

MONDAY 1 APRIL 2019

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

Members

Mrs M Hall

Ms K Fraser

Mr S Hay

Mr E Knight

Mr A Irvine

Mrs A Simpson

Mr M Hall

Mr J Fraser

Mr G Robinson

Mr A Johnston

Mrs J Williamson

Mr A Carter

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell

Cllr M Bell

Cllr S Leask

Additional Co-opted Members

Ms K Scott

In Attendance

Mr R Sinclair, SIC

Mr S Mathieson, Living Lerwick

Mrs C Carroll, Living Lerwick

Ms L Gray, Rape Crisis Shetland

PC Angela Manson, Police Scotland

PC Craig Morris, Police Scotland

Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

04/19/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Malcolm Hall on his election to the Community Council.

04/19/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Wenger, Mr D Ristori, Mr M Peterson, Mr M Duncan, Mr A Malik, Cllr A Hawick and Cllr B Wishart.

04/19/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bell and Cllr Smith declared an interest in the planning applications, as members of the Planning Committee.

04/19/04

Minutes of the last meeting

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

04/19/05

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

04/19/06

Police Scotland Monthly Report

PC Angela Manson and PC Morris attended the meeting and gave a brief update on the police activity over the last year. She responded to a question from Ms Fraser regarding the number of people who had received tickets for illegally parking in Commercial St by saying that she had personally given out seven fixed penalty notices over the last few weeks, three of which were for parking in a disabled space without a blue badge.

Cllr Leask asked whether there had been any reports of problems around the new High School as there were large numbers of children crossing the roads from the school to the nearby shops at lunch time with reports of many of them behaving in an erratic manner around the traffic. PC Morris said he would raise concerns with the Inspector as he was not aware of any issues here. He was aware of the problems around Bell's Brae and Sound Primary Schools though and this was being monitored.

Mr Fraser asked whether the low drink driving figures is an indication that the drink driving campaign is working. PC Morris replied that the numbers of people being breathalysed had increased as there were more patrols, especially late at night but there were fewer convictions which would indicate a better awareness of the issue.

04/19/07

Grant Request from Shetland Rape Crisis

Linda Gray from Shetland Rape Crisis had been invited to the meeting to answer some questions regarding the grant application that had been discussed at the March meeting. She explained that the service required black out blinds and a projector and equipment for holding training events at the office at 11 Hill Lane. It was not practical to use the facilities at Market House as it was often busy and it would involve a cost for each session. Mr Fraser said that he had asked the question regarding the use of facilities at the previous meeting, but he had taken advantage of the invitation that Ms Gray had extended to all the Community Councillors to visit the SRC office before this evening's meeting and now that he was fully apprised of the situation he said he would like to support the application for grant funding. This was seconded by Mrs Simpson.

04/19/08

Knab Development – Update from SIC

Robert Sinclair, SIC, attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding the Knab Site Development. He explained that there had been a number of public consultation events since 2017, which had been well attended, including the recent one held on 20 March 2019. He said that the latest consultation on the proposed development would end on 3 May and that there was still time to submit comments or ask questions about the project. After the consultation period is over the final report would be submitted to the Council for a decision on 11 June 2019. It would then require the normal consents to be finalised before the first demolitions of buildings would take place. The old listed buildings which will remain will be left with services intact or restored following the demolitions of surrounding structures, ready for further development. The Chairman asked if there were plans to tackle the run-off of surface water from the site. Mr Sinclair replied that he was aware of some of the historic issues regarding surface water and that a SUDS scheme was being developed with a sea outfall.

Ms Scott asked what would happen to the ASN building which had recently been reoccupied by the ASN Department of the Anderson High School. Mr Sinclair said that alternative arrangements were being made in time for 2020. Mr Carter raised his concerns about some of the most vulnerable young people that appear to have been forgotten about. The Clerk was asked to write to the Education Department to find out what the plans were for the ASN Department.

04/19/09 **Finance – Core Funding Report as at 26 September 2018**

Mr Fraser asked what was happening about the large supply of Town Hall Guides which remained unsold. The clerk would report back at the next meeting with the number of guides that are left so that a decision could be made. Attempts at free distribution to schools had been made but there were still a large supply left. There were no other comments regarding the finances.

04/19/10 **Co-opted Members**

Following the recent election, the two unsuccessful candidates, Ms Karrol Scott and Mr Atif Malik had expressed an interest in joining the Community Council as co-opted members. The Chairman proposed that they were both co-opted onto the Community Council. There was unanimous approval.

04/19/11 **Boundaries Commission Consultation**

There was a consultation on a change to the Shetland ward boundaries which would mean an increase from 22 to 23 Councillors, and would split Whalsay from the other North Isles. This was because it was difficult for the Councillors for the North Isles to travel between the islands to attend meetings and get home the same day. Cllr Bell explained that this had been requested before and refused, but the new Islands Act meant there was more flexibility over how Shetland managed its wards. There was a discussion over the new wards but there were no objections to the new boundaries.

04/19/12 **Grant Application – Living Lerwick**

Living Lerwick had submitted a grant application for £1000 for the summer floral display in the Town Centre. Mrs Simpson proposed to support the grant. This was seconded by Mr Fraser.

04/19/13 **Planning Applications**

Cllr Smith left the meeting at this stage.

2019/062/PPP Staney Hill

Mr Robinson raised concerns about the height of the new development as the new properties were to the south and high than existing properties which might block light and he said that the new development should be done with consideration to the existing properties. The Chairman added that there should be some joined up thinking with the new development planned by Hjaltland Housing Association, particularly with regard to the access and egress to the schemes. Ms Fraser said she was concerned about preserving the view point from the area. It was a popular place for walkers and she did not want to see them being driven away from the area with increased traffic. Mr Robinson said the existing 30 MPH sign would need to be moved to ensure traffic slowed down before it reached the area.

2019/063/Sound Service Station

This was an application to move an underground fuel storage tank. There were no objections.

2019/072/AMSC Brevik Site

This was the fourth planning application for this site which has now changed again from residential to hotel proposals. Mr Robinson commented that this might be a more attractive option for the existing residents because of the new layout of building heights. Mr Carter said he thought this development would support jobs and the tourist industry and it had his approval.

04/19/14

Disabled Parking Space at Twageos Road

There was a proposal to create a disabled parking space in Twageos Road. There was no objection.

04/19/15

Website

The Clerk explained that the person who volunteered to maintain the LCC website would be giving up this work and had suggested that Lerwick Community Council created a new website on a software platform that was easier for people to update without specialist skills. The Clerk had asked NB Communications for a quote, to find out a rough idea of how much it would cost. The quote was £3000 + VAT to develop a new website with an annual running cost of around £200. This was considered too high and the clerk was asked to get some other quotes. Ms Fraser said that SIC was developing a new website and asked whether it was possible for LCC to use a section of this website. Mr Fraser asked whether the ASCC could provide landing pages for Community Councils. The clerk would investigate other solutions after it was decided that a website would still be a requirement.

04/19/16

A.O.B.

- a. Mr Irvine said that he welcomed the addition of the co-opted new members but added that it was a shame that there was one member of the Community Council who had not attended a meeting in almost three years, and was therefore taking up a place from others who would like to take a more active part. The Chairman replied that this issue had been discussed before, unfortunately, the constitution that had been accepted by the Association of Shetland Community Councils had not included the option to remove councilors who do not attend.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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