

Lerwick Community Council

8 October 2024 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)

Dennis Leask

Stewart Hay

Averil Simpson

Jonathon Duncan

John Fraser

Scott Nicolson

Stephen Leask

Brian Harris

Gary Robertson

Karen Fraser

Sgt Alan Patrick (1830-1900)

In attendance

(remotely):

Amanda Hawick

Cecil Smith

Emma Miller (Living
Lerwick)

Andrew Hirst
(Shetland Times)

Chris Cope

(Shetland News)

Apologies:

Steve Mathieson

Emma Williamson

Michael Duncan

Lynsey Rendall

Joanne Fraser

Andy Carter

Arwed Wenger

Shayne McLeod

Diana Winfield

Neil Pearson

3. Declarations of Interest

Planning – Cecil Smith and Dennis Leask

4. Minutes from meeting held for approval

4.1 2nd September 2024

Clerk to update, AOB Northlink bookings item raised by BH not SH

5. Police Report

5.1 June/ July

At 1830 a police representative entered the meeting room. Sargeant Alan Patrick mentioned staffing issues that the team are facing, so staff are kept busy!

Referring to the report, he mentioned car offences can be repeat offenders but a lot of the time are just genuine mistakes.

Regarding agenda item 7.4 *Lerwick Town Centre – Is it still safe to go to “Da Street”?*, GR queried if there is an increase in crime in the area? Sgt responded to say that statistics don't particularly reflect this.

Youth workers are spending time at Harrison Square. The sergeant praised the assistance of the Shetland community when it comes to policing matters.

6. Actions from last meeting

6.1 Action tracker spreadsheet

No updates to advise members.

Clerk to chase Roads Department. JD advised he can also ask.

7. Correspondence/ Discussion Points

7.1 Fuel Poverty Strategy – Response Required

This attachment not received by some members. It was agreed that there was plenty of time to discuss and respond at next meeting.

Current fuel poverty line is if you are spending 10% or more of household income on heating/ electricity. However, the plan is to increase to 15%. SH opinion that the issue in this country is how energy is charged.

7.2 LPP – Thank you and Update

JA and KF attended recent training session with Peter Mortgridge. There is no requirement for Local place plans. DL suggested that there is a big disadvantage if these are not considered and a community council is an ideal group to take on the project. However, JA noted that this pushes more onto volunteers. Emma Miller stressed that Living Lerwick are keen to implement a plan to preserve the town centre's unique commercial conservation area.

7.3 Northlink – Proposed solutions for lack of booking availability and issues behind these. Open discussion for comments.

Still not open for bookings past 2024. CalMac are available to book until April.

Clerk to write again to Northlink, still awaiting response from Transport Minister.

Discussion held regarding Northlink vessels and facilities. In 22 years the schedule has only changed to increase the number of visits through Orkney which has only further exacerbated the reduction in cabin spaces available on the Northlink Ferries. Over the past 22 years life and demand has changed (SH) to which Northlink has wholly failed to (positively) respond.

7.4 Lerwick Town Centre – Is it still safe to go to “Da Street”?

Covered within Police report agenda item, discussion with police attendee.

8. SCBF

8.1 SCBF AGS Projects through LCC

No Comments

8.2 Grant date Proposal

Agreed to close for funding in February, to be considered in Mach and if any funding left, open another tranche in July.

9. Finance

9.1 Financial Update

No Comments

10. Planning

10.1 To install additional windows to second floor.

Hjogaberg 3 Quoys Road Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0WH

Ref. No: 2024/250/PPF | Received: Thu 26 Sep 2024 | Validated: Thu 26 Sep 2024 | Status:

Pending Consideration

No Comments

10.2 Minor changes to the construction as defined within the consented planning drawings as a consequence of detail design, the ground conditions encountered and the presence of the now completed adjacent Development Platform.

Gremista Grid Supply Point Port Business Park Gremista Lerwick ZE1 0TW

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Pending Consideration

[No Comments](#)

10.3 Proposed development of industrial laydown area to create open storage area and site 20ft container for storage; create new access.

Gremista Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0PX

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Pending Consideration

[No Comments](#)

10.4 To demolish existing rear porch extensions on east elevation and erect new rear extension; reinstate existing front porches on west elevation like for like.

Brevik Cottages Burgh Road Lerwick Shetland

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Pending Consideration

[No Comments](#)

10.5 To demolish porch and erect new front porch to the existing dwellinghouse.

33 Gressy Loan Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0YB

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Pending Consideration

[No Comments](#)

10.6 To erect a urea blending and storage building to house a containerised urea blending plant, a demineralised water tank and a storage area for tonne bags of urea prill.

Lerwick Power Station Gremista Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0PS

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Pending Consideration

[No Comments](#)

11. AOB

BH raised issue of aggressive gulls, Clerk to raise with environmental health

JD raised issue of mobile phone signal around Lerwick. Clerk to write to Ofcom.

JD queried about Hjaltland Staneyhill developments, rock breaking works were due to be complete 2 months ago? Clerk to write to Hjaltland Housing Association requesting a project progress update on the works.

12. Date of Next Meeting

12.1 Monday 4th November