

**MONDAY 5 APRIL 2021**

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

**Members**

Mr A Carter  
Mr S Hay  
Mr D Ristori  
Mr G Robinson  
Mrs A Simpson

Mr A Wenger  
Mrs J Williamson

**Ex Officio**

Cllr M Bell  
Cllr A Hawick  
Cllr S Leask  
Cllr C Smith

**In Attendance**

Mr Derek Leask - SHEAP  
Mr Neville Martin – SHEAP  
Mrs Patricia Christie – Community Involvement & Development Officer  
Ms Caroline Carrol – Living Lerwick  
Mr Chris Cope – Shetland News  
Mr Ryan Nicolson – Shetland Times  
Mrs Anna Watts - Clerk

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson

04/21/01

**Circular**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

04/21/02

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mr M Duncan, Mr J Fraser, Mr A Irvine, Mr A Johnston, Ms F Valente

04/21/03

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M Bell – RVS application to SCBF; Planning  
Cllr C Smith - Planning

**04/21/04**

**Speaker - Neville Martin re: SHEAP Lerwick District Heating System**

Mr Derek Leask introduced the item: The District Heating Scheme has been in place now for almost 20 years. Neville Martin was farsighted in getting the scheme up and running when he did.

Neville Martin:

The system was built based on Danish practice which has been in place since the 70s. It is a closed system, providing heat only, not hot water. Some water is lost through evaporation in expansion tanks; approximately 9 cubic metres a day lost. Leaks are often caused by damage from other agencies when works are carried out. Leaks are repaired with a thermo-plastic. It is possible to see how much water is going through the system every day and that data is recorded. The infra-

red system data is still being analysed. The analysis has highlighted some areas to be investigated and this is scheduled. The system is supplying about 50% of heat requirements for Lerwick and SHEAP still working on a few alternative ideas. Scottish Government has just released a large document, Draft Heat in Buildings Strategy, which includes suggestion of heat pumps which can be used with sea power, heat from sewers and other methods. Negotiations are ongoing with Hjaltland Housing for the new Staney Hill project to be connected to the system. There are 1100 houses and 100 non-domestic properties on the system. It is expensive to lay the pipes for the system, so there needs to be areas of high demand for the system to be put in. It is hoped that another 1 megawatt will be gained from installation of the new incinerator. SHEAP are in regular contact with Danish counterparts and hope to burn less oil and allow more properties to benefit from the scheme.

Mr J Anderson queried regarding potential of supply to the new Knab development. Mr Martin said that as newer houses are being built with better insulation, there will be lower demand for those new properties and it should be easier to meet demand. Cllr A Hawick asked about the Upper Sound area, as it is still waiting for connection all these years on. She asked if there was any potential for SHEAP opening a shop to assist customers on the system in obtaining parts. Mr Martin responded that pipes were laid to the bottom of Sound Brae and he had hoped to get to Upper Sound.

There was also a query of whether there was any potential of investment from Shetland Charitable Trust. Mr Martin explained that there had already been in the past and he wasn't aware of any further investment at this time.

Mr Martin and Mr Leask left the meeting.

04/21/05 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st March 2021 – for approval**

Mr A Wenger queried regarding Cunningham Way; cleared on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> there were tracks through the ditch, despite blocks that had been put in place.

Clerk to write to landowner and enquire regarding people going through the gate to gain access to the Cunningham Way.

Minutes approved by Mr A Wenger; seconded by Mrs A Simpson

04/21/06 **Correspondence**

Sands of Sound – occupant wondered about Crown Est funding but not available to individuals. SIC has not adopted any roads for some time and this wouldn't enable the occupant to keep it as a private road, which is desired. Cllr Smith suggested to resident that SCBF may be a possible avenue of funding. Another option would be for LCC to put in an application to Crown Estate if needed.

04/21/07 **Community Council Constitution – proposed amendments for agreement**  
(Decision Required)

Amendments were agreed; proposed by Mrs A Simpson; seconded by Mrs J Williamson

04/21/08 **Shetland Community Benefit Fund Ltd – Nomination for Director from LCC**  
(Decision Required)

Mrs A Simpson nominated Mr J Anderson; Mr A Carter seconded

- 04/21/09      **Swan Trust – conversion to Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization and interest in participation in operation of new organization**
- No concerns from LCC
- 04/21/10      **Finance – Core Funding Report 31 March 2021**
- The Chair explained the amount for outstanding rent accrued, awaiting updated invoice.
- 04/21/11      **FLJ – tender document and site visit request re: Access Road to Sletts Pier / repairs to rock armouring**
- It was agreed that initially the Chair will contact FLJ and arrange for an on-site meeting, to try to come up with a scope of works to stabilise existing structure and prevent further erosion for them to cost.
- Write to Planning and ask what they think regarding coastal erosion as may be in their remit.
- 04/21/12      **Shetland Community Benefit Fund application: Royal Voluntary Service (Decision Required)**
- Mrs J Williamson proposed; Mrs A Simpson seconded
- 04/21/13      **Shetland Community Benefit Fund application: North Staney Hill Community Association (Decision Required)**
- Mrs A Simpson proposed; Mr G Robinson seconded
- 04/21/14      **Sooth End Residents Association – potential for start-up funding**
- It was agreed that the group could put in an application for a specific purpose in relation to their start-up costs. A bank account would need to be set up and the group would need to be formally constituted and show this in their application. Clerk to send a grant application form to the group.
- 04/21/15      **Voxter House – request to all Community Councils for any available grant assistance**
- Clerk to write to advise group to formally apply for a grant from LCC
- 04/21/16      **Voar Redd Up (Volunteers Required)**
- It was agreed to meet at The Observatory on Sunday 18 April. Clerk to send out email for those who wish to volunteer.
- 04/21/17      **LCC website**
- Minutes are uploaded by SIC to Community Council page within SIC website. Previous quote to update website in a format that can be maintained by clerk was very substantial cost.
- Clerk to contact previous service provider to enquire if a one-off change could be made to the website, including a link to LCC Facebook page and relevant pages

of SIC website. Clerk to contact Michael Duncan for guidance on using LCC Facebook page to publish agenda/minutes. It was agreed to discuss a proposal at next meeting, after response from Michael Duncan.  
Clerk to send links to members of relevant areas where LCC appears on SIC website.

04/21/18 **Lerwick Local Plan – Land Use identification**

The Chair suggested that ideas submitted for North Loch Drive ground could be collated and forwarded incorporation in Lerwick Local Plan.  
Mrs A Simpson proposed; Mr A Carter seconded

04/21/19 **Planning Applications:** (Cllr C Smith left before Planning item; item 20 discussed prior to exit)

- A** - BT site demolition adjacent to top of Water Lane/Greenfield and construction of new mast (information only)
- B** - 88 & 143 Commercial Street (2021/090/PPF) no comments or objections
- C** - 98 Commercial Street (2021/091/PPF) no comments or objections
- D** - Old Magazine Yard, Staney Hill (2020/275/PPF)
- E** - Land Adjoining Clickimin Loch, South Road, Lerwick, Shetland (2021/116/PPP) Demolition of existing derelict building and to erect a dwellinghouse

04/21/20 **Consultation: Opening Up for Tourism – response required**

1. If numbers locally continued to stay low, restrictions eased in line with the rest of Scotland and move forward with Scotland at the same pace. Shouldn't be hindered by our lifeline transport to have to be at a different level than the rest of Scotland.
2. Rely on our Tourism industry and so as things are improving, should look to open up again. No cases recorded as being caused by tourists coming in.

04/21/21 **Agenda items for 8<sup>th</sup> June ASCC meeting**

Send in suggestions / ideas to clerk for compilation and forwarding to ASCC for agenda.

04/21/22 **AOB**

Mr D Ristori – request to write to Amenity Trust / Dr Iain Tait to express sad state of the Pilot Us, which has an important part in Shetland's wartime Maritime history. Clerk to write to ask what plans/ progress and check back for any previous correspondence.

Mr A Wenger – request to write to Emma Miller at Living Lerwick regarding cleaning of shop fronts/ toilets on Esplanade.

Cllr A Hawick – contacted by a group of very responsive young adults from Lerwick who came to request the possibility of lights at the skate park for winter months. Clerk to write to Roads Dept.

***Minute ends.***

CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Date.....