

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020

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

Members

Mr G Robinson
Mr E Knight
Mr D Ristori
Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Wenger

Mr A Wenger
Mr A Irvine
Mr S Hay
Mrs J Williamson

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr C Smith
Cllr A Hawick
Cllr S Leask
Cllr P Campbell
Cllr M Bell

Additional Co-opted Members

In Attendance

Dr M MacGregor
Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

02/20/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02/20/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Flaws, Mr M Hall, Mr A Carter, Mr A Johnston, Ms K Fraser, Mrs C Carroll, Ms E Miller, Mr M Duncan, Mr J Dorratt and Mr J Fraser.

02/20/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bell and Cllr Smith both declared an interest in the planning applications as members of the Planning Committee. Mr Anderson declared an interest in the Scottish Water planning application.

02/20/04

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mr Robinson and seconded by Mr Hay.

02/20/05 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mrs Simpson asked if there had been a response from SIC regarding the payment of schools meals. SIC had not replied yet, but the matter was going to be on the agenda for the next Parent Council meeting, so it was likely that there would be a reply after that.

02/20/06 **Police Scotland Monthly Report**

Police Scotland was not in attendance for this item.

02/20/07 **Correspondence**

- a. Robert Sinclair had written with an update on the development at the Knab site. He explained that the development had been split into two phases. The work to separate the links between buildings had commenced prior to plans to demolish and clear the sites. Design of the necessary reinstatements to buildings that were being retained was being carried out. Tender documentation was being prepared for the next stage.
- b. Robert Geddes had written in response to the query about the festive opening hours at the Clickimin Centre. He explained the reasons behind the closure and that the decision on opening hours were made by the Board. The clerk was asked to write to the board to ask whether it would be possible to reconsider the festive opening times for this year.

02/20/08 **Financial report for November 2019**

There were no comments about the financial report.

02/20/09 **Planning Applications – 2020/009/PPF – The Esplanade, 2019/347/PPF – Sandy Loch**

There were no objections to 2020/009/PPF a retrospective planning application for a change of use from commercial to residential for a property at the Esplanade. There were no objections to the application from Scottish Water for a new backwash pumping station and storage facilities.

02/20/10 **Local Review Ref: 2019/107/PPF – LR38 to site mobile unit to trade from: Irvine Place**

There was a short discussion about the review of the above planning application. It was decided that the original objection was still valid and the clerk was asked to write to Planning to confirm that there had not been a change of mind over the original objection which should be left on record.

02/20/11 **Disabled Parking Space – St Olaf St**

There was no objection to the proposed new disabled parking space in St Olaf St. Cllr Hawick pointed out that due to the number of new developments in the town centre it was likely that more people will make applications to get disabled parking spaces in their street, although a disabled parking space is available to all disabled drivers who have a blue badge. Disabled residents who are struggling to find suitable parking near their home because of the increased number of cars in the area should consider making an application to SIC Roads for additional disabled parking spaces.

02/20/12

ASCC Agenda

The next meeting of the ASCC would take place on 10th March. Cllr Campbell referred to the item on grass-cutting at cemeteries on the agenda for the meeting and said that SIC had recently announced a new programming of grass-cutting for cemeteries. This had been reported in the media recently, and it was anticipated that this would be an improvement on the previous year. There were no other comments on the ASCC agenda, however, Mr Anderson asked Mr Wenger whether there was any news from the Community Benefits Committee.

Mr Wenger gave a brief update on the work that the Community Benefits Committee were carrying out, which amounted to monthly meetings and attempts to connect with community groups to generate ideas on what to do with the money. Mr Wenger said that more ideas would be welcome. He also explained that the change of partnership from Viking to SSE had implications for when the money would be paid out, which would be reduced during construction but would increase once the turbines were operationa.

02/20/13

Update on Stout's Court Closure

The office was being cleared of furniture and files with a view to closing on 31 March. There were still a few items for sale which would be donated to COPE if they were not wanted.

02/20/14

Complaints Procedure Consultation

The new complaints procedure had been circulated to members for comment. It was considered to be pretty standard and there were no suggestions for improvement or change.

02/20/15

A.O.B.

- a. The Chairman drew attention to a Civic Trust event that was taking place on 10 February at the Town Hall. A consultation event on the Marine Plan was also scheduled for 27 February at the Town Hall. Members were invited to both events.
- b. Mr Ristori said that he was concerned about the number of road markings in the town that were becoming so worn down that drivers were finding it difficult to see them. He said he would compile of list of roads where this was an issue for the Clerk to pass on.
- c. Cllr Leask said he had noticed some areas in the Lanes that needed repairs to the tarmac. He said that a roads surveyor would be going to inspect the area shortly.
- d. Mr Robinson reported that there were some external lights not working near the community bin store at Burnside. The clerk was asked to report this to Roads/Housing as appropriate.

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Chairman.....

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