

11 April 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

**04/22/01 Circular**

The Chair Mr Jim Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

**04/22/02 Apologies for Absence**

2.1 Mr A Carter and Mr A Emmerson

**04/22/03 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.

**04/22/04 Police Report**

4.1 The new Area Commander for Shetland Chief Inspector Stuart Clemenson joined the meeting on Teams and updated on activities.

Community Council meetings are important to Police Scotland and allow local officers to link in directly with the community and address incidents at a localised level.

Police Scotland is split into 13 Divisions across the country with Highland and Islands Division being the most northerly division in the country. Within the division, the Shetland area command is one of six area commands in the division and covers the 100 islands of the Shetland area.

Chief Inspector Stuart Clemenson explained how priorities for Shetland are decided by data from Police Scotland's strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents.

The 6 current priorities are:

- Road safety and road crime
- Serious organised crime
- Crimes of theft and dishonesty

- Antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Terrorism and public order.

Area command within Shetland has the highest detection rate in Scotland with 87.58% of all crimes detected. This is in comparison to a detection rate in the division of 79.98% and a Scotland wide detection rate of 70.99%. The figures are based on the information held within the report produced for the Shetland Community Safety and Resilient Board up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The interpretation of statistics from the reporting period and comparisons to the previous year can be difficult. The full consequences of lockdown and the hidden harms many members of our communities experienced have yet to be fully realised but the officers commitment will be to work towards the new normal and an acceptance that COVID-19 will be with us as a community moving forward.

Challenges for the police are resources: The restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the most recent Omicron strain have impacted every area of our lives throughout the period. The demands placed on island policing have been unique and challenging but police officers on Shetland have managed these demands positively in spite of significant levels of absence due to the pandemic. I want to take this opportunity to say that I am proud of the way officers have continued to carry out their duties and serve their communities while exposed to significant health risks and growing demand.

That said, we have been active across all priority areas of our Policing Plan. We have maintained a proactive presence on the islands' road network, enforcing road traffic legislation, working with partners to improve road safety and investigating road traffic collisions. We have seen reductions in anti-social behaviour, disorder and violence along with many areas of acquisitive crime; however fraud, particularly online has significantly increased and we will work towards targeting the offenders at all costs.

The question of foot patrols was raised with a particularly busy Cruise ship season being anticipated. Shetland has 120 cruise ships planned to visit the port this year. The visibility of officers will remain a priority of the command, and we have received some very positive feedback from the community regarding the officer's interaction during peak times and it is the intension to continue this over the coming period.

The Chief Inspector explained how policing of the more remote areas of the island continues to bring logistical challenges. "Despite this we have worked hard to ensure we respond to all incidents and I can confirm this is the case and is working well. A designated officer is in place on Yell and covers the islands of Unst and Fetler. In the north of the island, a designated officer is based at Brae. In the previous weeks, 5 individual drink/drug drivers have been reported in these areas and are all subject of reports to the Procurator Fiscal.

I want to reassure members of the Shetland community that whilst there have been a number of recent incidents on the islands involving external workers travelling to the area, these individuals remain in the minority. It would be inaccurate to say that Shetland has a problem with 'outsiders' causing issues, and the vast majority of workers have behaved impeccably. We continue to work close with these individuals in a firm and robust manner. Our local intervention and prevention strategy is work well and aims to reduce current crime trends and intervene before they develop.

With all incidents, we will continue to respond to any reports of crime, no matter who commits it or where they may come from. Anyone with any concerns or incidents to report should call police on

101. But as always I would welcome any direct contact to my officers, be this formally by the 101 system or by stopping and chatting to us”.

#### **04/22/05 February Minutes for approval**

5.1 The minutes were approved by DR and seconded by JW.

#### **04/22/06 Actions from last meeting**

6.1 Action Tracker

#### **04/22/07 Correspondence**

7.1 Scottish Water presentation “Nature Calls”

7.2 noted

7.3 Shetland Islands Council repair a section of the street every year and this year it is their intention to do the area adjacent to the Lodberrie, but there are great lengths through the street that are in poor condition.

7.4 Douglas Sinclair assisted with this response to the proposed naming of the pier and lodberry. To give some background information the building 2-8 Commercial Street belonged to James Copland and he built the lodberry buildings, yard and pier. George Gillie lived for a time in the little house that is now referred to as the lodberry. As it is now the property of John Henderson he can give it the name of his choice but I would suggest "Copland's Lodberry" rather than "Copland Lodberry". The pier was officially named Copland's Pier by the Commissioners of Police in 1845 but continues to be referred to as Gillie's Pier by local people. It was only signposted in recent years, erroneously as "Copeland's Pier". My view is that the new sign could be "Copland's Lodberry and Gillie's Pier, formerly Copland's Pier". This would be consistent with the numerous signs in the lanes which show the current name along with the former

7.5 The CC members will undertake Da Voar Redd up as in previous years.

7.6 noted

7.7 noted

7.8 it was felt that the CC should support the proposed fly tipping bill and that the online survey would be completed.

7.9 SM from Living Lerwick gave a detailed insight into the feasibility study and explained that the purpose of the survey was to get thoughts on where the route should go and how it will work. Individuals from the CC were asked to respond.

7.10 ZetTrans RTS Draft Case for Change and Public Survey - members were asked to respond individually to this by the 2 May.

#### **04/22/08 The Queens Platinum Jubilee**

8.1 Living Lerwick representative Mr Steve Mathieson updated the CC on preparations which are ongoing. There will be an entertainment schedule and currently 7 bands are booked, and family entertainment is being planned. There will be a virtual reality jubilee trail and window displays in the local shops.

#### **04/22/09 Disabled Parking Spaces**

9.1 There were no objections to the orders and revocations.

#### **04/22/10 Clickimin Loch**

10.1 AW and DR to represent the LCC on the Clickimin Loch meetings with the SIC. Next one 11 April.

#### **04/22/11 Finance**

11.1 Financial Statement showing a healthy bank balance.

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 Open Door Drama funding application was agreed £500. AS & DR proposed and seconded.
- 11.4 Parent Programme Anchor Early Action Project Funding Application will be discussed in May.

**04/22/12 SCBF applications for consideration:**

- 12.1 180199 Shetland Family History Society was agreed £500. GR and DR proposed and seconded.
- 12.2 180212 Shetland Junior Netball will be discussed at May.

**04/22/13 Planning Applications**

There were no objections to any of the applications.

**04/22/14 Community Councils**

Noted

**04/22/15 AOB**

- 15.1 Ladies Drive Speeding this would be discussed with SIC Roads and reported back.
- 15.2 Gilbertson Park path -SIC Neil Watt had advised that an upgrade to the path would be undertaken but this would not include the path to Millgaet.
- 15.3 The path at the old AHS has been blocked up at the right of way immediately adjacent to the Bruce Hostel. There was a request to find out if consultation should have been undertaken.

**04/22/15 – Date of next meeting**

Monday 9 May 2022 – Lerwick Town Hall Council Chambers and TEAMS