

MONDAY 1 JULY 2019

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson
Mrs M Hall
Mr E Knight
Mr A Irvine
Mr A Johnston

Mr S Hay
Mrs J Williamson
Mr A Wenger
Mr M Hall
Mr G Robinson

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell
Cllr S Leask
Cllr B Wishart

Additional Co-opted Members

In Attendance

Mrs P Christie, SIC
Sgt V Duthie
Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

07/19/01

Circular

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

07/19/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hawick, Cllr Smith, Mr D Ristori, Ms K Fraser and Ms K Scott.

07/19/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bell declared an interest in the planning applications.

07/19/04

Minutes of the last meeting

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

07/19/05

Business Arising from the Minutes

Mr Wenger reminded everyone that Mr Bunyan was looking for suggestions as to what to fund from Shetland Community Benefit Fund.

Mr Robinson said that he was not comfortable with the status of the Shetland Community Benefit Fund, which had originally been established to manage the community benefits arising from all wind farm developments in Shetland; however, since

then the Yell wind farm has decided to go it alone with the local community, as has the Mossy Hill development. The SCBF is only managing the Viking energy receipts. He added that Mr Bunyan had specifically said that the SCBF would not be used to supplement spending on projects that are managed by SIC or national government, however, because the remit of spending by local and national government was so wide, Mr Robinson said that this would leave very little for the SCBF to pay for. The Zetland County Council Act was very wide reaching and allowed the Council to provide for almost anything the Islands required. He said that the SCBF should be working closer with the Shetland Partnership Plan to support projects that had been identified as necessary.

The Chairman confirmed that the ASCC had reaffirmed support for the SCBF, although some reservations had been expressed.

07/19/06

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Sgt Duthie reported that while some motoring offences such as speeding or while using a mobile had increased, common assault and domestic abuse incidents had reduced. Police Scotland had been carrying out work in Shetland to raise awareness of how criminal networks from major cities were infiltrating other areas by targeting vulnerable people, by setting up base in a rural area for a time. This practice which is referred to as cuckooing uses adults and children to act as drug runners. The Police will be working with young people in Shetland aimed at prevention of this practice.

07/19/07

Financial report for June 2019

There were no comments on the financial report.

07/19/08

Planning Applications

2019/111/PPF 45 Burgh Road – No objections

2019/137/PPF Warehouse, Gremista – No objections

2019/160/PPF Brevik House – No objections

2019/168/PPF Cake Fridge, St Olaf St – No objections

2019/096/PPF Garthspool – No objections.

07/19/09

Loot for Lerwick 2019 Planning Group

The Chairman asked for volunteers for the Loot for Lerwick planning meeting so that members could agree a theme for the event on the 26th October. Mrs Simpson, Mrs Williamson, Mr Robinson and Mr Hay volunteered. The clerk will write to members to arrange a time for the meeting.

07/19/10

Town Centre Fund Update

Living Lerwick has met a few times with various people from the Council and the with the Scalloway representatives. All three of the projects, that were outlined by Emma Miller at the last meeting would be put forward to Councillors at the Policy and Resources Committee shortly and a decision will be taken as to how to allocate the funding. The decision would be reported at the next meeting in September.

07/19/11 **Report from ASCC Meeting**

Mrs Simpson attended the ASCC meeting on 25 June. There had been a presentation on recycling from Colin Bragg. The new recycling facility would be ready soon and recycling for business would start later this summer.

The issue raised by Lerwick Community Council, the Access Strategy that Kevin Serginson was working on, had not generated a lot of discussion. The meeting had concentrated on discussing the Shetland Community Benefits Fund. The new Shetland Partnership Plan's local outcomes improvement plan for 2018 to 2028 was circulated to members and it was hoped that this document would be used by the SCBF when agreeing priorities.

07/19/12 **A.O.B.**

- a. Mrs Simpson suggested that the path that was being dug around the Staney Hill for Scottish Water would make an attractive walking path as it would overlook the town. She wondered whether Scottish Water could be persuaded to allow this pathway to be developed for walkers, as it was possible that grant funding for this kind of project could be available. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Scottish Water with a request to consider this suggestion.
- b. Mr Knight commented on the temporary repairs to the sea wall below Leog Lane. He wondered whether the repairs would be made permanent at some stage. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.
- c. Cllr Leask said he had received comments from residents at Gladstone Terrace about the communal bins. The lids keep lifting off, allowing rubbish to blow around the street. Mr Wenger added that he had an issue with the bins in Anderson Road as the bin collectors were not re-fixing bins to the walls when they had been emptied. The Clerk was asked to raise these issues with Waste Services.
- d. Mr Robinson reported that the old North Road was in a very poor state with numerous pot holes and subsidence. The drains near the Lerwick Brewery are clearly blocked as there is a lot of surface water on the road. He understood that this situation was to be resolved by SIC but he would like to know when. Cllr Leask said he had raised it already but suggested that a request from the Community Council might help speed things up. The Clerk was asked to write to SIC Roads.
- e. Cllr Wishart said that Shetland Women's Aid were looking for new trustees and that anyone interested in volunteering to work with this organisation should contact Laura Stronach at the Women's Aid office in St Olaf St.
- f. The Chairman reported that a resident at Heddles Park had drawn his attention to the fact that the area was in need of some attention. The paving was covered in moss and the benches had become dangerously rusty and were likely to collapse if used. The Clerk was asked to report this.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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