

# Lerwick Community Council

3 July 2023 6pm

Town Hall/ Teams Hybrid meeting

## Minutes

### 1. Chair's Welcome

### 2. Apologies for Absence

In attendance (Town Hall):	In attendance (remotely):	Apologies:
Jim Anderson (Chair) Shayne McLeod (Vice Chair) Martha Smith (Clerk) Karen Fraser Steve Mathieson Brian Harris James Paton Stewart Hay Averil Simpson Jonathan Williamson Gary Robinson Joanne Fraser (SIC) Kevin Craigens (Shetland Times) Bryan Mulholland (Police Scotland)	Cecil Smith	Angus Galbraith John Fraser Emma Williamson Amanda Hawick Andy Carter Scott Nicolson Arwed Wenger Dennis Leask Stephen Leask Neil Pearson

### 3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 12. Planning Applications Gary Robinson/ Cecil Smith

### 4. Minutes from meeting held for approval

4.1 5 June 2023  
Proposed – James Paton  
Seconded – Karen Fraser

### 5. Police Report

5.1 Police Report April & May  
Bryan Mulholland took questions on the April & May report which was distributed to members within meeting papers.  
BM advised that their recent "Coffee with a Cop" event was successful, with positive feedback and they will be looking at organising this again. The most common concerns expressed were advice on financial crimes.  
BM advised that additional policing is being sourced from the Mainland, for the Tall Ships event later in July.  
James Paton passed on thanks for the recent support from the local police force at the Shetland Pride event earlier in June.

Concern was passed on to BM from LCC members, regarding availability at the local police station. Shayne McLeod raised a recent scenario during the Rosebank protest, where a constituent had attempted three times to contact the Lerwick Police Station. Bryan advised that there would always be someone available on the non-emergency 101 number. However, the person felt that they wished to speak to a local person, which BM understood. BM advised that there is a job vacancy for a reception post at Lerwick Police Station, which they hope will be filled soon.

## **6. Actions from last meeting**

### **6.1 Action tracker spreadsheet**

Clerk to continue to seek update from SIC on a timescale for Sletts Wall works.

## **7. Correspondence/ Discussion Points**

### **7.1 Bench Vandalism**

LCC members were disappointed to see this damage to the bench on Staney Hill quarry access track. Gary Robinson advised he would contact the family, to see if they needed financial assistance to rectify this, as he knew the family that erected the memorial bench.

LCC members noted the “Icelandic Elf House” alongside Clickimin Loch path - “*What would the Trows say?*”

### **7.2 Community Comments to LCC**

A discussion was held regarding the engagement of LCC online – Facebook, website and SIC website.

Clerk to check in with SIC to ensure minutes uploaded to SIC website are up to date. LCC members agreed it would be good to share a link to these minutes on the LCC Facebook page. Clerk to get access to the Facebook page to be able to do this.

## **8. Finance**

### **8.1 Financial update**

Noted, no comments at this time. Clerk to finalise 2022/23 accounts.

## **9. Disabled Parking**

*(late entry)*

### **9.1 Gilbertson Road**

No Comments

### **9.2 King Harold Street**

No Comments

## **10. Planning Applications**

### **10.1 2023/167/PPF – Cope Ltd, Port Business Park, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0TW**

Construction of an extension to existing premises to create additional retail and sorting space.

No Comments

## **11. AOB**

*The Chair allows all members to have their chance to raise any other business.*

Shayne McLeod – Concern over parking at Bain’s beach, blocking access. Lots of cars go out of the junction the wrong way – is there enough signage and correct road markings? Police and Fire/ rescue previously had concerns for an emergency situation. There is also still scaffolding at the Queens hotel which is adding to the situation.

Brian Harris – There is still no traffic lights outside the Sound Service Station. Clerk to contact SIC for an update. They have now been restored in August.

Gary Robinson – Has been looking into a brown “tourist” sign for Mareel, there is no signage anywhere along the street.

James Paton – Questioned if the consultation on the Knab masterplan is now finished or will LCC have another chance to comment on the proposed plans. Looks like there will be no planning permission sought until 2024. There has been demolition delays, but work has recently started.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

12.1 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September