

MONDAY 6 JULY 2020

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held via video conference at 7.00pm

Members

Mr G Robinson
Mr S Hay
Mrs J Williamson
Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Irvine

Ms K Fraser
Mr A Wenger
Mr A Johnston
Mr A Carter

Ex Officio

Cllr M Bell
Cllr P Campbell
Cllr S Leask

In Attendance

Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

06/20/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

06/20/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Flaws, Mr M Duncan and Mr E Knight.

06/20/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Campbell, Smith and Bell and Mr Hay expressed interest in the planning applications; Cllr Leask and Mrs Williamson expressed an interest in the Mareel Writers Group grant application; Mr Johnston expressed an interest in the item on environmental issues relating to Staney Hill.

06/20/04

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 May 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Mrs Williamson, seconded by Mr Hay. There were no matters arising. Mr Wenger asked for a addition to the minutes to reflect comments on blasting and chemical splitting he made during the discussion on the pre-planning consultation for Staneyhill.

06/20/05

Finance – Core Funding Report 1st July 2020

There were no comments on the core funding report for 1st July 2020.

06/20/06 **Crisis Grant Status Report 30 June 2020**

At the time of the meeting there was approximately £5000 remaining from the crisis grant. It was noted that at least £3000 of this was required to be spent before the end of July 2020, with the remaining £2000 to be spent by the end of September.

06/20/07 **Use of CDF grant for 2020/21**

The Chairman said that it was difficult to envisage how the Loot for Lerwick event could be held this year and asked if there were any ideas for how the community development funds grant should be distributed this year. Mr Robinson said that the funds were useful sources of money for small community groups and that it would be a shame not to hold the event and suggested that Facebook Live might be a viable alternative. Mr Hay said that the decision on this should be put off for a while. Come September it might be clearer how LCC can assist with rebuilding the community in the wake of the pandemic. Mrs Simpson agreed and pointed out that an online Loot for Lerwick would naturally exclude many people who did not have access to the internet. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed at the next meeting.

06/20/08 **Grant Applications**

Five grant applications were received for a variety of projects. Shetland Seafarers Memorial requested £1000 to help towards erecting a memorial at Hays Dock. This was granted as it would be the first memorial of its kind for non-military seafarers. Sound School Parent Council asked for £457 towards the creation of a community garden. This was granted as the project to turn a piece of waste ground into a garden was thought to be beneficial. Mareel Writers Group asked for £1400 towards a project that would create video recordings of writers reading their work that was produced during lockdown. This was granted as it was considered that the project would create a valuable record of this time. Space2Face, the restorative justice organisation asked for £1980 to help with the cost of service. This was turned down because it appeared that the grant would be used to pay for staffing costs which was not appropriate for the grant, and because it was for a Shetland wide organisation. There was no clarity about the breakdown of users of the service or whether other community councils had been approached for support. ET and Taing Support Services asked for £3000 for a projector system that could be used in therapy for clients with dementia. The projector would be particularly helpful because of the new way of working with clients as a result of the pandemic, therefore it was thought appropriate to award the full grant but to split the grant 50:50 between the normal LCC funds and the crisis grant.

06/20/09 **Planning Applications – 2020/107 PPF – Hillcrest; 2020/106/PPF – Reform Lane; 2020/086/PPF re-siting of radio mast at BT.**

There were no objections to any of the planning applications. There was a short discussion about the re-siting of the radio mast, which would involve removing the dish from the current position on the BT building and erecting a tower instead. Mr Robinson reported that BT will be carrying out repairs to the building in due course.

06/20/10 **Licence Variation – Staneyhill Shop**

There were no objections to the licence variation. The shop already has an alcohol licence and the variation is simply to allow alcohol to be delivered to customers along with the rest of their groceries.

06/20/11 **Gardening Competition – judging and criteria**

It was agreed that the gardening competition would go ahead this year, for the first time since 2012. Ms Valente and Ms Fraser were nominated to be the judges. It would take place at the end of July. The clerk was asked to seek additional funding from local garden suppliers for the prizes. Cllr Leask said Harbro Country Stores could contribute something and he would email the clerk.

06/20/12 **Environmental Issues**

Mr Wenger raised his concerns about the state of the road that leads over Staney Hill. The road surface was poorly maintained and it is very narrow so when cars travel along the road it is difficult for pedestrians to get out of the way. Mr Wenger felt that this road was already being used too much by cars considering the poor conditions, but that this situation was likely to increase when the new houses are developed on the new Staneyhill development. It is a private road however, and LCC has helped to maintain it in the past. It was also felt that the national speed limit sign was misleading as it would not be wise to attempt anything close to that speed either up or down the road. It really ought to be a 20mph limit. Mr Robinson commented that the road used to have a barrier across it and that it would be better if this was reintroduced. The clerk was asked to raise these issues with SIC Roads.

Mr Wenger also drew attention to a section of wild land that appeared to have pond but was also being sprayed for weeds which he said would destroy the wildlife. It was pointed out that this was a SUDS drainage scheme and not a proper pond, even if it was attracting frogs.

06/20/13 **Any Other Business**

Mr Anderson reported a problem at the Knab's golf course where at the first hole, there is a boggy hole that it being filled with grass cuttings which are turning to compost. This area should be sprayed with weed killer as it looked like it was about to be overrun with docken leaves which will go to seed soon.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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