

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

Members

Ms K Fraser

Mrs M Hall

Mr E Knight

Mr M Hall

Mr A Johnston

Mr S Hay

Mrs J Williamson

Mr A Wenger

Mr G Robinson

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell

Cllr S Leask

Cllr C Smith

Additional Co-opted Members

Mr J Dorrat, MSYP

In Attendance

Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

09/19/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest attendees.

09/19/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hawick, Cllr Wishart, Mr A Carter, Mr A Irvine, Mr J Fraser and Mrs A Simpson.

09/19/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Smith and Cllr Bell declared an interest in the planning applications. Mr Anderson declared an interest in the correspondence from Scottish Water.

09/19/04

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mrs Williamson and seconded by Mr Hall.

09/19/05

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was an update on the repairs to the sea wall which would be carried out towards the winter to avoid the number of tourists in the area. The clerk was asked to chase progress on the repairs to the Old North Road.

09/19/06

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Police Scotland was not present for this item.

- 09/19/08 **Correspondence from Scottish Water**
A reply had been received from Scottish Water in response to a request to develop a path along the route of the new pipework over Stoney Hill. Scottish Water was unable to support this idea. There were no comments.
- 09/19/07 **Financial report for June 2019**
There were no comments on the financial report.
- 09/19/09 **Grant Application from Living Lerwick**

An application to help purchase Christmas lighting for the town centre was discussed. The amount sought was £1000, with a total anticipated budget for the project of around £10,000. Mr Robinson proposed to support the award of the grant. This was seconded by Mr Hall.

To date three applications had been received and another two were expected to be returned. The clerk would carry on with the publicity for the event.
- 09/19/10 **Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Update**

Mr Wenger reported that since SSE had taken over the windfarm development there had been some changes to the way the community benefits would be paid. Initially it had been said that payment to the communities would begin from the start of construction and this had now been changed to the start of production of electricity which was quite a long way off. Mr Wenger stressed that the payments were “voluntary” although there was no expectation that they would not be made, but the agreement had not been signed and sealed yet. An announcement about the interconnector that was required in order to make the windfarm worthwhile would be made by Ofgem on 23 September.
- 09/19/11 **Planning Application 2019/205/PPF**

Cllr Smith left the meeting before the planning application was discussed.

There were no objections to the application. Mr Robinson commented that it would be good to see the Lodberry building being restored and the plans looked very exciting and proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Mr Knight.
- 09/19/12 **Pre-application Consultation – radio masts**

The consultation on the siting of a radio mast in the town centre was discussed. There was a proposal to site a mast at Quendale Lane. Mr Robinson commented that this location was probably the least worst option of the places that had been considered, which included the Town Hall and the Garrison.
- 09/19/13 **Clickimin Loch Board**

A draft of the interpretation board was discussed. The suggestions for improvements included: more detail on the map of the footpaths; inclusion of information about the Broch; remove reference to wildlife that have stopped residing at the loch; refer to other information boards in the area; include information about footpaths that have steps or other obstructions for people.

07/19/14

A.O.B.

- a) The Chairman drew attention to the ZETRANS consultation on public transport which is taking place in Lerwick in the following week. He and Ms Fraser had already attended one of the events and both said it had been very worthwhile.
- b) Ms Fraser referred to the recent events at Westminster and asked whether it was possible to write to the Prime Minister to register concern at the decision taken to prorogue Parliament with the result that there would be less time for MPs to fully debate the outcomes over leaving the EU. There was general agreement to this, although Martine & Malcolm Hall both said that they were unhappy at the idea of the Community Council seeking to interfere with the decision to leave the EU. The Chairman stressed that this was not what the intention was and said that the Community Council only wanted Parliament to allow opportunities to debate what was one of the most important issues the government had faced. Mr Robinson seconded Ms Fraser's request and so the Clerk was asked to write to the Prime Minister, by email, given the time constraints.
- c) Mr Wenger reported the broken streetlamp at the old swimming pool carpark and the Clerk was asked to chase this up with SIC Roads.
- d) The Chairman reported that during the recent heavy rainfall the roads had been more like rivers, particularly around Leog Lane and it would appear that the gullies needed attention to ensure they were not obstructed.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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