

Lerwick Community Council

6 November 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
Karen Fraser
Dennis Leask
Averil Simpson
Stewart Hay
Stephen Leask
Brian Harris
Kevin Craigens (Shetland Times)

In attendance

(remotely):

Gary Robinson
Amanda Hawick
Cecil Smith
Joanne Fraser (SIC)
Chris Cope (Shetland News)

Apologies:

Angus Galbraith
Andy Carter
Scott Nicolson
James Paton
Shayne McLeod
Neil Pearson
Jonathon Williamson

3. Declarations of Interest

12.5. Lerwick Boating Club

Jim Anderson

13. Planning

Arwed Wenger/ Dennis Leask/ Gary Robinson/ Cecil Smith

4. Minutes from meeting held for approval

4.1 2nd October 2023

Proposed – Averil Simpson

Seconded – Karen Fraser

5. Police Report

5.1 Shetland Policing Report August/ September

Although no attendance from Police Scotland, report was noted. No comments from members to raise with police.

6. Actions from last meeting

6.1 Action tracker spreadsheet

Noted.

7. Correspondence/ Discussion Points

7.1 Harrison Square

Clerk to respond to email regarding seating, response to be discussed at December meeting.

7.2 Shetland Amenity Trust – Annual Review

No Comments

7.3 Northern Isles Digital Forum

No Comments

7.4 Right of way down Sound Burn

LCC to look at scope of works with the possibility of funding a project, added to Action Tracker.

- 7.5 Take Time Out – Staney Hill Hall
[No Comments](#)
- 7.6 Charlotte Lane Railings
[No Comments](#)
- 7.7 Community Work – Funding opportunity (benches and railings)
[Clerk to contact Community Justice](#)
- 7.8 Pedestrian Crossing – Lerwick Health Centre
[Noted](#)

8. Community Council Scheme Review

- 8.1 Consultation Phase One – Boundary Areas
[The Lerwick Community Council members discussed this at length, considering the pros and cons of each option. This is phase one of the Consultation, with a deadline of 12th January 2024. Members concluded to raise again at the December meeting and rank each option.](#)

9. Disabled Parking

- 9.1 Prince Alfred Street
[No Comments](#)

10. Finance

- 10.1 Financial update
[No Comments. Agreed an additional meeting date to discuss the Loot for Lerwick event in February. Meeting held on Saturday 11th November. KF pulled together poster to advertise event.](#)

11. LCC Grant Applications

- 11.1 Royal Voluntary Service
[Discuss again in December, suggest to “Warm Spaces” funding to the applicant.](#)

12. SCBF AGS Grant Funding Applications

Annual Funding available - £10,000. (Tranche 1 of 2)

- 12.1 Application Summary – Lerwick
[Noted](#)
- 12.2 180450 – S.N.A.P
[Applied - £2,000](#)
[Awarded- £1,000](#)
[Proposed – Karen Fraser](#)
[Seconded – Averil Simpson](#)
- 12.3 180454 – Space2Face
[Applied - £500](#)
[Awarded- £500](#)
[Proposed – Karen Fraser](#)
[Seconded – Amanda Hawick](#)
- 12.4 180456 – Ability Shetland
[Applied - £4,542](#)
[Awarded- £2,271](#)
[Proposed – Karen Fraser](#)
[Seconded – Brian Harris](#)
- 12.5 180467 – Lerwick Boating Club
[Applied - £4,000](#)

Awarded- £2,000
Proposed – Brian Harris
Seconded – Karen Fraser

13. Planning

- 13.1 **2023/229/PPF** - Proposal seeks a change of use from the disused commercial classification into two separate dwellings - One bedroom flat to the ground floor and a two bedroom flat to the first floor, with different accesses

No Comments

- 13.2 **2023/245/PPF** - To install an electric vehicle rapid charger to serve two parking spaces

No Comments

- 13.3 **2023/249/PPF** - Infrastructure and public realm works including site levelling, drainage, vehicular and pedestrian access, landscaping and other miscellaneous works.

Comments returned to SIC planning as follows:

Despite generally welcoming the plans concerns raised by local residents with regards to the new access onto Gressy Loan were echoed within the chamber. These concerns were exacerbated by the fact the Swept Path Refuse Drawing does not show any analysis of the vehicle actually entering/exiting the site.

The new access onto Gressy Loan would appear to be to provide access to a new (publicly financed) car park for the New Life Kirk. This has resulted in the removal of at least 4 potential, much needed, house sites from the development.

14. Co-opted Members

- 14.1 Jonathan Duncan

Co-option authorised.

Proposed – Stewart Hay

Seconded – Karen Fraser

Current Membership

14 Full/ Co-opted Members

16 members – full compliment.

2 spaces available

(Allowance for 2 additional co-opted members)

Membership status noted.

15. AOB

The issue of flooding was raised due to heavy rainfall, blocked drainage at Harrison Square, South road and Blydoit fish shop car park, roads to be contacted to query gully maintenance. Summer garden competition proposal to be discussed at December meeting.

16. Date of Next Meeting

- 16.1 Monday 4th December