



# LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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27 November 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

You are requested to attend a meeting of Lerwick Community Council to be held in the Town Hall Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick at **7.00pm** on **Monday 3 December**.

The next meeting will be on Monday 7 January 2013.

Yours faithfully

*K Semple*

Katrina Semple  
Clerk to the Council

## LCC Members Literature in Office

No new literature available

# BUSINESS

1. Hold the circular calling the meeting as read
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approve minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2012
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. NINES Project-Update – Louise Thomason, Hjaltland Housing Association
6. Lerwick Town Hall Windows – Mr J McCormack, Acting Technical Support Manager, Building Services, SIC
7. Shetland Local Plan
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  - 9.2 CC Letter-Statutory Consultation, Proposed Traffic Orders, Lerwick – Mr H Jamieson, Chair, Living Lerwick
  - 9.3 CC Letter-Extension of Pedestrianisation, Lerwick – Mr R Wishart, Director, Shetland Times
  - 9.4 In support of LCC's opposition to extension of pedestrianisation – Mr R Wishart, Director, Shetland Times
  - 9.5 Proposed Traffic regulation Order (Pedestrianisation) Commercial Street & Market Cross – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC
  - 9.6 Scottish Health Campaigns Network – Mr J Sandeman, Newton Mearns CC
10. Financial Report as at 27 November 2012
11. Planning Applications
  - 11.1 2012/363/PPF - Change of use of residential institution into administration office, Montfield, Burgh Road-NHS Shetland
12. Lerwick Planning Applications – November 2012
13. Any Other Business

**MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2012**

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the Town Hall Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

**Members**

Mr W Spence	Mr L Angus
Mr A Johnson	Mr M Peterson
Mr E Knight	Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Carter	Mr D Ristori
Mr J Stewart	Mr S Hay <b>Co-opted Member</b>

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr M Bell	Cllr A Wishart
Cllr J Wills <b>Left 8.20pm</b>	

**In Attendance**

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mrs A Simpson, Vice Chairman to the Council presided.

12/11/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

12/11/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Anderson, Miss K Fraser, Mr S MacMillan, Mrs E Williamson, Ms A Westlake, Cllr P Campbell, Cllr C Smith and Cllr M Stout.

12/11/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October were approved by Mr J Stewart and seconded by Mr D Ristori.

12/11/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no further business arising from the minute.

12/11/05

**Clickimin Broch Draft Floodlight Agreement**

Concern was raised with regard to the requirement for one year's written notice, from either party, to terminate the agreement. Members agreed that a three or four month's term of notice should be requested in its place.

Members voiced their frustration that whilst Historic Scotland, as noted in clause eight, expected the Grantee to 'maintain the equipment at all times in good working order and in a neat and tidy condition, all to the reasonable satisfaction of the Scottish Ministers', very little

had been done to protect the Broch from repeated and determined vandalism, not only to the lighting, but to the Broch itself.

Mr D Ristori reminded members that lockable gates, sited at the end of the path to the Broch in the 80's, were a good deterrent to would be vandals and may warrant consideration again.

Members approved that, firstly, it would be prudent to have the Floodlighting Agreement perused by someone with legal training, and their advice taken on board; Historic Scotland should then be approached with regard to the security of the Broch before Lerwick Community Council agrees to sign the document.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

Concern was raised that, in these times of austerity, the lighting of the Broch may be viewed as an indulgence.

It was decided that the floodlighting should be switched off at midnight, in line with Shetland Islands Council's policy to switch off the street lighting.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/11/06

**Lerwick Community Council Wards**

After discussion as to the benefits, or otherwise, of members being responsible for specific areas, it was suggested that even two wards, North and South, could be considered.

Mr M Peterson proposed that in the first instance Lerwick Community Council should seek advice to determine if it was permissible.

Mr E Knight seconded the proposal.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/11/07

**Correspondence**

**7.1 Urinating Footballers – Mr J Johnson, General Manager, Shetland Recreational Trust**  
Noted

**7.2 Quoys Road Safety Issue, Traffic Counter Request – Mr B Halcrow, Roads, SIC**  
As Ms A Westlake, who was absent from the meeting, had raised the safety concern, the Clerk agreed to contact her directly to mark on the map the area to be surveyed.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

Mr M Peterson suggested that, for safety reasons, consideration should be given to repositioning the letterbox at Ackrigarth so that it was further in the road.

The Clerk agreed to write to Mr D Reynolds, Manager, Royal Mail Lerwick with the request.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**7.3 Service at Freefield Centre – Cllr C Smith, Town Hall, SIC**

Cllr A Wishart confirmed that Social Work, SIC was in talks with the Voluntary Service who were interested in providing, and enhancing, the service at Freefield. Talks were ongoing and it was hoped that plans would be drawn up by the end of this year, and in place by the spring of next year.

Cllr J Wills voiced discontent with the lack of progress.

He added that officials had accepted the arguments put forward in the petition, and agreed that no assessment was necessary as any elderly person would benefit from the service.

Cllr J Wills noted that although the service was designed for the Lerwick area, at a time when other areas offered a similar service, groups from the country also made use of the facility.

Cllr J Wills informed members that he was advised a business plan would be ready in five weeks time.

#### **7.4 Harrison Square-Irvine Place Public Space – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC**

Concern was raised with regard to the loss of parking and possible detrimental consequences to business in the area.

Cllr A Wishart reassured members that effected businesses had been approached with regard to the plans but there had been no adverse comments.

Members were advised that the plans were particularly supported by Karibunui and Ian's Fish and Chips.

There had been initial concern from the Cancer Research Shop, but their issues had been addressed.

#### **7.5 Statutory Consultation on Proposed Lerwick Traffic Orders - Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC**

Cllr J Wills stated that he had received representations from businesses voicing concern that the proposals to pedestrianise the area from Church Road to Market Cross would have a seriously detrimental effect on their businesses.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the area was open to traffic until 11.30am and then after 5pm; she added that Living Lerwick was happy with the proposals.

Cllr M Bell agreed with Cllr J Wills that some businesses were quite concerned.

Mr E Knight noted that no businesses had passed their concerns on to Lerwick Community Council, only to Councillors.

He went on to state that there had been no accidents, and the current set up seemed to be working well. He proposed that the area should not be pedestrianised but should be left 'as is'.

Mr A Carter seconded the motion.

There being no counter proposal, the motion was carried.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/11/08

#### **Financial Report as at 30 October 2012**

Mr L Angus moved to accept the report.

The Vice-Chairman advised members that Sail Training Shetland had now received their grant funding of £1,000. Mr V Sandison, Treasurer, asked for his thanks to be passed on.

12/11/09

#### **Applications for Grant Funding**

##### **9.1 Living Lerwick – Lerwick Town Centre Winter Festival**

Mr A Wishart declared an interest as a non-voting member.

The Vice Chairman noted that it was an 'excellent and innovative' proposal for the trees to be looked after by Cope, after the festive season, and used again the following year.

Mr L Angus proposed an offer of £1,150 the full grant requested.

Mr J Stewart seconded the proposal.

The Vice-Chairman stated that Living Lerwick should be congratulated on their efforts, not just for the proposed Winter Festival but for all their other proactive ideas.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/11/10

**Planning Applications**

**10.1 2012/331/PPF - erect dwellinghouse with garage and access, Plot 2, Sands of Sound, Lerwick**

No objections

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

The following application arrived too late to be included in the agenda but was brought to the meeting for discussion.

**2012/352/PPF – erect new single storey observatory and demolish existing observatory post development**

The application was objected to on the grounds that the exterior design was not environmentally sensitive and that it should be more in line with the vernacular.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/11/11

**Lerwick Planning Applications – October 2012**

Noted

12/11/12

**Any Other Business**

**Concern - Lack of Consultation**

Mr W Spence voiced concern that it appeared Lerwick Community Council was 'the last to know' and asked what could be done to raise the profile of the Council.

Cllr A Wishart responded that as Lerwick Community Council was being consulted in the correct way and that it had a lot to do with timing.

Cllr J Wills added that, under the current legislation, Community Councils could be as active as they wished; they ought to be listened to, were a sounding board, and their role was very clear. If they wished to 'raise hell', then they should do so.

The Vice-Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Mark Boden, Chief Executive, SIC to voice Lerwick Community Council's concern at the lack of consultation.

Cllr A Wishart reassured members that Councillors, took seriously, concerns and issues raised, during their attendance at Community Council meetings; they tried to 'steer things round' and would report back in an informed way.

Cllr M Bell confirmed that if Community Councils made their voice heard, they would be listened to.

**Proposed Shetland Local Development Plan**

Cllr J Wills reminded members that if they wished to make representations, with regard to the proposed Shetland Local Development Plan, they must do so before 5pm on Friday 30th November 2012.

He raised concern at the inadequate plans for housing in Lerwick and noted that it appeared that only Staney Hill and Lower Sound were considered in the 1-5 year plan and only Staney Hill in the 5-10 year plan.

He suggested that Lerwick Community Council should consider a special meeting to discuss the Plan.

The Vice-Chairman advised that the document had been emailed to all members and enquired if members would prefer to respond as individuals.

Mr L Angus stated that it appeared we were getting led to where it was known that land and services were readily available. He thought that it was short sighted not to reorganise Gulberwick as a substantial part of Lerwick housing provision.

Mr M Peterson noted that he was sure that Lerwick Community Council had already input its views which formed part of the plan.

Mr E Knight agreed that a special meeting should be arranged.

The Vice-Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to arrange a Special Meeting of Lerwick Community Council and to invite the Chair of the Planning Committee and a Planning Officer to attend.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

#### **Town Hall Windows**

Cllr A Wishart noted that it would be beneficial for Lerwick Community Council to request the same presentation, recently given to the Town Hall & Lystina Consultative Committee, regarding the condition of the Town Hall windows.

Mr L Angus explained that inadequate restoration work, done in the 1980's, on the stone work had affected the integrity of the windows because of the resulting movement.

He added that the latest presentation to the Town Hall & Lystina Consultative Committee had, by far, been the best; a lot of work would need to be done, and external funding sought, but the necessary work would still be very expensive.

Cllr J Wills stated that he could see how it could be a political problem, with country halls being refused funding; however, the Town Hall was a listed building and Shetland Islands Council had a legal obligation to maintain it. The Town Hall was also a facility for the whole of the Shetland Community, not just Lerwick.

#### **Cllr J Wills Left – 8.20pm**

Cllr A Wishart advised that he would contact Mr J McCormak, Acting Technical Support Manager, Building Services, SIC to make the necessary arrangements for him to attend the December meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

**(Action: Cllr A Wishart)**

#### **Blueprint for Education**

Mr L Angus raised concern at the lack of visible progress with regard to the proposed new Anderson High School. Although the funding was time limited, there appeared to be no move to acquire land and no technical work underway.

He moved to request that Mr J Anderson, Chairman, Lerwick Community Council sits as an observer on the local project team so that members can be kept well informed.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

He informed members that Lerwick's School's housed 42% of the Shetland School population and stated that it was important to speak up for Lerwick's Children.

Referencing the hoped for additional housing in Lerwick, Mr L Angus drew attention to the fact that both Lerwick Primary Schools were at, or nearing full capacity. He stated that it was not physically possible for Bell's Brae to extend and enquired pondered if it was possible for Sound Primary School to extend.

Mr S Hay supported Mr L Angus's concerns regarding the pressure of capacity in both Lerwick's Primary Schools.

He stressed that the principal of equity was central to the Blueprint for Education and the proposal to have the Chairman as an observer on the local project team could help ensure this.

Mr S Hay went on to suggest that one way of applying equity across Shetland would be to apply the 'hub and spoke' model. One school each, for south, west, north, Whalsay and north isles with three similar schools in central Shetland serving students up to the senior stage of Curriculum for Excellence; with the new build, a Senior Learning Centre offering in conjunction with College, Nautical & Fisheries College, University of Highlands and Islands and other universities, as full and comprehensive range of academic practical and vocational courses as possible.

Regarding the proposed new Anderson High School, Cllr M Bell advised that the project team was pulling together under the new Chief Executive; a lot of work and negotiation was taking place in the background to advance the proposed new school and the project was progressing as expected.

Mr D Ristori enquired if any thought had been given to amalgamation Bells Brae and Sound Schools.

Mr L Angus replied that it had been discussed but it was nothing more than 'blue sky thinking'.

There being no other competent business the meeting concluded at 8.40pm.

**Minute ends.**

MRS A SIMPSON  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Vice Chairman..... Date.....**



## Shetland Local Plan

### Proposed Representations to Planning, SIC

- The Local Plan does not come close to identifying the essential need for housing sites in Lerwick to meet the waiting list for housing. Indeed there is a significant lack of identified ground both within Lerwick, and the immediate surrounding area.

A considerably improved choice of land for housing must be identified before submitting the plan to the Scottish Ministers.

- Greater thought should be given to identifying land suitable for housing in areas where there is existing infrastructure.
- If necessary, planners should make a concerted effort to be more proactive in securing sites for inclusion in the Local Plan
- The site identified for housing at the Decca Station does not appear to match 'best fit criteria', It is too far away from facilities and particularly exposed
- No consideration has been given to protecting the viewpoint at Staney Hill, despite Lerwick Community Council feeding the issue into the consultation (**letter ref 2011-170 KS & 2011-236 KS**)
- Lerwick Community Council had also made representations that it was their preference that the site of the Anderson High School be preserved for educational use (**letter ref 2010-048/KS**)
- In addition to these concerns, a request was made for consideration to be given to protecting trees when planning permission was given.
- It is appreciated that building out with the identified sites will not be prohibited, and that the Plan is organic with a call for new sites on an annual basis.

**TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2012**

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in Room 5, Islesburgh House, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

**Members**

Mr J Anderson	Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Carter	Mr A Johnson
Miss K Fraser <b>Left 7.35</b>	Mr D Ristori
Mr E Knight	Mr W Spence

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr J Wills **Left 8.20**

**In Attendance**

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council  
Cllr F Robertson, Chairman, Planning Committee

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

12/11/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

12/10/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Ms A Westlake, Mr S Hay, Mr L Angus, Mr S MacMillan, Mrs E Williamson, Cllr M Bell, Cllr P Campbell and Cllr C Smith

12/11/03

**Proposed Shetland Local Plan**

Cllr F Robertson, Chairman of the Planning Committee opened the meeting by stating that there was a requirement from the Scottish Government to identify sufficient land for housing need. The Scottish Government wanted a community led plan and not one led by the local authority.

Landowners, developers and tenants had been encouraged to come forward with sites and 196 had been identified throughout Shetland. Each site was assessed for housing, retail, industrial and aqua cultural use; 60 sites were then approved for housing, with outline planning permission.

After much concern and discussion the strong consensus was that the Local Plan did not come close to identifying enough housing sites in Lerwick to meet the desperate need. There was a significant lack of identified ground both within Lerwick and the immediate surrounding area.

It was thought that, if necessary, planning staff should be more proactive in securing sites for inclusion in the Local Plan.

It was agreed that it would be sensible to put housing where there was existing infrastructure, getting a balance of where there was work and where people wanted to live.

Cllr F Robertson advised that for any major development the developer was totally responsible for all infrastructure on the site. It was also part of planning consent that any developer makes improvements to an existing site. Large scale developments, over two hectares, would require a three month consultation to allow the community to comment and, in order to avoid piecemeal expansions, developments could not be incremental.

Concern was also raised that no consideration had been given to protecting the viewpoint at Stanley Hill despite Lerwick Community Council feeding the issue into the consultation.

Similarly, Lerwick Community Council had also made representations that it was their preference that the site of the Anderson High School be preserved for educational use.

Each proposal appeared to have been largely or wholly ignored.

A request was made for consideration to be given to protecting trees when planning permission was given.

Cllr F Robertson informed those present at the meeting, that if it was deemed that sufficient land had not been identified to satisfy the wishes of the community, it was the duty of planning staff to take on board all their comments, where practical; it was essential that any concerns were resolved before going to the Scottish Ministers.

Cllr F Robertson made assurances that any individual could still build out with the identified sites, as normal, and would be encouraged to do so. No ad hoc applications would be precluded.

Similarly, sizable developments would not be excluded. The Local Plan was organic and there would be a call for sites on an annual basis; likewise, land previously put forward for inclusion could be removed.

He added that offices, formally occupied by SIC staff, would easily go back to housing and the vacated properties were going on the market as soon as practicable.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

***Minute ends.***

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Chairman..... Date.....**

# CC By-Election Time Table

ITEM 8

<b>Community Council</b>	<b>Unsuccessful at Previous By-Election</b>	<b>Total Seats</b>	<b>Number of Vacancies</b>	<b>Ward (if applicable) or Date if no vacancies</b>
Bressay	1 (Co-option available)	8	1	-
Burra & Trondra		8	0	As at 23 August 2012
Delting	1 (Co-option available)	12	1	Mossbank, Firth and Toft
			0	Voe
Dunrossness		12	1	Levenwick
Fetlar		6	0	As at 17 August 2012
GQC		10	0	As at 21 August 2012
Lerwick		16	0	As at 21 August 2012
Nesting & Lunnasting		8	0	As at 17 August 2012
Northmavine		9	0	As at 27 August 2012
Sandness & Walls		10	0	As at 23 August 2012
Sandsting & Aithsting		8	0	As at 17 August 2012
Sandwick	1 (Co-option available)	8	1	-
Scalloway		9	0	As at 22 August 2012
Skerries		5	0	As at 17 August 2012
TWW		9	0	As at 20 August 2012
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Whalsay		7	0	As at 17 August 2012
Yell		9	0	As at 17 August 2012

Last updated – 22 November 2012 RJM

## Community Council By-Elections 2013

<b>Last date for advising of vacancy(ies)</b>	<b>Thursday 3 January 2013</b>
Notice of By-Election	Friday 4 January 2013
Closing Date for Nominations	Tuesday 8 January 2013
Closing date for withdrawal of nominations	Thursday 10 January 2013
<b>Notice of Poll/Notice of Uncontested By-Election</b>	<b>Friday 18 January 2013</b>
Issue of Postal Ballot Papers	Thursday 31 January 2013
Closing date for return of ballot papers	Thursday 14 February 2013
Verification and Count of ballot papers	Friday 15 February 2013

**Re: Future of OT Equipment Store – Site of Old Archives, King Harald Street**

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**Cc:** [sally.shaw@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:sally.shaw@shetland.gov.uk)

**Subject:** RE: Letter 2012 096KS

**Date:** 14 November 2012 12:12:41

Hi Katrina,

As part of the Council's Asset Strategy, we are developing options for the King Harald Street site as a whole, rather than looking at individual buildings in isolation.

We expect that the building you refer to in your letter will continue to be used by the Council in the short term, once vacated by Occupational Therapy.

We should have a clearer picture of the long term options for this site by summer 2013.

Regards,

Robert.

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CC: Lerwick Community Council

8 November 2012

Dear Mr Gair

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12 NOV 2012

**Statutory Consultation on Proposed Traffic Orders, Lerwick**

The directors of Living Lerwick Ltd have now considered your plans for the pedestrianisation of Harrison Square and the extension of pedestrianisation on Commercial Street. We are in full support of these plans.

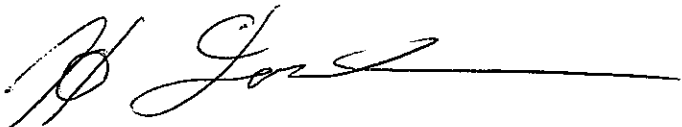
The directors are aware that a small number of businesses in the area are not in favour of the plans. As the south end of Commercial Street has never been pedestrianised in the past, it may be that these business owners cannot yet visualise the opportunities available in a street without constant traffic.

As detailed in the analysis of our surveys carried out by A.B. Associates, the majority of the public and businesses are supportive of pedestrianisation. A related concern is that parking and access issues need to be addressed. Living Lerwick Ltd is keen to work in partnership with you in resolving these issues.

The analysis of our surveys also revealed that more events in the town centre are a high priority for customers. As our business plan is based on the surveys, Living Lerwick Ltd is now in the process of planning these events. If your plans do not come to fruition, it will negatively impact our ability to provide what the businesses and customers have asked for in terms of events and various other environmental improvements to the area.

We look forward to working with you on access and parking for the town centre and wish you success with your pedestrianisation plans.

Yours sincerely



Harry Jamieson  
 Chair

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31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012.

Director of Infrastructure Services,  
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Dear Sir,

**Extension of Pedestrianisation of Commercial Street, Lerwick**

As proprietors of The Shetland Times Bookshop we write to object to the proposed extension of pedestrianisation of Commercial Street between its junction with Church Road and (including) the Market Cross as advertised in *The Shetland Times* on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

We note that your letter (Ref: CJG/JG/R/E3/39) refers to the proposal having been discussed with Lerwick Community Council and Living Lerwick. Neither of these organisations has broached the matter with us and cannot be said to represent the views of the business community. Further, Harry Jamieson of Living Lerwick says there has been "... no consultation with the SIC over the extension of pedestrianisation ..." at this end of the street.

The reasons given for the proposal are "in the interests of creating a safer environment for pedestrians" and to "improve the amenity of the area and enhance the town centre as a destination and a community resource".

We are not aware of any survey or record of safety issues or accidents in this area. The notion appears to be based on a handful of anecdotal allegations of minor nuisance. The young are generally in the care of parents or guardians (if not why not?) while motor access is vital for the many elderly and less mobile people visiting the Post Office, bank, ATM, or even one of the struggling retail businesses left in the area. By no means are all those with minor infirmities affecting mobility registered as disabled, and both businesses and the general public need all-day access to the Post Office for delivery and collection of parcels.

The council has done nothing to provide parking spaces nearby. There are rarely many vacant spaces in Church Road and Shetland weather is not conducive to slow-moving pedestrians needing to make a short visit to street premises. The only significant parking





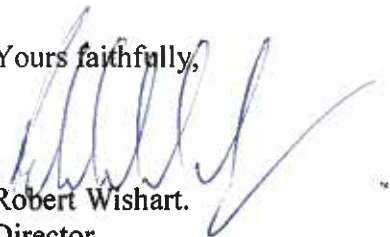
space is provided by the port authority and is unavailable when port operations take precedent.

On the amenity issue the only way to enhance the area is to encourage thriving retail, commercial and other business activities. This is what brings people to the street. Driving potential customers away and making it more difficult to service shops will do the opposite. Footfall on the street has diminished over the years and it is our opinion that it continues to decline. Living Lerwick and the council need to increase the number of visitors to the area, not chase them out.

Like many other local businesses our bookshop faces competition from internet companies and large retailers. Making access more difficult will further encourage people to shop from the safety of their own homes. Revenues will leave the local economy (who pays local wages and rates?) and even the country as a whole as Amazon and others organise their finances to avoid UK tax.

The safety issue is exaggerated. There is no more risk to pedestrians than in the car park at Tesco or Mareel.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Wishart.  
Director.

Copied to Lerwick councillors for information.

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**Subject:** pedestrianisation  
**Date:** 12 November 2012 12:32:56

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This is just a note to support your opposition to the proposed extension of pedestrianisation of the street. The council's correspondence on this had led us to believe you approved of the proposal. For information I attach our submission to the council.

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Our Ref: CJG/SMG/R/E3/39  
Your Ref:

Date: 19 November 2012

Dear Katrina

**Shetland Islands Council (Commercial Street, etc, Lerwick) (Pedestrianisation) Traffic Regulation Order 2012  
Receipt of Objection**

I confirm that I have received your letter noting an objection in respect of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Commercial Street and the Market Cross.

I am a little perplexed at receiving this objection as your Council have previously requested that we promote such an Order.

I am also unsure as to what grounds your Council have raised the objection on, other than having 'received representations from businesses voicing concern'. This in itself does not form a valid objection.

In order that I may attempt to deal with your objection in an appropriate manner I would be obliged if you could clarify the exact nature and grounds for your objection.

Yours sincerely

Executive Manager, Roads  
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## Scottish Health Campaigns Network

Dear Community Council,

We are writing as Community Councillors and as members of the Scottish Health Campaigns Network (SHCN), an organisation set up some eight years ago to co-ordinate the work of various groups from around Scotland with concerns about health service provision in their areas.

These local groups (mostly consisting of laymen) are joined by retired Medical Professionals, Consultants, Doctors and Nurses. Initially the focus of activities was mainly on safeguarding local hospitals and clinics and services jeopardised by centralist policies promulgated by Health Boards. Now, many of the local problems that led groups to join SHCN have been resolved or overtaken by events but the dangers of undue centralisation have not disappeared. We are finding that decisions are being made about provision of services to defined communities or localities which put the accessibility of some services at risk - particularly to the disadvantaged.

The Network is concerned about the privatisation agenda south of the border: it is keeping an eye on developments and maintaining contact with groups in England and Wales. Our immediate targets at the moment include Centralisation, Stroke care, Cancer care, and Mental Health. Other issues on our radar include Out of Hours provision (especially in rural areas), Integration of Adult Health and Social Care (the Scottish Government consultation closed in September, and we await draft legislation), Hospital Discharge arrangements, NHS staff shortages, Health Board rationalisation and elected membership, End-of-Life care, etc.

**These and other issues we raise at our meetings with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing which have taken place roughly every six months. The meetings are informed by reports and concerns from member groups and responded to by the Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries who are on record as having found the exchanges valuable.**

We know that many of these concerns are shared by communities across Scotland, and by this communication we are inviting you to help widen local participation in the debate and also inform us of issues you feel we could work together to address. If you cared to send representatives we would be happy to have them attend our meetings. We have been meeting quarterly, but recognise that any given venue (currently on the north side of Glasgow) will be difficult for many, and it may be more appropriate to operate a virtual meeting by email etc.

We therefore welcome expressions of interest from Community Councils and other local bodies who may have a part to play, so please feel free to forward this to them. To get a flavour of SHCN you might like to visit [www.shcnlive.co.uk](http://www.shcnlive.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Financial Report as at 27 November 2012

	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Balance at as 6 April 2012		7,026.20
SIC Grant - Part Payment 2012-13		14,945.00
SIC Grant - Second Tranche		13,488.00
		<hr/> 35,459.20
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Office Costs	3,620.78	
Employment Costs	5,777.52	
Administration	530.68	
Chambers	377.31	
Accountancy	200.00	
Misc.	840.60	
Grants/Projects	2,372.94	
		<hr/> 13,719.83
		<b><u><u>21,739.37</u></u></b>
<b><u>REPRESENTED BY</u></b>		
Balance as at 27 November 2012		<hr/> <hr/> 22,877.95
<b><u>Indication of Free Funds:</u></b>		
Main Annual Running Costs Forecast - £15,996.40		
Costs Remaining	5,490.11	
Annual Grants & Projects Amended Forecast - £5,975.00		
Payments Remaining	4,602.06	
<b><u>Committed Funding:</u></b>		
Royal British Legion Lerwick Pipe Band	2,000.00	
Benches - Cunningham Way	300.00	
Vagar Road Grant - <i>Grant Estimate</i>	300.00	
Shetland Gymnastics Club	1,000.00	
Living Lerwick - Christmas Trees	1,150.00	
		<hr/> 14,842.17
<b>Estimated Free Funds</b>		<b><u><u>6,897.20</u></u></b>

## **Planning Application Summary**

**2012/363/PPF** Change of use of residential institution into administration office, Montfield Burgh Road, Lerwick ZE1 0LA

**Reference:** 2012/363/PPF

**Application Received:** 13 Nov 2012

**Address:** Montfield, Burgh Road, Lerwick ZE1 0LA

**Proposal:** Change of use of residential institution into administration office

**Status:** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status:**

**Appeal Decision:**

## Lerwick Planning Application Summary - November 2012

- [Change of use of residential institution into administration office](#)

Montfield Burgh Road Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0LA

Ref. No: 2012/363/PPF | Received: Tue 13 Nov 2012 | Validated: Tue 13 Nov 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

- [Change the use of the previously consented commercial units into two flats with associated amendments to the external appearance of the building](#)

Mooney's Wake 15 Harbour Street Lerwick Shetland Shetland ZE1 0LR

Ref. No: 2012/362/PPF | Received: Mon 12 Nov 2012 | Validated: Mon 12 Nov 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

- [Erect illuminated fascia sign and illuminated projecting sign](#)

Victoria Bldgs Esplanade Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0LL

Ref. No: 2012/357/ADV | Received: Fri 02 Nov 2012 | Validated: Fri 02 Nov 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration