

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019

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

Members

Ms K Fraser
Mr M Hall
Mr E Knight
Mr D Ristori
Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Wenger
Mr A Irvine

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr S Leask
Cllr A Hawick
Cllr M Bell

Additional Co-opted Members

In Attendance

Ms E Miller, Living Lerwick
PC E MacKay, Police Scotland
PC D Drummond, Police Scotland
Ms F Valente, Clerk
Mr D Pepper
Mr K Anderson
Mrs K Anderson

Chairman

Mr G Robinson

12/19/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12/19/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Campbell, Cllr C Smith, Cllr S Flaws, Mr S Hay, Mr J Fraser and Mrs J Williamson, Ms E Harvey, Mr A Johnston, Ms K Scott, and Mr J Anderson.

12/19/03

Declarations of Interest

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

12/19/04

Minutes of the last meeting

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

12/19/05 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Wenger asked if there was an update on the street lighting issues he had reported. The clerk was asked to chase this up again.

12/19/06 **Police Scotland Monthly Report**

PC Drummond gave an update on the winter road safety campaign which will carry on into the New Year. Police Scotland will be carrying out intelligence led patrols to deter drink driving and to ensure that vehicles are safe for the winter weather.

He summarised the monthly report which consisted of 243 incidents, which included 5 reports of shoplifting, 6 assaults, and 3 acts of vandalism, 4 breaches of the peace, 4 thefts and 1 hate crime. There were 11 road traffic offences, 1 arrest for drink driving and 1 incident of speeding.

12/19/07 **Correspondence**

- a. An email had been received in response to a complaint about SIC cars being parked illegally in Knab Road around Annsbrae. Muriel Forbes had replied that the cars were not being parked illegally and that staff were well aware of the regulations and were following the policies.

Members were not completely satisfied with the reply as they had witnessed cars being parked on the road for long periods of time. However, Mr Robinson suggested keeping an eye on the situation with a view to raising this issue again should the problem continue.

- b. An email had been received from Beatrice Wishart MSP regarding the minimum age for elected Community Councillors in response to an enquiry she had received about lowering the minimum age to 16. She pointed out that co-opted members of community councils could be as young as 12. She asked whether Lerwick Community Council was aware of this fact and for opinions on lowering the age generally.

Members were in agreement with the suggestion to lower the minimum age to 16. Mr Robinson suggested writing to the Anderson High School to let them know that they can nominate much younger pupils from now on. He asked the clerk to write to SIC to offer support for the proposal to reduce the minimum age of elected members to 16, and to copy Beatrice Wishart into the correspondence.

12/19/08 **Financial report for November 2019**

Cllr Hawick asked for progress on the closure of the Stout's Court office which had been discussed a while ago. She said it was a shame to be spending so much money on rent and electricity for the office when the money could be put to better use. There was a discussion about what would need to happen in order to give up the office, for example storing papers elsewhere and finding a home for the Town Hall Guides. It was agreed that a small working party would meet at the office to evaluate the situation and to start getting rid of unwanted equipment and files.

The Rotary Club had donated £100 to the community council to pass on to the Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch. It was agreed to add another £100 to the donation.

12/19/09

Community Projects for 2020

There was a discussion about what kind of community projects could be tackled next year. Mr Robinson said there was a small grant of £500 available for an environmental scoping project. He asked whether some kind of environmental project could be undertaken since this issue was so important and there was a lot of public interest at the moment. The clerk was asked to look into this. Members were asked to think about what other ideas they could come up with for next year's CDF project.

12/19/10

Planning Applications

2019/278/PPF Radio mast at Quendale Lane. Correspondence had been received from Mr & Mrs Thomson regarding this application, and three residents had also come along to the meeting to express their concern about the application to site a tall radio mast at the top of Quendale Lane. They were concerned about the health implications of living so close to the mast and also pointed out that the mast would be taller than the Town Hall clock tower and that in a conservation area surely this kind of development should not be allowed. SIC Roads had raised objections to the siting of the mast and the associated power plant on the path which is well used by pedestrians.

Mr Ristori agreed with the objections raised and said that the radio mast should not be sited in the conservation area and that no residential area should have this type of mast in the vicinity.

Mrs Anderson said she felt particularly aggrieved that they had had to battle with SIC planners regarding replacement windows for their house, and yet this huge unsightly mast could potentially end up in the conservation area, which was far more obvious than her windows would ever have been. Mr Robinson said he thought the application would fail for these reasons and suggested that the Community Council objected to the application based on the fact that it is in a conservation area and to support the objections raised by SIC Roads.

2019/314/PPF Change of use at Kantersted Road. There were no objections.

2019/294/PPF New housing development at Wista. There were no objections to this development.

12/19/11

Disabled Parking Space at Norgaet

There were no objections to the disabled parking order.

12/19/12

Final Draft of Interpretation Board

There were a couple of observations about the placement of icons which should be altered. Mr Ristori suggested identifying the Ness of Sound and the Sands of Sound beach. Ms Fraser asked whether it would be possible to obtain a clearer image of the old map of the lochs. Other than that members were happy with the design. The clerk would arrange for the revisions to be made and for the board to be created ready for installation.

12/19/13

A.O.B.

- a. Mr Ristori reported that a section of the railings at Hillhead had collapsed and was now a significant health and safety issue. The clerk was asked to report this.
- b. Ms Miller thanked the community council for helping with the recent Christmas Parade.
- c. Cllr Hawick reported that residents in the Sandveien estate were using the footpaths behind the Launderette and Dragon House Takeaway to park vehicles which was making it hard for pedestrians to get past. The clerk was asked to contact Roads and Housing to report this issue.
- d. Mr Robinson reported street lights out of order in the Goodlad Crescent, Russell Crescent, and Hayfield Lane area.

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Date.....