

7 March 2022 At a meeting of **LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held by Teams at 7.00pm

Members

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

Ex Officio

Councillor M Bell
Councillor C L Smith
Councillor S Flaws
Councillor A Hawick
Councillor Stephen Leask

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

In Attendance

Ms S Powell - Clerk
Mr C Cope – Shetland News
Mr R Nicolson – Shetland Times
Mr S Mathieson Living Lerwick
Mr J Williamson Co-opted Member
Mr Joseph Najdudch Orion
Mr Harry Thomson Orion

03/22/01 Circular

Chair Mr Jim Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

03/22/02 Apologies for Absence

2.1 Mrs J Williamson, Mr A Carter, Mr S Hay, Police Scotland and Mr J Williamson

03/22/03 Declarations of Interest

3.1 Malcolm Bell as member of the Planning Committee. Gary Robinson as Chair of NHS Shetland and involvement with Lerwick Port Authority. Shayne McLeod, Jim Anderson, Andy Johnston as members of the Lerwick Boating Club

03/22/04 Police Report

4.1 Apologies from Police Scotland.

03/22/05 Presentation

5.1 Future Energy Team/Orion Project Joseph Najdudch and Harry Thomson gave a presentation and answered questions from the Council.

Questions:

1. Councillor Stephen Leask: Very interested in mentions of ammonia production for use as fertiliser, due to the high rise in costs (doubled in price over recent months) as well as current carbon intensive production. How far can we go with that?

Answer: With the production of green hydrogen, we aware that converting to ammonia, methanol or another derivative fuel offers huge benefits to a range of further applications. Ammonia is definitely on the table as an option, but we are waiting to see where the world will go before committing, as we want to produce a product that will be most marketable and beneficial to Shetland.

2. Councillor Amanda Hawick: Very interested in potential for expansion of district heating network, especially due to current electricity price increases along with announcement that SHE&P are freezing their prices (around 6p/kWh). Could we expand to district heating network to more areas of Shetland?

Answer: Electrolysers emit 10-25% of their energy as waste heat, so feeding this waste heat into a district heating system greatly improves the economic viability of hydrogen production, as well as providing cheaper energy to households within Shetland. We are exploring opportunities for the potential for this waste heat to be incorporated into new or existing district heating scheme. The buildings that use the waste heat from an electrolyser must be situated close by, so expansion of district heating network to rural areas in Shetland is unlikely.

3. Arwed Wenger: How will we go about obtaining cheaper electricity prices? When Viking goes online our transport costs of electricity should diminish. Pointed out that in the Co-op people are only able to top up their electricity top up card by £20/£30 at a time, which will not go very far at current prices.

Answer: We are currently in discussions with regulatory bodies, such as OFGEM, to discuss our electricity prices. Shetland is at a disadvantage due to our location, and we have some of the highest network charges in the UK. We don't expect this to change with Viking, but we are discussing with the relevant bodies and the Scottish Government how we can obtain fairer prices due to our huge renewable resource.

03/22/06 February Minutes for approval

- 6.1 It was noted that apologies were given for Mr Cecil Smith for the February meeting.
- 6.2 The minutes were approved by DR and seconded by JW. It was noted that Mr J Williamson was a co-opted member of the CC.

03/22/07 Actions from last meeting

- 7.1 Removal/reinstatement of bin Clickimin loch shore
Confirmed this was the bin that was vandalised North West corner. ACTION SP
- 7.2 The CC discussed the cost-of-living crisis and agreed that a visit from the Citizen Advice Bureau would be helpful at a future meeting. ACTION SP
- 7.3 Clickimin Loch
Meeting was held in January wildlife around the Loch and discussions ongoing with Nature Scot, SEPA, Shetland Amenity Trust and what investigation is useful. Meeting will be held in March with LCC to be invited.
- 7.4 Cleaning around AHS grounds FOISA to be completed. ongoing
- 7.5 it was noted that there was a lack of working charger posts available for Electric Vehicles and this should be raised to the SIC. These have now been fixed.

03/22/08 Correspondence

- 8.1 Draft National Planning Framework 4 online events during February and March [consultation](#). It was noted that only 2 people attended the Lerwick event and overall 1 per 1000 attended. The chair asked the Council to encourage people to respond the consultation which closes on 31 March 2021.
- 8.2 Community Engagement, Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre here. People were encouraged to attend this event on 9 March which shows the progress of the new state of the art facilities on the Foresterhill Health Campus in Aberdeen.
- 8.3 Advocacy Shetland <https://advocacy-shetland.org/> Advocacy Shetland has recently been awarded funding to be used to deliver a project promoting and raising their profile throughout Shetland.

The website gives a feel of the work that is being done and it was noted that volunteers, Board members and advocacy workers were required.

- 8.4 Northlink – Passenger Issues/Concerns or Praise for Transport Forum. The chair asked for comments on external transport in Shetland. Northlink comments were the lack of availability for vehicles on the passenger boat. The main concern being that there was space on the freight boat and that raised the question of why freight is not being carried on the freight vessel. Northlink were praised for the introduction of dog friendly cabins and their re-organisation of services around weather disruptions and the excellent food on board (even with the removal of the islander discount).

03/22/09 Disabled Parking Spaces

- 9.1 There were no objections to the orders for King Harald Street and Gremmasgaet.
9.2 Revocations were for St Olaf Street and Haldane Burgess Crescent.

03/22/10 The Queens Platinum Jubilee

- 10.1 Living Lerwick representative Mr Steve Mathieson thanks the Council for the grant which will be used to help with the celebrations. Preparations are ongoing and updates will be given at these meetings in the coming months.

03/22/11 Finance

- 11.1 Financial Statement
Carried forward
11.2 Loot for Lerwick
This will be placed on hold with the new budgets for funding coming into place in April 2022. New funding opportunities will be available.
11.3 Funding Scotland Funding Shetland – Shetland Islands Council. Latest news.
11.4 Resilient Communities Fund Resilient Communities Fund – North of Scotland (ssen.co.uk)
11.5 Heritage & Place Programme Grants and Funding | Grants Refresh | HistEnvScot (historicenvironment.scot)
11.6 Bank of Scotland Foundation Invest Bank of Scotland Foundation
11.7 Finance – Proposed Charity Collection Point on Pier – Replica Old WWII Mine. The Council discussed and agreed to speak to Scalloway Community Council about ordering.

03/22/12 SCBF applications for consideration:

- 12.1 Lerwick Boating Club (LBC) 180154 This had been raised at the February meeting, but more details had been requested on the application. The LBC answered the queries:

Will the Lerwick Port Authority be willing to help the club fund the equipment as the have asked you whether the service will be provided? We have not approached them at this stage, they advertise our facilities to visiting yachtsmen who are welcome to visit the club whilst they are in Lerwick.

Do you currently generate income from the machines, if so, what is this money used for? The machines operate after coins are inserted, it costs £2 for a wash/dry, this money goes a little way towards the electricity used.

Approximately how many people use these machines in a season/annually? In a normal year there would be around 300no. yachts visiting Lerwick, the majority of crews call along to use our facilities, with varying numbers of crew on each yacht. The season is from May to September, yachts crew can have access to the laundry facilities at any time 24/7.

The council discussed and agreed a sum of £3000.

- 12.2 180155 Shetland Rape Crisis (The Compass Centre) £400 was agreed.
- 12.3 180175 Ability Shetland were granted £812.50

20:41 Cllr Stephen Flaws left the meeting.

03/22/13 Planning Applications

2022/003/PPF

[2022/003/PPF | Change of use from store to store and workshop on top floor area | 20A St Magnus Street Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0JT](#)

2022/029/PPF

[2022/029/PPF | Erect front and side extension to dwellinghouse | Blairwood 3 Sands Of Sound Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0SZ](#)

2022/034/PPF

[2022/034/PPF | To extend dwelling house by erecting a porch and decking on front elevation | 16 King Harald Street Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0DJ](#)

2022/047/PPF

[2022/047/PPF | Partial demolition of existing entrance canopy; erection of new external 1st floor balcony to principal elevation of house. | 1 Helendale Terrace Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0GE](#)

There were no objections to any of the applications.

20:47 Cllr Stephen Leask left the meeting

03/22/14 AOB

- 14.1 There was a request to check if the 20mph speed limit lights at the Anderson High School were working.
- 14.2 Could the lights at the Clickimin Broch be turned blue and yellow to show support to Ukraine
- 14.3 The green gates at the old AHS are in a poor state and are being held together with a piece of rope. To be reported to the SIC for investigation.
- 14.4 it was noted that the mobile surgical solution which had been installed at the Gilbert Bain Hospital to combat surgical backlog across Shetland and Orkney had been a huge success. It allowed hundreds of patients to benefit from cataract, ENT and for the first time ever joint replacements were performed.
- 14.5 The three Lerwick schools had been contacted about the benefits of providing free school breakfasts in schools for all pupils. After discussion the Council asked that a representative from Shetland Schools be asked to speak at a future meeting.

03/22/15 – Date of next meeting

Monday 4 April 2022 – Teams meeting