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Community Planning Board Meeting

Welcome to Issue 3 of the Community Planning e-Newsletter. This issue follows the CPB meeting held on 9 May 2005.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Board should meet on a quarterly basis in future, with the option of additional meetings if required.

Council Electoral Boundaries

A presentation outlining the proposed electoral boundaries which would come into force with the introduction of proportional representation for the 2007 Scottish Parlia-

ment elections was given. Provision had to be made for multi-member wards. In



Shetland, it was proposed that there would be 6 three-member wards and one four-member ward.

Forecasted figures which had been prepared by the Assessor

and Planning Officers indicated that the migration from rural areas to the centre was slowing.

It was also outlined that one or two areas in central Shetland where there had been some difficulties with the boundaries, and there were also one or two areas where Community Councils would probably wish to reconsider their own boundaries.

It is hoped to advertise the Boundary Commission's proposals by the end of the month followed by a consultation period.

21-28 May, Adult Learners' Week

Community Development is planning a range of events during Adult Learners' Week (21 – 28 May) to encourage folk to come into and make use of the Old Library Centre. We hope you will take part in some of the events.

Some of the highlights of the week are: Pure Palm Drumming, Family History, Calligraphy, Poetry, Crochet, Bookmaking and Guitar Workshops, Family Fun Day, Open Day, and afternoon sessions for learners from Independent Living and

with English as an Additional Language.

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Special points of interest:

- *There will be an open day at the old library centre from 2-4pm on Saturday 21 May 2005, all welcome*
- *Shetlands first formal Community Safety Strategy will be available in June*
- *A resource kit for effective partnership working in Shetland is being developed and will be available soon.*
- *The Vibrant Shetland Action plan is progressing and will be completed by June*
- *The neighborhood support worker scheme is working well in Shetland*



Textiles at Shetland College

“the ‘ecological footprint’ indicator should not affect the release of land for housing sites, as this should not place a major demand on the environment”.

Mr J Uttley

Efficient Government Funding

CPB Chairperson, Cllr Cluness, said that he saw Community Planning as a way in which Shetland, if successful in its bid for efficient government funding, could produce a result which would show the government that the most efficient type of

service could be delivered here.

He believed that this could be done, although it would take time and would be a big job for the Board. Members commented that it was possible if Shetland did not take a

step forward, something could be imposed by the Scottish executive. Whilst Shetlands bid was an ambitious bid, it was felt that it would provide an opportunity for merging operations and improving service delivery.

Environmental Action Team

The process of developing the Shetland Environmental Protection and Enhancement Plan should help draw the Environmental Action Team together, it was heard.

Examples of good practice were identified as the “ecological foot-

print” Indicator.

The “Living Shetland” project is moving on to its second phase.

Although some funding had been promised, funding support is still very uncertain for the Team at this time.

For more information please contact Mr John Uttley on john.uttley@snh.gov.uk

Shetland Licensed Traders Association

A public meeting will be held on Monday 23rd May 2005 at the Town Hall to give participants the opportunity to discuss the proposed Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

The meeting is being run by The Shetland Community Safety

Partnership, in conjunction with the Shetland Licensed Traders Association and will be chaired by Tavish Scott, MSP and includes a presentation by Jacqueline Conlan, Head of the Licensing (Liquor & Gambling) Team of the Scottish Executive on the Bill’s

proposals followed by a Question & Answer session with a Panel.

For further information please contact Jenny Wylie - Community Safety Officer on 01595 744527 or email jenny.wylie@sic.shetland.gov.uk.

Skills for Group Work Training

Most of us work with groups of people at some point in our working lives, whether through consultation, staff groups, community development or in planning processes.

The programme aims to increase understanding of groups and how they work and your role in

working with or facilitating groups. There will be time for participants to reflect on their own experience and practice and test out how they might develop practice.

Dates:
24th May 6.30pm—9.00pm
or

25th May 10.00am—4.00pm.

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“This programme examines how groups work, the stages they are likely to go through and the roles people take in groups”.

Housing Strategies Steering Group

New ways of encouraging or enabling private sector housing in Shetland is something to be considered by the group.

Instances where people had to turn down jobs as they were unable to get a house in

Shetland were not unheard of.

There are initiatives such as rural home ownership grants. And Hjatland Housing Association are currently selling serviced sites.

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“More could be done to encourage people to access private sector housing in Shetland”.

Lerwick and Bressay Community Office

The Old Library Centre will be the new base for the **Community Office** for Lerwick and Bressay, previously based in Hayfield House. June Porter, Community Learning and Development Officer, looks forward to welcoming the public

to the new Centre, “I would encourage members of the community or community groups to drop in to have a chat about what we can offer.”

For further information please contact June Porter on 01595

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“Join Shetland’s online community and take part in discussions on local issues. You can view existing threads or have your say on www.myshetland.org.uk/haveyoursay”



Old Library Centre

Community Development is delighted to report that some of its services have now relocated to the Old Library Centre in Lower Hillhead. The ground floor of the building has been re-furbished to provide a welcoming venue for a range of learning, from books for babies to learning for the Third Age, from improving number skills to support and advice for

community groups. The building provides a range of information about community development and learning opportunities in Shetland. Shetland Museum has also arranged for its photo archive to be accessible in the Centre during the Museum’s closure.

The public is invited to come along to an Open Day at the Centre from

2 – 4 pm on Saturday 21 May and to a range of events during Adult Learners’ Week between 21 and 28 May. Cllr Bill Manson opens the Centre at 2 pm on 21 May and Adult Learners’ Week closes with a Family Fun Afternoon on Saturday 28 May.

Shetland Resolution

The “Shetland Resolution” is being circulated and will be consulted on through the “Your Voice” questionnaire and the “Have Your Say” internet discussion forum as well as through participation in the launch of the “Initiative at the Edge” and future community-focussed events.

It is hoped to gather opinions and views looking at regeneration.

For further information contact John Smith on 01595 744513 or email john.smith@sic.shetland.gov.uk

Shetland Learning Guide

Careers Scotland plan to launch the third edition of the Shetland Learning Guide to coincide with the start of Adult Learners Week. The launch will take place in the Toll Clock Centre on Saturday 21 May, as part of Careers Scotland’s Open Day.

Partner organisations in the Shetland learning and guidance community are also planning a range of activities to promote learning during Adult Learners’ Week. These include: “Silver Surfer” computing sessions, writing in dialect, guided walks as well as drop-in careers guidance at learning centres.

For further information please contact Careers Scotland (Shetland Office) 01595 695791

Adult Learning

Adult Learning is also based at the Old Library Centre. The service has recently changed its name (from Adult Literacy), in response to listening to learners who feel that the term 'literacy' is a barrier to learning. Learners and tutors will now be able to

work in a bright, airy, room. Nancy Heubeck, Adult Learning Development Officer, is pleased about the move: "The new building is excellent, our old centre had poor access and was pretty cramped. We are now more accessible and will be able to further

develop services to learners and Volunteer Tutors."

For further information please contact Nancy Heubeck on 01595 692839 or nancy.heubeck@sic.shetland.gov.uk

"Sharing the new building with both the Community Office and Adult Learning will make our joint work easier and quicker. The new Training and Events Room will be a wonderful resource for the many children's and adult groups with whom we are involved."

Silvja Crook, Learning and Information Services Manager

Marketing to Hard to Reach Groups

This course will provide participants with a framework for marketing to hard to reach groups based on developing an understanding of the principles of marketing.

The course will take participants through the stages of evaluation, visioning, identifying stakeholders and defining outcomes. By the end of this course, participants

will be:

- Able to identify primary target audiences
- Understand product/service features and benefits
- Identify key messages to convey
- Identify methods, media and tools you could use.
- Identify what resources are available and what is achievable within this

- Potential of additional resources through partnership working

**6 June 2005,
10—4.30pm
Old Library Centre**

Please contact Policy Unit on 01595 744537. Or Email policy@sic.shetland.gov.uk

"Look out for adverts in the local press for further details on Adult Learners Week"

Community Planning Support Team

- Consulting and Engaging with Communities—**21 June 2005, 9.30—4.30, Old Library Centre.**
- Participatory Planning and Evaluation—**9 June 2005, 2.30—5pm.**

For further information or to enrol in any of the training courses please contact Policy Unit on 01595 744536 or email policy@shetland.gov.uk





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COMMUNITY PLANNING
BOARD, 5 SEPTEMBER 05



community planning in
Shetland

Hjaltland Housing Association— Engagement with CPB

Current arrangements, whereby representation of groups such as Hjaltland Housing Association (HHA) is principally achieved through strategic groups such as the Housing Strategies Group, was considered to be appropriate.

Board members felt it was appropriate that strategic groups should continue to focus on their particular areas and report back to the Board. Therefore current arrangements were still appropriate and it was agreed that a presentation on housing issues would be useful for a future Board meeting.

