

6 December 2021 At a meeting of **LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held at the Lerwick Town Hall at 7.00pm

Members

Mr G Robinson
Mr A Emmerson
Mr A Wenger
Mrs J Williamson
Mr S McLeod
Mr J F S Fraser
Mrs A Simpson
Mr S Hay
Mr D Ristori
Mr A Johnston

Ex Officio

Councillor M Bell
Councillor C L Smith

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

In Attendance

Ms S Powell - Clerk
Mr C Cope– Shetland News
Mr S Prestidge – Shetland Times
Mr J Williamson – Co-opted Member
Mr S Mathieson – Visit Scotland
Francesca MacColl N920 Lerwick Police station

12/21/01 Circular

The stand in Chair Mrs Averill Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Mr J Williamson as a Member to the Community Council.

It was noted that the press representatives would not be recording the meeting.

12/21/02 Apologies for Absence

Mr J Fraser, Mr J Anderson and Ms K Fraser.

12/21/03 Declarations of Interest

Malcolm Bell as member of the Planning Committee.
Gary Robinson as Chair of NHS Shetland

12/21/04 November Minutes for approval

The minutes were approved by DR and seconded by SH.

12/21/05 Shetland Policing Report October/November 2021

Francesca MacColl N920 Lerwick Police station attended the meeting and updated the Committee on how officers have been engaging with the community and gave a summary of some of the reported incidents giving an indication of ongoing police activity in Lerwick.

There have been three hundred and thirty incidents recorded for the Lerwick area.

A summary of the incidents of note can be broken down to the following categories

1. Noise Neighbour – 15
2. Drink Driving - 2
3. Assaults – 3. (1 in a licensed premise)
4. Breach of the Peace/Disorder – 5
5. Vandalisms – 16
6. 5 people searched and found in possession of drugs
7. Theft –2.
8. Anti-social behaviour Fixed Penalties tickets – 1

The remainder of the calls and incidents have been of a routine nature. There have also been a number of road traffic offences detected in and around Lerwick which have included 17 drivers charged with driving without an MOT, 2 drivers charged with driving without insurance, 10 drivers charged with speeding offences and 1 driver charged with a seatbelt offence.

Again, multiple drugs packages were intercepted at Lerwick Post Office sorting depot; and this still appears to be a popular way of sourcing drugs locally.

DR asked about checks on the route from the town centre to Norscot and the police noted this and will try to undertake more patrols.

12/21/06

Actions from last meeting

5.1 carry forward

5.2 carry forward

5.3 carry forward

5.4 SP to contact the AHS to enquire about the use of chemicals by their FM company.

5.5 acknowledged our response to the ZetTrans Regional Transport Strategy

5.6 The SIC responded explaining that they keep records of disabled parking spaces and (before the pandemic) were informed of Blue Badge holders who had passed away by the Transport Department.

Applicants are required to inform the SIC if they have moved or no longer require their bays in order to revoke them and the SIC explained that they also rely on members of the public to inform them or personal knowledge to investigate eligibility.

12/21/07 Correspondence

6.1 Future Energy Team offer of visit to inform on the Orion Project was accepted. ACTION SP

6.2 Noted

6.3 Sooth End Residents Association – meeting postponed ACTION Pat Christie

6.4 Fogralea footpaths. Query around who is responsible if the Council are not.

6.4 Noted

6.5 Noted

12/21/08 Finance

7.1 carried forward

7.2 to 7.7 noted. Agreed to email these to members when received instead of agenda items.

7.4 Loot for Lerwick – carried forward but the members noted that there would need to be a change in focus as groups that would previously have applied for money can now get from the SCBF.

12/21/09 SCBF applications for consideration:

8.1 LCC Application Summary (20-21 & 21-22): noted

8.2 180120 - Lerwick Amateur Swimming Club: agreed

8.3 Shetland Family History Society – letter of information: noted

8.4 180103 Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society (SCHBS): agreed

8.5 180123 Kiddy Club: request for more information

12/21/10 Planning Application

All applications were discussed, and no objections were raised.

9.1 2021/342/PPF installation of new refrigeration plant at Co-op

9.2 2021/325/PPF steel container at Isles Haven Nursery

12/21/11 – AOB

- Discussion around the SIC and Afghanistan refugee children.

- Update required on Local Housing Strategy – ACTION SP
- Discussion around the Sandveien maintenance program – noted no start or completion date currently many factors outwith SIC control.
- Handrails in the lanes – to be discussed at the next meeting
- Sculpture at RBS. SM explained that there had been an accident with a pedestrian and a car and the cones were now there as a temporary solution. Discussions were ongoing with Living Lerwick, Shetland Amenity Trust and Shetland Islands Council.

12/21/12 – Date of next meeting

Monday 10 January 2022 – Lerwick Town Hall and Teams (Covid restrictions pending).

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