

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2002

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

Present

Mr P Scarsbrook
Mr A Johnston
Mr I Bruce
Mr J Anderson
Cllr W Stove
Cllr L Angus
Mr M Peterson
Mr T Nicolson

Mr J MacLeod
Mr K Watt
Mr L Bisset
Mr W Henderson
Cllr J Irvine
Ms K Fraser
Dr J Goddard

In Attendance

PS A MacLeod (left 7.40)
Dr R Laidlay, NHS Shetland (left 7.55)
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

02/12/1

Circular

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/12/2

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr E Knight, Cllr R Anderson, Cllr R Black and Mrs S Newcombe.

02/12/3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November were approved on the motion of Cllr J Irvine, seconded by Mr L Bisset.

02/12/4

Business Arising

Bressay Bridge

The consultation process was due to commence in the new year. It was agreed to invite representatives to a future meeting.

Lights at Clickimin Broch

The lights were all now in working order. The cost of the repairs was £1598, being £98 in excess of the amount of approved expenditure. Shetland Electrical Supplies had suggested that the lights be made vandal proof at an extra cost of £350. It was agreed to go ahead with the vandal proofing and to approve the additional £98 expenditure on the motion of Cllr W Stove, seconded by Mr W Henderson.

Gilbertson Park Gates

The gates were still not in place. The Chairman agreed to visit the contractor to try to progress the matter.

Town Hall Windows

Mr H Tait had been asked to contact SIC Planning to have the year 2000 incorporated into the design.

Co-option of Members

The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Riise from SIC again with regard to the voting rights of the two additional co-opted members.

02/12/5

Northern Constabulary

In response to an enquiry from the previous meeting, PS MacLeod reported that there had been 19 fireworks calls this year compared with 7 in the previous year. However, five of the calls related to the licensing of premises. He reported the figures for the 9 week period to 16 December as follows:

Shetland incidents	1150	Lerwick incidents	798
Alarm activations	70	Accidental damage	14
Alcohol (underage)	1	Animals	3
Assault	15	Breach of the Peace	75
Conterfeit currency	7	Civic Govt Scot Act	72
Young persons	32	Civil matters	3
Court procedures	89	Child protection	5
Weapons/litter	3	Drink driving	6
Death	6	Destruction firearms	3
Domestic incidents	2	Dogs	2
Drunk person	13	Drugs	14
Firearms Enquiries	14	Fireworks	11
Fraud/forgery	5	Housebreaking	4
Fire calls	25	Missing persons	4
Medical services	10	Road accidents	25

Road safety/traffic	50	Shoplifting	1
Shipping/maritime	4	Sexual offences	2
Suspicious person	4	Stolen vehicles	2
Telephone calls	25	Theft	19
Vandalism	37	Vehicle Excise	11
Seatbelts	4	Speeders	1
Arrests	8	Detentions	55

PS MacLeod reported that there had been 57 cases of drink driving compared to 26 in the previous year. Cllr L Angus noted that crimes of dishonesty were low and that vandalism seemed high. PS MacLeod confirmed that most cases of vandalism related to windows and cars.

The Chairman brought attention to the recent fatalities in car accidents and passed his condolences to the families. Mr W Henderson noted that there was only one case of speeding reported for the period. PS MacLeod explained that this related to speeding only and that normally the speeding incident would be included with other charges.

PS MacLeod informed members that his last meeting would be in January as he would be moving to Orkney. The Chairman was sorry to hear that he would be leaving and thanked him for his regular attendance and informative reports.

02/12/6

NHS 2020 Vision Project

Dr Laidlay explained that his remit was services for older people. Mr M Johnson would attend a future meeting to discuss the 2020 Vision Project in more depth. Dr Laidlay provided background to a questionnaire that had previously been circulated regarding priority of services. These were completed and returned to Dr Laidlay. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

02/12/7

Renewing Local Democracy

The Council endorsed the response by SIC.

02/12/8

SIC Traffic Orders

8.1 Queens Place, One Way Traffic Regulation

Mr L Bisset moved that there be no objection but that it should be noted that there may be problems caused for residents with parking. Mr P Scarsbrook seconded the motion. Cllr L Angus

proposed an amendment objecting to the order on the grounds that it would not improve traffic flow but that the order could be considered as a temporary measure during construction of the roundabout. Cllr L Angus' amendment was carried by six votes to four.

8.2 Staney Hill and Clickimin Road, Disabled Spaces

No objections.

8.3 Kantersted Road and Nedersund Road Traffic Calming

No objections. It was agreed that this initiative should be extended to other areas.

02/12/9

Amendment to Constitution - Alteration to membership from 18 elected members to 16 elected members

Held over pending discussions with Mr J Riise of SIC.

02/12/10

Correspondence

10.1 Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board

Noted.

10.2 Association of Shetland Community Councils

Noted.

02/12/11

Financial Report

Noted. It was confirmed that it was possible to retain £1000 of funding at the financial year end.

02/12/12

Financial Assistance

Special Kids in Shetland

It was agreed to provide funding of £100 per child resident in Lerwick.

02/12/13

Planning Applications

13.1 Dwellinghouse, North Ness

There were no further comments.

13.2 Dwellinghouse and Garage, 3a West Sletts Park

No objections. It was agreed to add a comment expressing concern regarding the size of underbuild.

02/12/14

Any Other Business

Dyke at Knab

It was agreed to write to SIC to request a progress report.

Cemetery Gates

It was agreed to write to SIC again to request that the gates be closed at night and to ask to have a sign erected denoting that the area is a cemetery.

Esplanade Toilets

It was agreed to ask that the Esplanade toilets be kept open until 3am on Hogmanay and to offer assistance with funding if necessary.

Water Problem at Unicorn View

Mr M Peterson explained that water was running into Unicorn View from a contractor's site on Cunningham Way. The contractor had gone out of business so it was decided to ask SIC to look into the problem.

LCC Financial Statements

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002 were approved on the motion of Cllr L Angus, seconded by Dr J Goddard.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

T R NICOLSON
CHAIRMAN
LCC