

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2021

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

Members

Mr A Carter
Mr J Fraser
Ms K Fraser
Mr S Hay
Mr A Irvine
Mr A Johnston

Mr D Ristori
Mr G Robinson
Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Wenger
Mrs J Williamson

Ex Officio

Cllr M Bell
Cllr C Smith
Cllr S Flaws
Cllr S Leask
Cllr P Campbell

In Attendance

Mrs C Carroll, Living Lerwick
Mr C Cope, Shetland News
Mr R Taylor, Shetland Times
PC McLeod
Mrs A Watts, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

02/21/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02/21/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr M Duncan, Ms A Hawick

Chief Inspector's report (addition)

PC McLeod gave the Chief Inspector's Report. The Chair asked for clarification on the legality of parking on the pavement; recently several vehicles have been observed parking on the pavement at Rechabite Place. PC McLeod will feed back to teams in Lerwick.

PC McLeod left the meeting.

02/21/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Malcolm Bell, Cllr Cecil Smith - Planning Applications (item 11)

02/21/04 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January 2021**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Mr D Ristori and seconded by Mrs J Williamson

02/21/05 **Co-option of Frances Valente as additional co-opted member to LCC**

Proposed by Mr G Robinson, seconded by Mr D Ristori. The Chairman welcomed Ms Valente and confirmed that elections are scheduled for later in the year, should she wish to become a full member.

02/21/06 **Correspondence**

No questions or comments on any items.

02/21/07 **ASCC Agenda**

- Item 7: Community Council constitution update
 - a) Remote meetings
 - b) Local Election rules/membership
 - c) Control of finance
- FOR DECISION: Paper 3

Ms K Fraser proposed all 3 of the above points
Mrs A Simpson seconded all 3 of the above points

- Item 12: Community Council template grant application form
 - FOR DECISION: Paper 8 (paper to follow)
- Template grant will be circulated when received and comments can be collated before the ASCC meeting on Tuesday 9 March 2021.

02/21/08 **North Loch Drive suggestions for use of ground adjacent to Rugby pitch**

A summary of ideas received so far has been collated.
The Chairman invited comments from members regarding the ideas.
The dog park idea was seen to be a beneficial use. A detailed idea for an environmental project had been submitted as well as a variety of ideas submitted through social media.
The area does not seem to be large enough for an all-weather pitch which discounts use as a hockey pitch. A public garden and picnic seating area seemed a popular idea from members of the public and may be a straightforward idea to implement.

It was suggested that a sponsor would be needed to take any of these ideas forward; LCC can perhaps follow up with individuals, clubs and groups expressing interest to see if they have the means to take it forward and ensure the area is looked after into the future and is sustainable. The feasibility of ideas submitted could also depend on development at Staney Hill.

Cllr J Fraser proposed to formalise the idea and make the community aware of the potential to develop ideas and to request submissions on a form with a closing date. This could help identify feasible ideas that could be taken forward through the appropriate channel. Mr D Ristori seconded.

02/21/09 **Finance – core funding report 25 January 2021**

The Chairman requested clerk to check with Michael Duncan regarding the figure allowed to be carried forward. SIC will set budget in March for next year's funding. There is opportunity for groups still requiring assistance to submit a grant application before the end of the financial year.

02/21/10 **Agreement for LCC to obtain debit card from Bank of Scotland**

Mrs A Simpson proposed, Mr D Ristori seconded

The Chairman proceeded to item 13 AOB, to allow discussion to include Cllrs C Smith and M Bell

Cllrs C Smith and M Bell left prior to discussion of item 11

02/21/11 **Planning Applications:**

- Site 1: 2020/291/PPF - 5 Commercial Street
- Site 2: 2020/292/PPF - 171 Commercial Street
- Site 3: 2020/293/PPF - 81 Commercial Street
- Site 4: 2020/294/PPF - 13 Hill Lane

No comments from members on any of the applications

02/21/12 **Revocation of disabled parking spaces, Cairnfield Road and Staney Hill**

No issues or comments from members on either

02/21/13 **Any other business**

- The Chairman invited comments/questions on the SCBF papers received.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of ringfencing some of the funds for Loot for Lerwick, to ensure the project can continue. There are two tiers of grants, so the whole budget may not be able to be reserved for a single event. The suggestion was made to allocate £5000 of the £10000 for grants of £500-£1000 each.

It was clarified that Tier 1 grants of £50-£500 can be applied for by individuals and applications are processed by SCBF, with LCC making decisions on which to support. The concern is that applications for Tier 2 grants could be approved early in the process leaving nothing remaining to support smaller projects.

A query was raised regarding use of SCBF funds for Loot for Lerwick and confirming that Lerwick inhabitants are the beneficiaries. Past events have been very inclusive and it is important that funds are allocated where they can be best used. If a group was not successful following the Loot for Lerwick event, they could apply to the SCBF fund afterwards, if there were funds remaining.

Mr A Wenger proposed September for the Loot for Lerwick event. Ms K Fraser seconded.

The Chairman suggested trying try to have a proposal for March meeting and to find out time constraints of expenditure.

- An email was received from an occupant of Sands of Sound regarding a request of support from LCC for road resurfacing due to increased traffic causing damage. It was decided in

the first instance to write to the Roads department to enquire whether they would consider adopting the road as it is well-used and in a popular beauty spot. Cllr C Smith to discuss with Roads department and report back at either next month's or possibly following month's meeting. Cllr Smith advised that there would have to be an understanding that it would no longer be a private road if SIC adopted the road.

- A query was raised by Mr. D Ristori regarding the level of use of Gilbertson Park and facilities. Response to be requested by clerk from Neil Watt at Sport and Leisure.
- It was queried whether LCC will meet only online in future, based on proposals of model constitution. The Chairman confirmed that when allowed, meetings in person will be restarted and online attendance can be used for those unable to attend in person.
- It was queried whether any correspondence had been received regarding Cunningham Way and situation with locked gate and vehicle access. No further correspondence has been received and the situation is ongoing.
- The cost of the redevelopment of the old Anderson High School was discussed. The Chief Executive Officer has agreed to report on the reason for increase in expected cost.
- A query was raised regarding traffic signs in Lerwick with individual lights and the policy behind this. Clerk to write to Roads department.
- Mr J Fraser stated that the preservation of human life must always be of primary concern, followed by property and the environment. He proposed that Lerwick Community Council write to Scottish and Southern Energy seeking sight of a risk assessment for the installation and ongoing maintenance of the energy storage system being delivered to Lerwick Power Station this summer.
- Mr J Fraser proposed that Lerwick Community Council write to Shetland Heat Energy and Power regarding the outcomes of their thermal imaging exercise, detailing the quantity of leaks, the volume of leaks into the water table, the chemical content of the leaks, the final destination and any environmental risks resulting from the leaks.
- Public art installations were discussed; one installation at North Ness is in need of attention. Clerk to find out who is responsible for maintenance of the installation.
- The Chairman invited Mr G Robinson to update regarding ongoing delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine. Mr G Robinson reported that the first mass vaccination centre is now open at the ILC and vaccinations are underway at that location. NHS Shetland is well on track to vaccinate the relevant age groups within the planned timescales. The main potential hindrance would be vaccine supply but that is going well so far. People are being invited for vaccine through letter and phone call in combination, to make best use of the available capacity and to reduce potential wastage of vaccine supply.

The meeting ended at 20.55 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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