not been erected around the new school and there was no new pelican crossing. The clerk was asked to write to SIC to raise the issue of cycle lanes and to ask about the signs and crossing for the new school.

05/18/07

Shetland Regional Marine Plan Consultation

Rachel Shucksmith and Charlotte Slater from NAFC attended the meeting to seek views on the Scottish Government's work on marine spatial planning. They divided the members into two groups and asked them to complete short questionnaires about what was important to them in the marine environment in the Lerwick area specifically and also around Shetland. They were also asked to suggest what negative factors impact on these areas, such as pollution, noise, climate change, or navigational issues for example. Finally they were asked to identify any opportunities which led to a discussion on tourism, recreation, aquaculture and marine renewable. The result of the consultation from all over Shetland would be fed into a report which would go to Marine Scotland. Ms Shucksmith said they would report back to the Community Council in due course.

05/18/08 **Finance – Core Funding Report (End of Year) as at 28 April 2018**

There were no comments on the Core Funding Report.

05/18/09 **CDF Grant Projects for 2018/19 and PB Event**

The Chairman announced that the Community Council had been awarded a grant of £3000 for a PB event and £1000 for a project to create additional interpretation boards on local history for the Town Centre. It was agreed that the PB event in November had been successful and that another one should be run on the same format. The Chairman said that £2000 had been added to the PB from the core grant and suggested this could be done again. This had unanimous support and it was decided that this item would be brought back to the agenda for June for a discussion on taking these projects forward.

05/18/10 **Planning Applications 2018/040/PPF Helicopter Landing Site; 2018/086/PPP 70 St Olaf St & 2017/383/PPF Flats at Grantfield**

2018/040/PPF Helicopter Landing Site

There was a short discussion about the application to make the emergency helicopter site at South Lochside permanent. A large volume of evidence supporting the application had been submitted. The Chairman noted that there were no statistics on the type of emergencies that the helicopter had been tasked to take to this site, however, there did not appear to be any reason to object to the application as it was a necessary facility. There were no objections to the application.

2018/086/PPP 70 St Olaf St

Mr Robinson declared an interest in this application and left the meeting. There were no objects to the application for a new house site within the grounds of 70 St Olaf St.

2017/383/PPF Flats at Grantfield

This item had not been received in time to be placed on the agenda and Members wanted more time to look through the new parking study so it would be brought back for the June meeting. The clerk was asked to check the previous decision on this site which had been turned down for parking issues.

05/18/11 **Revocation 1 2018 - Disabled Parking Places**

There were no objections to the decision to remove disabled parking spaces where they were no longer needed outside the properties of 3 Leslie Road, 2 Sandveien and 38 Norstane.

05/18/12 **ASCC Agenda**

The subject of cycle lanes around Shetland was suggested for the ASCC agenda to see if more support could be gained for the project.

05/18/13 **Shetland Partnership – Make a Difference Project**

A series of short seminars on the Make a Difference Project would be held once a month over the next year. The project was about promoting ways to tackle loneliness.

Members who were interested in attending the seminar were asked to book a place directly with the organisers.

05/18/14

AOB

Ms Fraser reported that the recent Voar Redd Up had been successful. The volunteers had tackled the area around Gremista. She suggested that the local businesses in that area were contacted to see if some of the litter that could not be accessed by the volunteers because it was on private property was picked up by the businesses. The clerk was asked to contact companies in that area.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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