

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2017

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

Members

Mr J Anderson
Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Wenger
Mr A Johnston
Mr E Knight

Mrs M Hall
Ms K Fraser
Mr P Coleman
Mr J Fraser

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr B Wishart
Cllr S Leask

Cllr Cecil Smith

Additional Co-opted Members

Mr A Wishart
Mr G Robinson
Miss L Cluness
Mr P Jones

In Attendance

PC J Williamson, Police Scotland
PC G Owen, Police Scotland
Mr C Bragg, SIC
Ms F Valente, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chair, presided.

10/17/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read. Mr Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

10/17/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Stewart Hay, Andy Carter, Cllr Malcolm Bell, Cllr Peter Campbell, Michael Duncan and Brian Johnston.

10/17/03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minute of the meeting on 4 September 2017 was approved by Ms K Fraser and seconded by Cllr Fraser.

10/17/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Mr Wenger asked for an update on the issue of the road over Staney Hill that would be reopened shortly. Cllr Smith reported on a discussion with SIC Roads Engineers who don't think that enough cars will use the road to cause a problem to any children using

it to get to school; however, SIC will be monitoring the use of the road and will close it if it becomes a problem.

Mr Anderson reported that the issue of Ferries was discussed at the ASCC meeting on Saturday. ASCC will write to the Minister for Transport, Humza Yousaf, regarding the fare structures.

After the last meeting the Clerk had written to Michael Craigie, SIC regarding the bus service and how it will work with the new school. A reply was received just before the meeting and was read out by Mr Anderson.

10/17/05

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Mr Anderson welcomed PC John Williamson and PC George Owen to the meeting.

There had been 275 incidents recorded for the Lerwick area during August.

A summary of the incidents of note were broken down to the following categories

1. Noisy Neighbour – 14
2. Drink Driving - 1
3. Assaults – 3 (0 in a Licenced Premises)
4. Breach of the Peace/Disorder – 4
5. Vandalisms – 8
6. 6 people searched and found in possession of drugs.
7. 4 houses searched under warrant and drugs recovered.
8. Anti-social behaviour Fixed Penalties tickets – 8

The remainder of the calls and incidents were of a routine nature. There had also been a number of road traffic offences detected in and around Lerwick which included 1 charged with using a mobile phone, 2 charged with no seatbelt, 5 charged with no MOT and a number of other road traffic offences.

There was a discussion about the new road calming measures at the Esplanade. Cllr Smith asked whether the police had been aware of any problems caused by the new road layout as some constituents had reported problems when driving along the road as there appeared to be confusion over where pedestrian crossings were. Cars and pedestrians were sometimes treating the road humps and the coloured sections of road as crossings. Mr Wenger confirmed he had witnessed this too. The police had not been aware of any problems but advised that any concerns should be raised with the Roads Department. If anyone witnesses any near misses or dangerous incidents they should report this to the police.

PC Williamson announced that there was an ongoing public consultation regarding the performance of Police Scotland. The public are invited to go online to www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

In response to a query by Ms Fraser PC Williamson explained how the police deal with noisy neighbours, which involved an initial warning and with any required second visit to the household resulting in a fixed penalty notice and possible confiscation of music systems or instruments.

Mr Anderson thanked the constables for their contribution to the meeting.

PC Williamson and PC Owen left at 7.15pm.

10/17/06

Correspondence

Letter – re: Water Lane

There was a discussion about a complaint made on behalf of elderly parents regarding the state of the environment around Water Lane. Some members had taken the trouble to go and look for themselves and reported that there was some broken paving slabs and overgrown shrubbery and weeds. The clerk was asked to pass on the complaint to the Housing Department as it was not entirely clear who has responsibility for all of the issues reported. It was accepted that the comments made about the BT building would be difficult to reply to since it is used and owned by a private company. **Action: Clerk**

10/17/07

Finance

Core Funding Report 27 September 2017

Noted.

10/17/08

Planning Application 2017/299/PPF

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from Scottish Water and this item was chaired by Mrs Simpson. Mr Anderson clarified some of the detail of the application. There were no objections or comments.

10/17/09

Recycling in Shetland – SIC

Colin Bragg from SIC attended the meeting to talk about the new proposals for recycling which will be implemented in July 2018. SIC had received funding after signing up to the Household Recycling Charter. A significant amount of funding had been made available because the council was essentially going from zero to full recycling and therefore there would be expenses in the form of promotion, public engagement and the supply of recycling bins. The new system would involve a four weekly cycle in which week one would be for non-recyclable waste, week two would be for paper/card, week three would be for non-recyclable waste and week four would be for plastics.

Mr Bragg said there would be significant cost savings to the exercise, despite there being a reduction in the amount of refuse that will be sent to the waste to energy heat plant. Currently some recyclable materials cause problems when they are burnt and so the problem of clogging up the burners with chemical deposits will be reduced.

Glass will continue to be sold to the glass recycling plant at Cunningsburgh which is owned privately and uses the glass to make building and landscaping materials. SIC will provide additional glass recycling points to encourage increased use and will issue residents with recycling bags for glass to help uplift bags to recycling points more easily.

SIC are aware of residents' concerns that the new wheelie bins will be difficult for some people to handle and that, empty bins especially, might take flight during high winds, however, this system has been adopted in other Scottish islands and in the west of Ireland successfully and most of the problems have been resolved. SIC will be investigating the use of tethering mechanisms to eliminate the problems of wind or steep slopes moving the bins.

Ms Fraser asked whether it would still be possible for groups of homes to work together to combine wheelie bins or skips as is currently done, to avoid the need for 10 new wheelie bins to be issued for just five houses. Mr Bragg said that a feasibility study is being carried out to assess need, particularly in the built up areas in Lerwick where some shared use of bins is envisaged.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bragg for his contribution to the meeting.

10/17/10

Community Engagement with Green Space

Lerwick Community Council had been asked for an opinion on how Members could contribute to the promotion of green space in the planning and development of public spaces. There was a discussion about what involvement Lerwick CC had in decisions on green space, which included a mention of the work with the community gardens, of which Park Lane was the most recent. The new development at the Knab would hopefully provide potential for the creation of new communal green spaces and the Community Council had been consulted about the initial plans for the area and since the consultants had been appointed to manage the project it is expected that the Community Council will be consulted again in the future on this project. Cllr Smith announced that the draft masterplan for the Knab site would be released on 3 October; however, there would not be a public meeting on this.

10/17/11

ASCC Meeting on 30 September 2017

Mr Anderson and Mrs Simpson attended the ASCC meeting and reported back. There had been a discussion on the availability of community bed spaces and the current pressures on the service. Simon Bokor-Ingram and Kathleen Carolan from the IJB had attended the meeting to hear the views of ASCC Members and to give an update on the service.

10/17/12

Participatory Budget Event for Lerwick

No applications had been received to date although it had been recently announced that the closing date had been extended to 20th October. The facebook advertising campaign had reached over 4000 people and an announcement had been made on Radio Shetland. SIC had emailed details of the funding to its mailing list of community groups. The PB voting event will be held on 4th November at Isleburgh Community Centre.

10/17/13

A.O.B

Membership issues

The chairman said that the two new additional co-opted members, Allan Wishart and Gary Robinson had not been formally appointed to the Community Council and he asked for formal nominations.

Cllr Fraser nominated Mr Wishart and this was seconded by Mr Coleman.
Mrs Simpson nominated Mr Robinson and this was seconded by Ms Fraser.
Mr Wishart and Mr Robinson were duly appointed accepted as non-voting additional co-opted members. It was noted that one vacancy remained in the voting membership and this would be subject to a by-election early in the new year.

Mr Wishart commented that he appreciated the concise nature of the minutes produced by the clerk.

New School

Miss Cluness responded to a question from the chairman regarding the move to the new school. She said that there was a general feeling of excitement and anticipation. Mr Jones added that the workload for 6th formers meant that they had not had much time to think about it, however, the 6th form pupils would start at the new school a day earlier than everyone else, so they would be able to familiarise themselves with the new layout before younger pupils returned to school.

Town Bus Service

Mr Fraser commented on the availability of 21 new homes at the Observatory and wondered if the Town bus service would be adapted to accommodate this. He was referred to the email from SIC that was read earlier in the meeting where it was proposed that SIC should be more proactive about advertising to Lerwick residents that the Sumburgh bus (No 6) could be used to go into the town. This bus will also stop at the Observatory.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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