

MONDAY 3 JULY 2017

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

Members

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| Mrs A Simpson | Mr Damien Ristori |
| Ms K Fraser | Mr S Hay |
| Mr A Carter | Mr P Coleman |
| Mr Eddie Knight | Mr A Wenger |

Ex-Officio Councillors

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| Cllr C Smith | Cllr P Campbell |
| Cllr B Wishart | Cllr John Fraser |

Co-opted Members

Mrs M Hall
Mr A Wishart

In Attendance

PC Michael Murphy, Police Scotland
Mr G Bain, Living Lerwick
Ms F Valente, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mrs A Simpson, Vice Chair, presided.

07/17/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

07/17/02

Mrs Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Mr Anderson could not attend due to his broken ankle. She welcomed Mr Bain from Living Lerwick to the meeting.

07/17/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Johnston, Mr A Johnston, Cllr S Leask, Cllr A Westlake and Cllr M Bell.

07/17/03

Minute

The minute of the meeting on 5 June 2017 was approved by Mr S Hay and seconded by Mr J Fraser.

07/17/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Minute ref 03/17/AOB – Road over the Staney Hill Cllr C Smith said he would be meeting with Colin Gair, SIC to discuss the issue of safety. A meeting with the landowner would also be organised. Cllr Smith said he would report back with an update at the next meeting.

07/17/05

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Mrs Simpson welcomed PC Michael Murphy to the meeting. PC Murphy commented on the recent drugs raid which had been covered in the media. He described it as reasonably successful. He circulated a full report which is appended to the minutes. In brief, 259 incidents of note had been recorded for the Lerwick area. They included: 11 noisy neighbours, 2 drink driving, 8 assaults, 18 breaches of the peace, 6 vandalisms, 1 theft, 3 drunk persons, and 6 anti-social behaviour fixed penalties, as well as a number of other routine calls. In addition to this there had been a number of road traffic offences in Lerwick which include driving while using a mobile phone and driving without wearing a seatbelt.

Mr Ristori asked whether there was any legislation on the use of drone cameras in public places as he was concerned that drone cameras were being used to take photos of people on the beach. PC Murphy replied that the legislation on the use of drones applies to public events. It is not possible to fly within a certain radius of a public event, such as a carnival, Up Helly Aa etc. He added that if anyone had any concerns about the use of a drone, if for example, it was causing a nuisance, they should contact the Police. Mr Wishart added that if people were flying drones over the harbour area they should get permission from the Harbour Master first.

Mr Fraser asked a question about what PC Murphy meant by a reasonably successful drugs raid, however, PC Murphy said he could not provide figures on the incident but it was considered by the Police as a successful operation.

PC Murphy was asked about the Police's perception of the success of the new zebra crossing and traffic calming measures. He replied that public awareness of the new road layout was required. It would take a while, and maybe an education campaign to raise the awareness of them, and not simply from the driver's point of view. He said that pedestrian also needed to ensure they had received acknowledgement from drivers before they used the zebra crossings.

Mrs Simpson thanked PC Murphy for input to the meeting.

PC Murphy left at 7.15pm.

07/17/06

Correspondence

Bluebells at Hayfield

A reply had been received from SIC in response to the query about the digging up of the bluebells at Hayfield House. It was thought to have been done by children playing in the area.

Bins at the Knab

A reply had been received from SIC regarding the need for seagull-proof bins at the Knab. The suggested suitable bin would apparently cost around £3500 so a cheaper solution was being investigated by the Council.

Unused disabled spaces

One of the unused disabled spaces had been removed from Cheyne Crescent.

Queen's Lane

The pedestrian access in Queen's Lane which is sometimes made difficult by parked cars will be resolved by the moving of the grit bin.

Staney Hill

The issue over the road over Staney Hill was discussed earlier in the meeting and is being investigated by Cllr Smith.

Letter from Stephen Johnston re: land at Twageos Road

A letter had been received from Stephen Johnston regarding land at Twageos Road. The Community Council was happy to support this. Action – Clerk to write to SIC.

Letter from NHS re: Grass cutting

A letter had been received from NHS Shetland regarding grass cutting. It was suggested that the grass cutting could be done by people on community service as part of the restorative justice programme. Cllr Campbell pointed out that there was some health and safety issues regarding grass cutting and it would involve training by professionals, which might not save any public money at all. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to NHS Shetland to raise this issue as something that could be investigated. **Action: Clerk**

07/17/07

Grant Applications

Anderson High School – History Project

The application was for £400 as a contribution towards a history project of the Anderson High School. Members were interested in the project which would be an important record of the school's history in the old and much loved building and it was thought that it was particularly important to capture that history as the school is about to move into its new building. Mr Ristori proposed that the grant should be awarded. Mr Fraser seconded it. Cllr Wishart commented that she hoped the project would make use of commercial support to make the most of the project outcome as this would be a useful piece of recorded social history. Mr Wishart added that the school should try and find professional support for the project to maximise the benefits for the community. **Action: Clerk**

Global Classrooms Project – Shetland to Vagsoy school trip

The application was for funding to support a two-week exchange visit to Norway for 8 pupils from the Anderson High School. Other Community Councils had also been approached for support for the pupils who resided in their constituency. The application was for £1400 and it was agreed that £875 was awarded which would fund pro-rata the Lerwick pupils who would be taking part. The Members wanted to hear a report on the trip and this would be requested in the reply to the application. **Action: Clerk**

07/17/08

Finance

9.1 Core Funding Report 26 June 2017

Noted.

Funding Streams

A number of different funding streams had been brought to the attention of the Community Council. The only one that appeared to be of interest was the Community Benefits Funds. It was hoped that a successful application might mean additional funding for the next Participatory Budgeting exercise. The clerk was asked to enquire whether it would be possible to obtain match-funding. Action: Clerk to make enquiries and to submit the application as appropriate.

Cllr Smith declared an interest as a member of the Planning Boards.

07/17/09

Planning Applications

Planning Ref: 2017/187/CAC - Demolition in a Conservation Area – 74 St Olaf St

No objections.

Action – Clerk

Planning Ref: 2017/188/PPF - Erect new garage – 74 St Olaf St

No objections

Action – Clerk

Planning Ref: 2017/197/PPF - Conversion to Form 4 No Flats to Existing First Floor, with separate access at ground floor level, creation of bicycle and pram store, Removal of Existing Fuel Pumps and Canopy, Re-position Fuel Pumps, Remove Vehicle Door from North Wall and Provide Parking. Grantfield Garage.

No objections.

Action – Clerk

07/17/10

Scottish Heritage Angel Awards 2017

The Members considered the Scottish Heritage Angel Awards scheme and suggested that the Anderson High School history project that had been discussed earlier in the meeting might be suitable for nomination under the category of *best contribution to a heritage project by young people*.

Action: Clerk to nominate AHS History Project.

07/17/11

Projects and Funding Meeting

A report of the meeting held on 16 June had been circulated with the agenda. Mrs Simpson said that it had been a useful meeting and Mr Serginson had pointed the Community Council in the direction of other contacts to speak to about the project.

Mrs Simpson said it would be useful to contact Linda Coutts in the Economic Development Office to talk about the Walk Shetland website.

Action: Clerk

07/17/12

A.O.B

Mr Ristori asked where the planning office had been temporarily relocated to. Cllr Smith replied that it was located at Train Shetland and he would check that the SIC website had been updated with this information.

Mr Wishart asked whether, as a co-opted member of the Community Council, he would be able to vote at the meetings, should this be necessary. The Clerk was asked to check the constitution. **Action: Clerk**

Mr Fraser said that he had contact Helen Budge with regard to the parking situation at Bell's Brae school. He had asked for a stakeholder meeting in order to find solutions to the problem. Mrs Budge had agreed to the meeting which would happen in due course. Mr Fraser would report back with an update.

Mrs Simpson requested to pass on the wishes of the Community Council members to Mr Anderson for a speedy recovery.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 7.50pm.
Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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