

MONDAY 5 JULY 2021

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

Members

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

Mr G Robinson
Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Wenger
Ms J Williamson

Ex Officio

Cllr P Campbell
Cllr S Leask
Cllr C Smith

In Attendance

Sharon Powell – SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Manager
Steve McMillan – SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Mairi Rigby – SSEN Transmission
Ewelina Metlak – SSEN Transmission Engineer
Chris Cope – Shetland News
Ryan Nicolson – Shetland Times
Steve Mathieson – Living Lerwick
Roy Ferguson
Anna Watts - Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

07/21/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07/21/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Bell, Mr A Carter, Mr M Duncan, Cllr S Flaws, Mr J Fraser

07/21/03

Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Smith – Planning; Mr A Wenger, Mr G Robinson – SCBF application from Shetland Classic Motor Show

07/21/04

Police Scotland Report

No one available for report

07/21/05

Speakers – SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Team

Slide presentation given by the team, Questions invited from members.

Question: Is there to be any digging into the ground for cables?

Answer: only use underground cable when needed for specific environmental or other reasons

Question: Is an underground connection safer?

Answer: It is more secure from environmental impact eg winter conditions. Statistically more faults/ interruptions with overhead line, but there are also drawbacks of underground cables. Underground cable repairs typically take longer

than overhead line repair. Underground cabling does not always give value for money to the consumer.

Question: Is there data on the comparison of weight/quantity of copper in overhead and underground cable?

Answer: cross sectional area with insulation is larger for underground cable. Greater conductivity in overhead cable.

Question: What is the cost differential between the two methods?

Answer: approximately £275k per km for overhead line, £1.5m per km for underground cable.

Question: will Viking windfarm not be connected earlier than the timeline for SSEN Transmission?

Answer: Yes, it will be connected in July 2024 and ACDC link energised back to mainland. Wind generation from Viking Energy will be transferred back to Scottish mainland. 5 months later, Gremista will be energised.

Question: is there a back up plan if North Yell plan is not finalised?

Answer: Energy Isles have delayed their connection to April 2027 and SSEN Transmission won't be doing any more work on that connection until 2023.

Question: explanation of how 3 phases are kept in sync?

Answer: Lerwick PS diesel generators. Wind turbines and ACDC connection are different, including electronics. There will likely be tours and tutorials once the network is operational.

More details on processes are contained in public consultation brochure available online.

07/21/06 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 June 2021 – for approval**

Chair still awaiting a meeting with FLJ and Colin
Approved by Mr D Ristori, Seconded by Mr S Hay

07/21/07 **Correspondence**

Recovery of Clickimin Loch: Reply from Lindsay Kentley seems to be just referring to area around the Clickimin Broch, rather than the wider surrounding area of the Loch. This is the only area that Historic Environment Scotland can comment on within their remit. **Add Hjaltland to list of interested parties to send a copy of the open letter regarding recovery of Clickimin Loch.**

Chair asked if any members would be willing to volunteer to represent LCC in a potential working group regarding this issue. Mr A Wenger, Mr D Ristori both volunteered.

07/21/08 **Finance – Core Funding Report 25 June 2021**

No comments

07/21/09 **SCBF AGS Grant Application from Dogs Against Drugs (£1,000)**

Mr D Ristori proposed; Ms J Williamson seconded

07/21/10 **SCBF AGS Grant Application from Shetland Classic Motor Show (£400.00)**

Mr D Ristori proposed; Mrs A Simpson seconded

07/21/11 **LCC Grant Application from Shetland Women's Aid (£650)**

Proposed by Mrs A Simpson; seconded by Mr A Wenger

- 07/21/12 **Request to consider improved access to Mareel walkway**
Only access without stairs is from Museum car park and is not a level access. If last parking space is taken, there is a problem to access around the parked car to the walkway. HIE/SIC responsible party? Write to ask about what can be done to improve wheelchair access. Copy in Mareel.
- 07/21/13 **Dangerous driving in the vicinity of Annsbrae Gardens**
This happens repeatedly and not only in this area; there are similar issues around Victoria Pier. Not so easy to solve, even with speedbumps installed, a driver can continue accelerating after that. Write to Northern Constabulary.
- 07/21/14 **Planning Applications:**
A - 2021/152/PPF: TESCO – no comments or objections
B - 2021/193/PPF: Nortbode Apartments, St Olaf Street – discussion around parking spaces and access being only through a small lane. No objections.
- 07/21/15 **Disabled Parking revocation**
Sandveien – no comments or objections
- 07/21/16 **ASCC agenda items for meeting on 14 September 2021. Meeting should include the following items:**
1. Fuel Poverty / Climate discussion
2. Island Act update
3. Activate Shetland project
- 07/21/17 **Positive feedback from recipients of HIE Communities Recovery Fund**
Members were pleased to hear of the good results from this funding
- 07/21/18 **AOB**
JA – Resignation of clerk. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work. As the post is currently within the 6 month period since recruitment, the reserve candidate has been approached regarding the vacancy.

JA – Resignation of Alan Irvine as a member and Frances Valente as a Co-opted member. Members would like to thank both for their contribution to Lerwick Community Council.

JF – contacted SIC regarding issue of litter at Sands of Sound. SIC happy to install a large wheeled bin, but need permission from road owner to do so. Still awaiting confirmation of who is the landowner to follow up regarding installation of sign.

JF – received a lot of feedback regarding dog fouling.

DR – any possibility of installing a gate for access to Tarland beach. Write to Kevin Sergison

AW – Clickimin Broch lighting. North West light not working and they are very dirty. Chair advised that LCC were contacted regarding repairs needed after damage to junction box for the lights. Robbie Bremner has been to investigate.

AS – any update on a card system for the Anderson High School? Uncertainty around whether funding has been granted for this. Nothing has come before a full Council meeting regarding progress on this issue. This is a crucial matter of inclusion, fairness and decency to all young people at school. Mr G Robinson proposed writing to new Children’s Minister if satisfaction is not reached within indicated timescale. Chairman suggested drafting a letter in readiness for that time.

PC – Will contact Education dept and find out what latest update is on above matter.

KF – Very pleased to hear about proposal of bin at Sands of Sound and pleased to see bin at War Memorial. Bins on North Road in short supply and would possibly address the dog fouling issue as well. Bottom of Staney Hill track where it joins Ladies Drive is a potential site.

KF also sorry to hear Clerk is leaving.

AW – benches coming from Westerloch Drive towards loch, bin has been missing.

GR – Back of Shetland Power Tools and JW Gray, full of water. Write to roads to ask to inspect ditches/drains.

JW – Sorry to hear Clerk is leaving and thanked her for her support.

SL – Following earlier item, would like to see free school meals for all.

SM – Thanked LCC for funding towards the floral arrangements and bunting in the town centre this year.

SH – Thanks to Clerk for her work and also agreed the town is looking good. New art installations give something to look at and think about. SM agreed that although potentially contentious, the art trail is certainly something that gives people something to think about.

DR – Tourists have commented they enjoy seeing boats on display at Fort Charlotte and wondered if this can be an ongoing feature. SM agreed that it is a good feature and it is great to see the enthusiasm of the owners.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman.....

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