

# Lerwick Community Council

4 December 2023 6pm

## Town Hall/ Teams Hybrid meeting

### Minutes

#### 1. Chair's Welcome

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

##### In attendance

##### (Town Hall):

Jim Anderson (Chair)  
Martha Smith (Clerk)  
Arwed Wenger  
John Fraser  
Dennis Leask  
Averil Simpson  
Stewart Hay  
Brian Harris  
Andy Carter  
Scott Nicolson  
Neil Pearson  
Shayne McLeod  
Diana Winfield

##### In attendance

##### (remotely):

Amanda Hawick  
Jonathon Williamson  
Stephen Leask  
Emma Miller (Living Lerwick)  
Chris Cope (Shetland News)  
Ryan Nicolson (Shetland Times)

##### Apologies:

Angus Galbraith  
James Paton  
Karen Fraser  
Gary Robinson  
Cecil Smith

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

8. Disabled Parking

Scott Nicolson

10.2 Grant Application – Lerwick Boating Club

John Fraser/ Jim Anderson/ Shayne McLeod

11. Planning

Arwed Wenger/ Dennis Leask

#### 4. Minutes from meeting held for approval

4.1 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Proposed – Brian Harris

Seconded – Averil Simpson

#### 5. Actions from last meeting

5.1 Action tracker spreadsheet

Updated with comments from JA

#### 6. Correspondence/ Discussion Points

6.1 New Life Kirk parking

Lerwick Community Council received concern from a member of the public, with regards to the recent Knab site planning application. The concern being that it appeared the SIC are providing car parking for the New Life Kirk. Clerk to query with Maggie Sandison, Chief Executive Shetland Islands Council, and respond to member of the public.

6.2 Hillhead railings

The railings appear to be unfinished, clerk to query with SIC roads for update.

6.3 2024 Garden competition

Members agreed to go ahead with the plans. Clerk to arrange advertisement and to be added to Facebook page. Funding to be allocated from 2024/25 funding.

Note of thanks to Karen Fraser for all the time she has spent getting the competition back up and running.

- 6.4 07357/00010610 - Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission PLC - HVDC Link Installation Variation - Shetland to Caithness – Consultation  
Noted, no comments.
- 6.5 ASCC Meeting Papers – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Review excluded from this item, to be discussed later in the meeting.  
JA / SM will attend meeting and report back to Lerwick Community Council.  
Concern raised by members regarding any possible reduction of car parking following Lerwick Lanes Masterplan. However, this can be mentioned during the public consultation.
- 6.6 2024 LCC Meeting dates  
Noted, no comments, clerk will distribute a copy to members.
- 6.7 A970 Active Travel, path and bus layby  
Lerwick Community Council members discussed the email received from Neil Hutchison, SIC roads. Work on the new Active Travel path and bus layby has already started. There is no cost to SIC for this project, as funding directly from Scottish Government. Stakeholders, including LCC, were consulted on the overall plans, albeit over 3 years ago (pre-covid). During the current period of austerity, the members thought that this was not a necessary project, and monies could be better spent elsewhere.
- 6.8 Staneyhill Development Infrastructure Contract  
Noted, no comments.
- 6.9 Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries  
Noted, no comments.

## 7. Community Council Scheme Review

- 7.1 Consultation Phase One – Boundary Areas  
Clerk to return comments to SIC, LCC members content with any option which may affect other areas more directly. LCC are not favourable for option 4, which splits Lerwick into North/South.

## 8. Disabled Parking

- 8.1 Nederdale  
Noted, no comments to report back. It was noted that the plan was somewhat out of date.

## 9. Finance

- 9.1 Financial update  
£5k allocated for Loot for Lerwick event.
- 9.2 Loot for Lerwick event – February 2024  
Advertised on Facebook  
Application forms available from LCC clerk– [clerk@lerwickcc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lerwickcc.org.uk)  
Event to be held in Islesburgh on Saturday 3rd February.

## 10. LCC Grant Applications

- 10.1 Royal Voluntary Service
- 10.2 Lerwick Boating Club (discussion Chaired by Averil Simpson)
- 10.3 Shetland Arts

LCC currently have limited funding following previous applications to date, grants awarded as below:

Applicant	Applied for £	Granted £
Royal Voluntary Service	£1,360	£680
Lerwick Boating Club	£2,000	£1,000
Shetland Arts	£1,000	£500

Suggested by Neil Pearson to provide half the funding to each applicant. LCC members agreed this is the fairest option.

Proposed by – Stewart Hay  
Seconded by – Scott Nicolson

## 11. Planning

- 11.1 **2023/215/PPF** – Sound Service Station, South Road, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 ORD.  
Single storey extension to existing shop store at back of shop.  
[LCC members happy to see some development, no comments to return to SIC.](#)
- 11.2 **2023/240/PPF** - Seafield Steading Seafield Lerwick Shetland ZE1 ORN  
Erect new single storey extension to north wing of Seafield Steading  
[Noted, no comments.](#)
- 11.3 **2023/241/LBC** - Seafield Steading Seafield Lerwick Shetland ZE1 ORN  
Proposed new single storey extension to north wing of Seafield Steading; Existing window on north elevation to be cut down to form door for internal access into extension.  
[Noted, no comments.](#)

## 12. AOB

[Clerk received form from Criminal Justice team regarding refurbishment work to benches and railings around Lerwick. Work likely to be Spring/ Summer next year.](#)

Late entry - planning application:

**2023/275/PPF** - North Hoo Fields Gremista Lerwick

The erection of a 2.3MW wind turbine, of 64m to hub height and up to 100m to tip height, as an extension of the existing North Hoo Fields Wind Turbine (2011/309/PPF), substation, cable, and associated infrastructure.

[Noted, no comments.](#)

Scottish Government Fair Fares Survey

[Clerk emailed and SG advised "The Committee received a letter from the Minister for Transport on 19 December, stating that publication of the Fair Fares Review "will now take place in early 2024."](#)

## 13. Date of Next Meeting

- 13.1 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January