

6th September 2021 At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held via Teams at 7.00pm

Members

Ms K Fraser
Mr S Hay
Mr A Johnston
Mr G Robinson
Mr A Wenger
Mrs J Williamson
Mr A Carter
Mrs Avril Simpson
Mr S Hay

Ex Officio

Ms A Hawick
Mr C Smith
Mr S Flaws
Mr S Leask

In Attendance

Mr C Cope – Shetland News
Ms E Miller – Living Lerwick
Mr M Duncan – SIC, Community
Planning & Development
Mr J Leask – Anderson High School
Miss E Smith – Anderson High
School
Miss S Simpson - Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

09/21/01 Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new clerk.

09/21/02 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr D Ristori, Mrs P Christie, Mr J Fraser and Mr M Bell.

09/21/03 – Declarations of Interest

Mr C Smith – Planning
Mr J Anderson – Planning (Agenda Item 16C)

09/21/04 – Police Report

There were no comments.

09/21/05 – Viking Energy Speakers

Guest Speakers: Aaron Priest & John Robertson
Slideshow presentation with commentary. Questions were submitted to them beforehand which were answered at the end of their presentation.
Some main points from the presentation were:

- The project is using 48 local businesses.
- The road will eventually be adopted by the SIC.
- They have put measures in place for the protection of birds/ the environment.
- Have developed the Viking Community Benefit Fund.

Question 1 – What is the programme to completion, including any key milestone dates

This was covered during the presentation. Completion date is September 2024.

Question 2 – What is the total volume of concrete that will be used?

There are 103 windmills, each needing 700m³ plus any miscellaneous needed which comes to a total of 79,000m³

Question 3 – What will the total area be for peat restoration?

165 hectares based on the final footprint.

Question 4 – Will access roads be open to the public once construction is complete?

There will be access for foot, bikes, horseback riding and disabled access. The only vehicle access would be for crofters, landowners and for any maintenance.

Question 5 – Number of NET permanent local jobs created by project. Direct employment at VEFW & Converter Station, but including for any reduction at local SSE Power Station in Lerwick and also the Power Station at SVT.

35 full time permanent jobs. Apprenticeships in progress – discussing whether it be seasonal or full time. The Lerwick Power Station would be the back up for the electricity and this would require more staff. However this would be up to them to staff(?) as well as Sullom Voe Terminal Power Station.

09/21/06 – Minutes of the Meeting Held on 5th July 2021

Mr Wenger raising the issue of Mr J Fraser not mentioned in participating in AOB.
Mr A Wenger then approved and seconded by Mrs J Williamson

09/21/07 – Correspondence

Ms K Fraser commenting that more bins around the Hoofields/ Burnbank area would be beneficial.

Mr J Anderson asking Mr M Duncan if he had noticed a difference on the Herring Barrels which he noted he hadn't, but hadn't been specifically looking.

Ms K Fraser commenting that she had only heard nice things about the meeting of dogs and people at the knab.

Community Council will think of draft wording for the sign at the Sands of Sound in time for Spring/ Summer 2022.

Discussions regarding the tarring of various roads within Lerwick and speed limits on roads coming in/ out of Lerwick, particularly near the 3 lanes. Clerk to ask the Roads Department regarding this.

09/21/08 – Concerns over decline in Lerwick population

Mr J Anderson going over the figures. Discussing how to bring more people to Lerwick. Mr A Wenger asking how this could be given the demand for housing we currently have. Mr J Anderson explaining.

09/21/09 – Finance Core Funding Report

No comments.

09/21/10 – Audit of Annual Accounts and Report

No comments.

09/21/11 – Draft Form from Sandsting and Aithsting Community Council

Discussion over the new forms and Mr M Duncan pointing out the GDPR issues with the old form. The new form reduces what needs to be reported. Ms E Miller saying she has used the new form and has had no issues and Mr G Robinson commenting that it is a vast improvement. Decision: carry on using the form.

09/21/12 – Crown Estate Scotland Fund

Mr A Carter asking whether we could apply for this to improve the area at the Sletts. Mr M Duncan pointing out we would need to find out who owns the area, manages it etc. Mr J Anderson to speak to Colin Smith.

Ms A Hawick reading letter she received from children regarding getting lighting at the skate park so the children can skate there in winter. Ms A Hawick to pass the letter to Lerwick Community Council to see what we can do.

09/21/13 – Living Lerwick Fund

Ms E Miller explaining the funding request. Approved by Mr G Robinson and seconded by MR S Hay. Both Ms K Fraser and Ms A Hawick supporting also.

09/21/14 – Railings at Hillhead

Mr J Anderson and Mr G Robinson agreeing that either option would be fine. Mr J Anderson preferring the round nodes.

09/21/15 – Flood Risk Management Consultation

Postponed to next meeting in October due to time constraints.

09/21/16 – Planning Applications

No objections to any of the planning applications.

09/21/17 – Building Standards Division Consultations

No objections.

09/21/18 – AOB

Mr M Duncan mentioning the by election closing date. Mr J Anderson reiterating. Mr G Robinson mentioning the quarry junction at the 3 lanes in a bad state. Clerk to chase up roads department.

