

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson	Ms K Fraser
Mr S Hay	Mr A Carter
Mr W Spence	Mr A Wenger
Mr A Johnston	Cllr J Fraser
Mr B Johnston	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell	Cllr P Campbell
Cllr S Leask	

Co-opted Members

Mrs M Hall
Mr A Wishart
Mr G Robinson
Miss L Cluness
Mr P Jones

In Attendance

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

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chair, presided.

09/17/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Mr Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Mr Gary Bain from Living Lerwick to the meeting and also welcomed Mr Gary Robinson as a newly co-opted member. Mr Anderson introduced Louise Cluness and Peter Jones and welcomed them to their first meeting as co-opted members representing Anderson High School.

09/17/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Westlake and Cllr B Wishart, Cllr C Smith, Mr E Knight, Mr M Peterson, Mr P Coleman and Mr D Ristori.

09/17/03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minute of the meeting on 3 July 2017 was approved, after a minor amendment requested by Cllr Fraser, by Ms K Fraser and seconded by Mr S Hay.

09/17/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

“Minute ref 03/17/AOB – Road over the Stoney 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”. Cllr Smith was not in attendance therefore the Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Smith for an update. Action: Clerk.

Mr Wishart had asked whether co-opted members had the same voting rights as elected members. The constitution does not cover this issue, however, a new constitution is expected to be finalised soon for Community Councils. Mr Anderson said that there were rarely any issues to be voted on so there was no need to worry about it, but that the rules would be investigated further.

09/17/05

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Mr Anderson welcomed PC Malcolm MacLeod to the meeting. PC MacLeod did not have the written August report available for the meeting however he was able to run through some of the recent incidents for the Lerwick area.

There had been 228 incidents reported to the Police, including 8 vandalism, 19 drink driving, 3 assaults, 4 shoplifting, 1 theft, 1 offensive weapon, 8 fixed penalty traffic notices and 13 reports of noisy neighbours.

PC MacLeod was asked if any of the fixed penalty notices had been for people driving along Commercial St. It was observed that the prohibition of vehicles other than for loading purposes or used by people with a disability does not seem to be reducing the number of vehicles. PC MacLeod said he would make this point to the Sergeant.

Cllr Leask asked whether it would be possible to use CCTV cameras to assist in the prosecution of drivers illegally using Commercial St. PC MacLeod replied that it was technically possible to do so, but CCTV footage tended only to be used for dealing with things such as accidental damage where the driver failed to stop and report it.

Mr Anderson thanked PC MacLeod for input to the meeting.

PC MacLeod left at 7.15pm.

09/17/06

Correspondence

Mr Anderson praised the attendance and positive contribution from Eve and Tommy. Proposing that we write thanking them for their kind note and wish them all the very best for their futures.

09/17/07

Finance

Core Funding Report 25 August 2017

Noted.

Funding Opportunities

Details of a meeting organised to find out more about funding managed by the Robertson Trust were circulated to Members. Mrs Simpson, Mr Hay and Cllr Campbell will be attending the meeting and will report back if there is anything of interest to the Community Council.

There was a brief discussion about the new Tesco Bags for Life funding but it was thought that the Community Council did not have any projects that would fit the criteria at the moment.

09/17/08

Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to discuss at the meeting. Mr Anderson reported that the Community Council had written to object to the planning application for the change of signage at the Tourist Office. The application had been received during the summer recess and therefore had been circulated for comment as there had not been time to raise this at a meeting with Members.

09/17/09

Sound Primary School 40th Anniversary

Sound Primary School wrote to LCC to ask for support to the 40th Anniversary coffee morning on 23rd September. Members were asked to support this in the form of donations for the raffle or providing home-bakes on the day.

09/17/10

Shetland Environmental Awards

The Community Council had been asked to make a nomination for the Shetland Environmental Awards. The closing date was Friday 8 September. Cllr Fraser suggested the Shetland Community Bike Project. There was a discussion about other possible options, including the newly enhanced footpath and landscaping around the new high school. The clerk was asked to nominate the Shetland Community Bike Project.

Action: Clerk

09/17/11

ASCC Meeting on 30 September 2017

The Association of Shetland Community Councils had scheduled a meeting for 30 September and had asked for items for the agenda.

Cllr Fraser asked whether it would be appropriate to suggest an amalgamation of some of the Community Councils to save on overheads. However, it was thought that this was a matter for SIC to deal with.

There was a discussion about the ferry services, both inter-isle and Serco Northlink. Mr Anderson said that the Yell ferry service at the weekend struggles to cope with events such as regattas and festivals, even when Ferry Services was laying on additional "community" ferries. He suggested that Lerwick Community Council should offer support, along with other community councils to the idea of pressuring the Council to run additional inter-isle ferries when there was a community event taking place.

This led to a discussion on the Serco Northlink ferry service and the recent announcement of reduced fares. Mr Hay suggested that the Community Councils should be speaking as one voice to raise their concerns that the reduction in fares should take into consideration the fact that an overnight ferry service should provide berths at an affordable price, since passengers must be presumed to need to sleep at some stage during the journey. The clerk was asked to contact ASCC to ask that these issues are put on the agenda for discussion. **Action: Clerk**

09/17/12

Lerwick Paths Project

Various discussions had taken place with NHS, SIC and other interested parties regarding the proposal to establish and promote a footpath around Lerwick. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting for the Lerwick Paths Project working group who would meet to create an action plan.

Action: Clerk

09/17/13

Participatory Budget Event for Lerwick

The Community Council had £5000 earmarked for the Participatory Budget event that would be held towards the end of October. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the working group who would meet to decide how the event would be managed.

Action: Clerk.

09/17/14

A.O.B

Ms Fraser raised a concern about the removal of the bus stop at Unicorn View which has not been replaced despite requests from residents. There did not appear to have been any communication from SIC on this matter. Cllr Leask said that he had been asked about this too and he was pursuing this with Michael Craigie at SIC.

There was a discussion about the bus timetables with regard to the new school opening soon. There did not appear to have been any consultation on this, and with the proposed new timetable change coming into effect next year there was some concern that buses would not be available when needed.

The Clerk was asked to contact SIC to ask what plans had been made for the bus service when the school opened and when the timetable changed, and also to ask about the provision of a bus stop at Unicorn View. **Action: Clerk**

Mrs Hall raised a concern about the proposed new recycling scheme, raising doubts about the suitability of implementing the wheelie bin service on all residents when it was likely that some people would struggle to manoeuvre bins from their property to the kerbside on collection day; with the additional worry over whether bins would stay put in high winds. Mr Spence gave a quick update on the recycling policy that was being introduced, and stated that SIC were aware of the concerns and had been in talks with other councils about how the policy had been implemented. Mr Spence was asked to give a more in-depth presentation on this issue at the next meeting.

Action: Mr Spence/Clerk to add this to October agenda

Mr Robinson raised the issue of vehicles speeding on the old North Road, possibly as the result of drivers avoiding the main road whilst resurfacing had been taking place.

He said that the junction near Staney Hill Hall had poor visibility, and that yellow lines to stop parking near the junction might be helpful. The council bins sited near the junction were also hindering visibility. The Clerk was asked to contact SIC Roads regarding this concern. Mr Robinson also said that the state of the fencing by the properties 1-6 Burnside was in disrepair and needed attention. The Clerk was asked to raise this with SIC.

Action: Clerk

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman.....

Date.....

11-11-11

