

Lerwick Community Council
8 January 2024 6pm
Town Hall/ Teams Hybrid meeting
Minutes

1. Chair's Welcome

2. Apologies for Absence

In attendance

(Town Hall):

Jim Anderson (Chair)
Martha & Kirsty Smith
(Clerk)
Arwed Wenger
Dennis Leask
Brian Harris
Scott Nicolson
Shayne McLeod
James Paton
Karen Fraser
Gary Robinson
Steve Mathieson
Diana Winfield (Public)

In attendance

(remotely):

Amanda Hawick
Chris Cope (Shetland News)
Andrew Hirst (Shetland Times)

Apologies:

Angus Galbraith
Cecil Smith
John Fraser
Averil Simpson
Stewart Hay
Andy Carter
Neil Pearson
Jonathon Williamson
Stephen Leask

3. Declarations of Interest

7.4. Sail Training Shetland – Feedback and thanks

Shayne McLeod

4. Minutes from meeting held for approval

4.1 4th December 2023

Approved – Brian Harris
Seconded – Averil Simpson

5. Police report

5.1 October/ November 2023

No attendance from Police Scotland, queries to be emailed as follows:

1. Members are glad to see that the vacancy at reception has been filled. Please could you advise opening hours of the Lerwick station?

Answer received - once the new staff member has been fully trained, the opening hours will be 0800-1800 hours 7 days a week. I am anticipating that this will be happening shortly within the next week or so.

2. Regarding the report that we receive quarterly, is there a way that the figures can be provided in Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet format, then the figures can be totalled and compared more easily.

Answer received - regarding the report that is sent out quarterly, this is currently under review across the Highland and Islands area and the new format will be issued in the coming months which will be used division wide by all areas so that the report is more streamlined for everyone.

3. For Lerwick area, Protecting Vulnerable People – Mental Health, there are 15 incidents, is there a way to provide a further breakdown of these cases without breaking any confidentiality.
Answer received - regarding the breakdown for Protecting vulnerable people, I would not be able to provide a further breakdown of these cases as this would risk breaching confidentiality and a breach of GDPR as well as risking members of the community being able to identify those individuals involved if more information is provided.

6. Actions from last meeting

- 6.1 Action tracker spreadsheet
Noted, no updates at the moment.

7. Correspondence/ Discussion Points

- 7.1 New Life Kirk parking – response from SIC
Noted. Knab Masterplan still in planning stage with changes being made.
- 7.2 Lerwick Lanes Masterplan
The online questionnaire is open for responses until Sunday 14 January.
7N Architects and SIC Development will be presenting feedback from the questionnaire at the February meeting.
Small areas not included within the development by the look of the picture on the questionnaire. Clerk to enquire.
Members commented that the survey was quite difficult to find online, but was advertised in the local media.
- 7.3 SIC Drain Maintenance
Gulley Sucker to be hired from the mainland, when available.
- 7.4 Sail Training Shetland – Feedback and thanks
Members enjoyed the positive feedback – money well spent!
- 7.5 Bench Donation available from SSE
Looking to position bench at Sea Road when funding comes through.
Some queries arisen on next stage SCBF funding, Chair to distribute information to members.
- 7.6 Active Travel Update
Clerk to make contact with interest for grant application.

8. Disabled Parking Revocation

- 8.1 Union Street
Noted, no comments.

9. Finance

- 9.1 Financial update
Noted.

10. AOB

Dog fouling

Increase of mess around Lerwick, particularly bad around Twageos and Hillhead. Owner's responsibility to pick up after their pet. Request to SIC Environmental Health to reinstate yellow spray on "Clean it up" logos along paths.

Clean up of lanes

Request to SIC Environmental Health to find out routine for cleaning lanes, some lanes remain slippery and dangerous.

Littering

Issue raised of litter left by bairns going to and from school and shops at breaktimes. Areas of Da Vadill and Bruce Crescent are particularly bad, litter is thrown into gardens. Complaint to SIC Environmental Health.

Planning applications

Some applications appear to be missed from LCC consultation. Clerk to raise issue with planning. Also add to next ASCC meeting agenda.

Loot for Lerwick

Voting event Saturday 3rd February

Closing date for applications – Friday 19th January

2024 Garden Competition

Look at promoting in advance (March)

Up Helly Aa 2024

Clerk to query with SIC roads why some roads, that are not part of the procession, are still closed off, namely, 60-40 St Olaf Street and Prince Alfred Street.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 Monday 5th February