

MONDAY 7 JUNE 2021

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

Members

Mr J Fraser
Ms K Fraser
Mr S Hay
Mr A Johnston
Mr D Ristori

Mr G Robinson
Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Wenger

Ex Officio

Cllr M Bell
Cllr P Campbell
Cllr S Leask

In Attendance

Pastor John Rollo – New Life Shetland
Chris Cope – Shetland News
Ryan Taylor – Shetland Times
Anna Watts - Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

06/21/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

06/21/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ms F Valente, Mr A Carter, Ms J Williamson, Cllr C Smith, Mr M Duncan, Mr A Irvine

06/21/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Malcolm Bell - Planning

06/21/04

Police Scotland Report

No-one available for report

06/21/05

Speaker – Pastor John Rollo, New Life Shetland: Change of use application for Former Science Block, Old Anderson High School

Pastor Rollo explained that New Life Church always wants to learn how to better serve the community and this motivation is key behind the whole project. Church values were set out in 2018, which included visibly serving the community. In line with that, the church has run events which have included addiction support. The Church has never had a building, currently meeting in Sandveien Neighbourhood Centre, which involves setting up/packing away every session. Up to 5 venues a week are hired in addition, to be able to run the programmes. Church is the people rather than a building, but a building to call 'home' would help New Life to do what they do, better. A building to serve the vision. Seeking long term let premises has not been successful and they have been looking for a central point and premises to operate from. Existing disused church buildings would not fit the purpose. Consultation with Shetland Islands Council led to consideration of premises as part of the Knab Development programme. Premises would be renovated to include a

Community Café and soft play area, spaces for mental health counselling and support sessions.

New Life Church had enquired about the old Eric Gray site, but it wasn't available. In February this year, asset transfer application for Former Science Block was successful. Now working through planning application and showing financial capability to do what has been stated and that the congregation has the needed skills to carry out these plans.

The Head of another organisation involved described the Knab masterplan site as 'one of the most exciting developments in Europe'.

New Life Church noted the objection from LCC regarding parking issues for the site. Pre-planning application was submitted to develop parking but were told this application would not be successful. A specific amount of parking spaces are allocated to the building. A transport and parking strategy has been included in the business plan.

In the time at Sandveien (which has much more limited parking available) there have been no issues or complaints regarding the issue of parking.

Question: The Council is hoping to achieve a reduction in use of vehicles and make more pedestrian friendly, as part of Knab masterplan. Has church considered a way to apply this in the business plan?

Answer: Have considered this and discussed lift sharing, 'park and ride' type arrangement, cycling, 2 bus drivers in congregation which could provide potential. Conversations with other organisations/groups involved in the Knab masterplan has helped to share ideas on this.

Question: Will facilities in the building be open and available to those of all faiths and those with none?

Answer: Many regularly attend the church who have no faith. The message conveyed is love of people without restrictions.

Question: Regarding mental health/addiction services, what modality statistic used to ensure approved and recognised by appropriate regulatory bodies?

Answer: Recognition that New Life is not the NHS and there in more of a support role. 2 members of congregation have participated in accredited training. Aware of both limitations and the fact that services are currently overwhelmed for this provision.

Question: Request for clarification of parking issue.

Answer: Development has 72 car parking spaces for the 4 buildings that will remain as part of the masterplan. New Life is very dependent on the masterplan being delivered in this regard.

Question: Regarding café/soft play area for families. Will this be looked at with a more secular approach?

Answer: Similar model to Carrick Centre in Maybole, Ayrshire, where building can be used in partnership with different organisations. Hope to have a building used by the community.

Question: disappointed to see no consideration to disabled parking in the planning application, especially as it is quite a steep site. What consideration will be made?

Answer: Planning application was submitted on the basis of the physical space allocated to the building.

Pastor Rollo will email presentation for circulation.

Pastor Rollo left the meeting.

06/21/06 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd May 2021 – for approval**

Arising from minutes:

Chair meeting with Colin Smith regarding works at Sletts Pier. FLJ have been working in Fair Isle and so have not been so available.

Harrison Square seating area is now in place, but member noted that objects can be lost through the gaps in the seating and would be unable to retrieve.

Minutes approved by Mr D Ristori, seconded by Mr S Hay.

06/21/07 **Correspondence**

Chase up progress regarding Burnside fence.

Training for Community Councillors available

Chase up Hillhead railings works

Chase up lighting at skate park

Clickimin Loch response from NatureScot with helpful suggestions.

Mr A Wenger- issue with tree planting around Lochside as someone is needed to maintain and deal with weeds in the area.

Mr D Ristori- COPE were looking after trees in the area, perhaps would be willing to do so again.

Mr G Robinson- There are a number of schemes for tree planting in the area; perhaps could approach the Council regarding getting permission for this and fining someone who may be willing to donate trees. Would need to be mindful of emergency landing site and not jeopardize that.

Mr A Wenger- Amenity Trust/Rotarians may be able to help.

06/21/08 **Consultation: Transport Scotland – Free bus travel scheme for under 22s**

After discussion, it was agreed that the process would need to be ‘island-proofed’ and include ferry travel for our island communities.

06/21/09 **Consultation: Local Place Plan – consultation with island communities**

It was agreed that there should be a right of appeal where a planning decision goes against the local development plan. There is a need for more public engagement when developing local plans.

06/21/10 **Consultation: BT Scotland – R100 Scottish Isles Fibre Optic Cable Project**

No comments

06/21/11 **ASCC meeting agenda and papers**

ASCC unanimous in support of fixed links and Lerwick Community Council wholeheartedly support development of fixed links.

06/21/12 **Finance – Core Funding Report 31 May 2021**

No comments

06/21/13 **Shetland Islands Council Community Development Fund grant**

Plan for October time for a hopefully ‘normal’ Loot for Lerwick event.

06/21/14

Planning Applications:

A – 2021/149/VCON: C'est La Vie, 181 Commercial Street – change condition on planning application regarding permitted opening hours to be allowed to open until 11pm. No comments or objections.

B - 2021/176/PPF: Change of use of 2 semi-detached dwellings to a house of multiple occupation and carry out internal and external alterations. No comments or objections.

06/21/15

Proposed Orders for Parking Place for Disabled Person's vehicle:

Russell Crescent. No comments or objections.

06/21/16

AOB

Questions for SSEN Transmission representatives at July meeting. Clerk to circulate email to members to invite questions in advance.

Mr D Ristori: Broken glass buried at Sands of Sound beach. Contacted Environmental Health and Peter Campbell. Write to Environmental Health to enquire about what can be done.

Cllr P Campbell: suggestion was given for individuals to volunteer for a clean up. Seems that visitors to the beach have brought along beverages in glass bottles and then buried rather than take bottles away with them.

Mr J Fraser: raise public awareness and message of 'leave nothing but footprints'.

Find out landowner and perhaps discuss idea of a sign conveying the message. LCC may be able to pay for a sign if this is agreeable.

Mr J Fraser: Water Lane resident contacted and Mr J Fraser, who along with Cllr Flaws had a walk around to look at pavements, walls etc. Cllr Flaws has contacted Executive Managers of Housing and of Roads. These two managers, with the 2 councillors and resident will meet to look around together. Will report back to LCC.

Ms K Fraser: wondered about setting a tentative date for return to physical meetings.

September meeting (6/9/21) would seem a good time to aim for.

Cllr S Leask: resident contacted regarding litter around memorial at town hall. Resident wondered about possibility of installing a bin there, as it may be related to people sitting on the bench at the site.

Complaint re railings outside play park and garden on King Erik Street. Relevant officers have been contacted and it is being dealt with.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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