

Lerwick Community Council Meeting 11 July 2022

7pm Teams hybrid meeting

Minutes

1. Chairman's Welcome

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies:

Cecil Smith
Jonathan Williamson
Gary Robinson
Pat Christie
Andrew Emmerson
Neil Pearson

In attendance:

Jim Anderson (Chair)
Sharon Powell (Clerk)
Stevie Mathieson (Visit Scotland)
Alan Patrick (Police)
Living Lerwick
Andrew Johnson
Jessie Williamson
Averil Simpson
Shayne Macleod
Andy Carter
Karen Fraser
Stewart Hay
Arwed Wenger
Stephen Leask

3. Declarations of Interest

Arwed Wenger – SIC Planning committee

4. Police Report

Police sergeant Alan Patrick gave an update on June and July incidents. It was noted that there were no group 1 crimes, 10 post office incidents and 4 group 2.

A discussion was held around Harrison Square and how residents were being affected by gatherings in the evenings. The police reassured the Council that they are focusing on Harrison Square Multi agency meetings are taking place and the Neighbourhood Support Workers will meet with the Chair to discuss further.

Living Lerwick noted that it is not just evenings that are an issue. Complaints are being received around noise and nuisance factor during working hours and in particular Friday afternoons. Bins in the area were also discussed and it was noted that there are bins but rubbish is deliberately thrown in the area.

A local resident commented that these gatherings were not seen as a threat but the community should be supporting, engaging, assisting and talking with people and undertaking preventative work. There is a lack of places for people to go. The groups are not threatening, it is the sheer volume of people that create noise.

The toilets at the Esplanade and their opening hours were discussed and the Police will discuss with SIC Environmental Health department reports that needles were found recently in the toilets.

5. Minutes from meeting held for approval

The minutes should have stated the **site** of the Golden jubilee marquee and not the **route**. The minutes were agreed.

6. Actions from last meeting

Action tracker spreadsheet.

- 6.1 The Sea wall is deteriorating at the other side and the whole bay requires to be looked at. The Council asked what the thoughts and plans for the whole area and the coastal erosion. Colin Smith SIC to be contacted.
- 6.2 The coastal paths at the Sletts were raised and a thoroughfare from the Sletts to the Knab.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 Robert Sinclair from SIC to be contacted around the Clickimin Loch and Lerwick Community Council representation.
- 7.2 The Knab site. It was requested that the SIC be invited to the LCC to present and discuss their mitigation.
- 7.3 Illegally parked cars on Knab Road were raised as an issue. It was noted that these were mainly SIC Social Work cars.

8. Disabled Parking Spaces

Proposals and Revocations agreed.

9. Finance

Noted

10. SCBF applications for consideration:

- 10.1 180239 – Scottish Surfing Federation 25% of £2500 = £625
- 10.2 180246 – Shetland Amenity Trust 1/34th of the total request was approved £840
- 10.3 180257 – AHS Hostel Volunteer Group (sent 24/06/2022) £500 approved

11. Planning Applications:

PLANNING COMMITTEE

No objections

12. Community Councils

- 12.1 ASCC September 2022. JA proposed asking for Scottish Government and Northlink lack of capacity issues to be raised as agenda item.

13. AOB

- 13.1 Clickimin Loch Bin to be moved
- 13.2 It was noted that Shetland Pride had been an excellent event
- 13.3 The net for the bin at the Knab has disappeared and this would need to be replaced by SIC.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- 14.1 Mon 5th September 2022 @ 7pm Teams and Town Hall meeting room