

MONDAY 6 MAY 2019

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

Members

Mrs M Hall	Mr M Hall
Ms K Fraser	Mr J Fraser
Mr S Hay	Mr G Robinson
Mr E Knight	Mr A Johnston
Mr A Irvine	Mrs J Williamson
Mrs A Simpson	Mr A Carter
Mr D Ristori	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr B Wishart
Cllr M Bell
Cllr S Leask

In Attendance

Sgt A Greaves
Mrs C Carroll, Living Lerwick
Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

05/19/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and.

05/19/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Wenger, Mr M Duncan and Cllr C Smith.

05/19/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bell declared an interest in the planning applications, as member of the Planning Committee. Cllr Leask, Cllr Wishart and Cllr Bell declared interests as members of the Licensing Committee. Mr Anderson declared an interest in the application submitted by Scottish Water.

05/19/04

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mrs Simpson and seconded by Mr Fraser.

05/19/05

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

05/19/06

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Sgt Andrew Greaves reported on the annual summary of road traffic offences which had just been compiled. There had been 100 more offences on the previous year. The

increases had included dangerous driving, speeding, driving while disqualified, mobile phone offences, and careless driving. Drink/drunken driving offences had stayed the same.

He went on to report on the previous month's incidents which had included 17 incidents of noisy neighbours. Mr Hall asked about the procedure for dealing with noise nuisance and how to cope with noisy neighbours who frequently caused a disturbance. Sgt Greaves explained that if the Police had to return to properties frequently they were empowered to confiscate equipment such as speakers and can issue fixed penalty notices. Environmental Health can also provide support and advice on dealing with noise nuisance.

The patrols around Commercial St to tackle illegal and anti social parking were ongoing and tickets were being issued to offenders. Ms Fraser asked whether there had been any reports of problems concerning safety around the zebra crossings. Sgt Greaves replied that he was not aware of any complaints.

Sgt Greaves reported on the "County Lines" campaign which aims to halt the expansion of criminal networks into rural areas from major towns and cities. This tends to involve the distribution of drugs by targeting vulnerable people, including children. There is evidence that vulnerable people in Shetland have been targeted and exploited by organised crime groups to expand the sale of illegal drugs. Mr Fraser asked whether there would be any publicity regarding this initiative. Sgt Greaves said he would raise this back at the station and commented that the best results on fighting crime came from engagement with the public.

05/19/07 **Finance – End of year report for 2018/19**

There were no comments.

05/19/08 **Shetland Outdoor Access Strategy Consultation**

There was a discussion about the access strategy. Mr Robinson commented that a recent application for LEADER funding had been declined because of the lack of staffing resources to manage the project for the Shetland Spine Route. He said it was disappointing that there had been no engagement with community groups as there may well have been capacity to help with the project. It was observed that there were a number of walking groups which could have pulled together to help too. There needed to be more coordination with regard to access and managing access projects if the Council was unable to commit resources on its own. It was suggested that this could be a matter for ASCC and that this item should be suggested for the agenda for the next ASCC meeting.

05/19/09 **Request for non financial support – Living Lerwick**

There was a discussion about the proposal to create new window decals for Ellesmere Stores that would provide information about the town centre for visitors. There was some concern that a semi-permanent decal would quickly become obsolete or out of date if commercial premises changed names. However it was decided that a letter of support would be provided to help the application get through the planning process, and a separate note would be sent to Living Lerwick to raise the issue of keeping the decals up to date.

05/19/10 **Grant Application – Westerloch Residents' Association**

The grant request was for £7000. Once it was established that all residents are welcome to use the play park it was agreed that the project should be supported. Mr Carter proposed to award £1000 which was seconded by Mrs Simpson.

05/19/11 **Disabled Parking Space – Cruester View**

There were no objections.

05/19/12 **Planning Applications**

2019/107/PPF Irvine Place – the application was for the temporary siting of a trading vehicle. There were a few concerns about how the vehicle would use up one of the very few parking spaces in the area, and would also impinge on the use of the neighbouring spaces as people could be congregating around the van when looking at the merchandise. This would be a potential health and safety risk if cars were trying to park in the area. It was also observed that the vehicle trading unit was not in keeping with the conservation area and that this would be an unwelcome precedent and should be objected to under HE3 –development in a conservation area . The consensus was to object to the planning application on all three reasons.

2019/089/PPF Burns Place – the application was for a drinking water fountain for the town centre. There were some concerns about the maintenance and cleaning of the facility but overall it was welcomed as an opportunity to discourage plastic use. Ms Fraser moved to approve the application. This was seconded by Mr Carter.

05/19/13 **Application for Variation of Licensed Premises – Lerwick Brewing Co**

There was a concern about the increase in pedestrians in this area as there wasn't a pavement and it was commented that there was not very much parking at the premises. However, there was no objection to the licence variation. The clerk was asked to pass on comments.

05/19/14 **Pedestrian Crossing at Church Road**

Correspondence had been received regarding the safety of the pedestrian crossing at Church Road. There was a discussion about the crossing with comments about personal experiences of near misses and observed poor driving. However, it was commented that this crossing was not the only one in Lerwick which caused problems. The new courtesy crossing along the Esplanade were also causing confusion and

05/19/15 **Items for Agenda for ASCC Meeting on 25 June 2019**

It was agreed earlier in the meeting to add the Outdoor Access Strategy to the agenda with a view to creating a joined up approach to obtaining grants for access projects.

05/19/16 **A.O.B.**

Mrs Hall reported on a broken railing at the Small Boat Harbour. Mr Hall added that he witnessed people accessing the boat ramp, with a small child, and that the chain gate was not sufficient barrier as it could be opened. The clerk was asked to report the broken railing to Lerwick Port Authority. The issue of the access to the boat ramp was not

considered to be a problem as there are many stretches of the harbour that were exposed to pedestrians walking by, including children and that it should be for the parents to ensure they did not come to harm.

Mrs Simpson said she attended a Council meeting in the Chamber recently which was an uncomfortable experience due to the amount of Councillors, officials, members of the public and press that were in attendance. She asked when the Council was hoping to get a public debating chamber that was fit for purpose. Cllr Bell replied that this issue had been discussed before and it was a concern for the council. The ideal would be to have a space that was able to be more open to the public and that could facilitate webcast meetings. Cllr Bell suggested that the Community Council wrote to the Chief Executive to ask what the plans were for a new chamber.

Mr Fraser commented on the fact that BBC Radio Shetland had not included the community council meeting on the what's on bulletin despite the fact that the clerk had requested them to do so. The clerk was asked to raise this with Radio Shetland.

Mr Robinson suggested that the 30mph speed limit sign at Staney Hill needed to be moved back beyond the access road to the Marts in order to slow down the traffic earlier, before it approached the residential areas. This might need additional street lights in the area to comply with the regulations concerning speed limits however, this would only amount to two or three more street lights. The clerk was asked to raise this with SIC Roads.

Mr Robinson reported a broken stile between 15-17 Burnside which had been built to allow access into the park. The clerk was asked to pass this on to SIC.

The Chairman congratulated the volunteers who took part in the Voar Redd Up. Eight volunteers collected around eight bags of bruck along the Holmsgarth Road.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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