

MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020

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

Members

Ms K Fraser	Mr A Wenger
Mr A Carter	Mr A Irvine
Mr E Knight	Mr S Hay
Mr D Ristori	Mr A Carter
Mrs A Simpson	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr S Flaws
Cllr M Bell

Additional Co-opted Members

In Attendance

Mr M Duncan
Mrs C Carroll, Living Lerwick
PC E MacKay, Police Scotland
PC S McCabe, Police Scotland
Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

01/20/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a happy New Year.

01/20/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Campbell, Cllr C Smith, Cllr S Leask, Cllr A Hawick, Mr S Hay, Mr J Fraser and Mrs J Williamson, Ms E Harvey and Mr M Hall.

01/20/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bell declared an interest in the planning applications as member of the Planning Committee.

01/20/04

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mr Ristori and seconded by Mr Irvine.

01/20/05 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Wenger asked if there was an update on the street lighting issues he had reported. The clerk reported that SIC had responded that the street lights would be repaired shortly. The clerk was asked to obtain a programme for the works.

01/20/06 **Police Scotland Monthly Report**

PC McCabe reported on the winter safety campaign that had just ended after the New Year. During the campaign 99 breath tests had been carried out with 2 people reported to the Procurator Fiscal. During December 184 incidents were recorded for the Lerwick area, which included 9 assaults, 7 acts of vandalism, 4 anti-social behaviours, 1 fraud, 1 theft, 1 shoplifting, 10 parking tickets, 5 speeding, and 19 other miscellaneous road traffic offences. The parking tickets had mostly been issued for parking along Commercial St.

PC Mackay reported that it had been a quiet and well-behaved New Year's celebration at the Cross.

01/20/07 **Correspondence**

- a. An email regarding a proposal to install a memorial bench, for Ray Connor, at Heddles Park was discussed. There was unanimous support for the proposal and the clerk was asked to reply in support of this. There was a discussion about the type of bench that would be suitable for the site, as the benches that had been put there before had not survived the weather.

01/20/08 **Financial report for November 2019**

Mr Duncan said that the budget for 2020/21 would not be known until the end of February but it was anticipated that the Community Council's budget would not be changed. There were no comments about the financial report.

01/20/09 **Planning Applications – 2019/348/LBC**

There were no objections to the planning application for a change of use from a clothing store to a café/food retailer. Mrs Simpson commented that there was no disabled access to the café, although, given the age of the building it was unlikely this could be overcome.

01/20/10 **A.O.B.**

- a. Mr Duncan said he would be asking for items for the agenda for the ASCC meeting shortly.
- b. The Chairman said he had received a few complaints about the opening hours for the Clickimin Leisure Centre over the festive period. He commented that it was a pity that the facilities could not have opened in between Christmas and the New Year as it would have been useful for some families to have had somewhere to take their children during the poor weather. Mr Robinson said that when he had worked for Shetland Recreational Trust they had taken the decision to close the centre over the holidays because the demand had been so low that there had been more staff than customers. Ms Fraser said she understood that position but over the last ten years the circumstances may have changed as more people seem to be interested in

fitness. She asked whether it might be possible to reconsider opening at least part of the facilities. Mr Wenger explained that people who had purchased monthly subscriptions to the centre were offered extra days to their pass to make up for the two weeks closure during the holiday. The Clerk was asked to write to SRT regarding the opening times for the 2020 Festive.

- c. Mrs Simpson raised the issue of payment by card for pupils who are eligible for free school meals. She said that it was not fair for pupils who receive free meals to be so easily identified as it made some people reluctant to eat at the school. Sandwich School uses a card payment system for all pupils and therefore it is clearly technically possible for other schools to adopt this system. Mr Robinson said he had spoken to the Chief Executive about this recently and she had offered to look into the situation. The Clerk was asked to write to SIC regarding the use of payment cards.
- d. The Clerk reported that the Community Council had been turned down for the environmental grant that had been applied for in December. Mr Duncan said he would send details of anything else that might be suitable for an environmental project.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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