

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018

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

Members

Mrs M Hall	Mrs A Simpson
Ms F Fraser	Mr J Fraser
Mr S Hay	Mr G Robinson
Mr A Wenger	Mr E Knight
Mr A Johnston	Mr A Carter
Mr P Coleman	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr B Wishart
Cllr S Leask
Cllr A Westlake

In Attendance

Mrs J Williamson (newly elected Member)
Mrs C Carroll, Living Lerwick
Mr M Duncan, SIC
Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

11/18/01

Circular

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11/18/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Bell, Cllr C Smith, and Mr D Ristori.

11/18/03

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting were agreed by Andy Johnston and seconded by Mr Fraser.

11/18/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was reported that the out of order street lights had been fixed and the asbestos sheeting had been removed from a property in Anderson Road, as requested by Mr Wenger at the last meeting. Another street light was reported to be faulty at the old swimming pool car-park. Action: Clerk to advise SIC.

There was an update to the request to finish installing street lights around the Staney Hill area; SIC had set aside a tranche of money for this project and the lighting would be completed shortly. Cllr Leask said that contractors had been appointed already.

Mrs Simpson commented on the success of the Loot for Lerwick event which had attracted over 240 people.

Mr Robinson referred to the discussion on speeding concerns in the North Road area and asked if there was anything that could be done. It was decided that the extent of the problem should be established with a traffic volume study and that the Clerk should write to SIC Roads and to Police Scotland to see if an investigation into the concerns could be made and to see whether any traffic calming measures such as a smiley faced speed monitor could be installed. Action: Clerk to write to SIC and Police Scotland.

11/18/05 **Police Scotland Monthly Report**

Police Scotland was not in attendance.

11/18/06 **Correspondence**

An email had been received voicing concerns about the sale of the Lodberries building and whether the adjoining pier would be protected. The sale had since gone through and therefore there was no opportunity to ask SIC to add any conditions to the sale, however, the Clerk was asked to write to Planning to ask what might be done to ensure the pier is preserved. Action: Clerk to write to SIC.

11/18/07 **Finance – Core Funding Report as at 28 October 2018**

There were no comments on the financial report.

11/18/08 **SUSTRANS Footpaths Project**

Mr Duncan reported on a visit to Shetland by SUSTRANS. SUSTRANS has a substantial budget of £80 million to spend on sustainable transport projects throughout Scotland, which includes footpaths and cycle paths. SIC has produced a list of 72 Shetland wide potential projects which might be submitted for grant funding. SIC Roads Department was in the process of working through the list to assess the projects for technical build-ability and estimate on costs.

SIC are liaising with NHS and Shetland Recreational Trust to ensure there is no overlap of resources and once the list has been finalised SIC will apply for funding.

Mr Duncan said that SUSTRANS priority was for active travel routes, for the purposes of commuting to school or work, and not simply as an opportunity to improve footpaths or cycle paths for tourists. In response to a question from Mr Robinson, Mr Duncan said that the prioritisation of the projects could be decided by the Community Councils. Mr Robinson suggested that Community Councils could be involved in helping to raise funds for the projects.

Mr Carter commented with approval for the joined up approach to this issue.

10/18/09 **Election Results**

Mr Duncan reported on the election results and the work that ASCC had put into raising awareness of the Community Councils and the disappointment that the project had not resulted in the need for ballots in any of the constituencies and that there were still some vacancies. He asked for feedback on the elections.

Mr Anderson said that it would be great to reduce the minimum age to 16 and encourage younger people to get involved. Lerwick CC benefited from the contribution from AHS 6th form pupils. Mr Fraser suggested that the students at Shetland College and

NAFC should be targeted as potential members in future campaigns. Mr Robinson added that it was time for a review of Community Councils; the last one had been in 1978. He said that the limited powers that Community Councils had was not an attractive proposition and if they were equal partners to SIC it might help.

Cllr Leask commented that the lack of engagement with youth was one of the aims of the Shetland Partnership Plan, as part of the plan to encourage democracy in the communities. Mrs Carroll said that it wasn't just the very young people that should be encouraged; the under 40s were also under-represented in the Community Councils. Cllr Westlake suggested that there needed to be some work carried out on improving the gender balance and in looking at the barriers to participation that some women face. Mr Duncan said that the gender balance for Shetlands Community Councils was 65/35 which could be improved on. The membership broke down to 10% under age 40; 25% in their 40s; 25% in their 50s and the remaining 40% 60 or over.

Mr Carter said that he agreed that young people should be encouraged but that he said this should not be at the expense of putting off older people who often had more time to spare and a wealth of experience to share.

Mr Hay said the project to raise awareness had been good, but he would like to see more examples of what differences the Community Councils had made. He said that the review should include giving more powers to the Community Councils. There is a capacity for change and for more active participation. The Community Councils needed to be more vocal about what they did and what had been achieved. Mrs Simpson agreed and said that the PB (Loot for Lerwick) events had helped in some measure but had not translated into more people around the table.

Mrs Williamson, a new Community Councillor from 22 November, said she had thought about joining the Community Council for quite a while and it was the awareness campaign that had encouraged her to join.

Mr Duncan thanked everyone for their contribution and said that there would be more elections in January to fill any vacancies and if these were not filled by elections they could be filled by co-opting people. Mrs Hall said that this would provide another opportunity to target young people.

11/18/10

Grant Application from Shetland Arts

An application had been received from Shetland Arts to support an exhibition that would be staged at the old AHS. There was concern from Mr Fraser about funding Shetland Arts when the Community Council had limited funds. Ms Fraser said that it looked like an interesting project and was a good use of the old school as the venue. It might promote more interest in using the building for similar purposes. Mr Carter agreed that it was a step in the right direction to use the AHS for this kind of event. The Chairman proposed, as it was a Shetland project rather than simply for Lerwick, restricting the grant to £1000 to reflect the percentage of Lerwick residents that would benefit from the project. Mr Robinson seconded the proposal.

11/18/11

Revocation of Disabled Parking Spaces

There were no objections to the removal of disabled parking spaces at Union St and Haldane Burgess Crescent.

10/18/12

A.O.B.

- a. Mr Ristori asked whether it might be possible to support the Bridges Project in repainting some of the historic street signs in Lerwick. Mr Robinson said that SIC had a statutory obligation to carry out this work, however, Roads Dept might be happy for the Bridges Project to carry this out. It was agreed that in principle that LCC would fund the paint required. Action: Clerk to write to SIC to see whether Roads Department would be happy for Bridges Project to carry out this work and to obtain a list of signs that need repainting.
- b. Mr Knight asked about progress on the development of the old AHS. Cllr Leask replied that the consultants had been in contact with SIC to discuss the aspirational wishes for the Knab site. The consultants will return for further discussions with SIC and there will be more opportunities for public consultation in due course.
- c. Mr Fraser reminded everyone about the winter festival parade that would take place on Saturday 1st December at 3.30pm. Anyone who wanted to volunteer to help as a steward should contact Edna at Smith and Robertson.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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