

MONDAY 6 APRIL 2015

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Wenger
Mr S Hay
Mr E Knight

Ms K Fraser
Mr A Johnson
Mr P Coleman
Mrs A Garrick-Wright

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr C Smith

In Attendance

Mr Graeme Howell, General Manager, Shetland Arts Development Agency
Constable David Smith, Police Scotland
Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

04/15/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

04/15/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Carter, Ms G White, Mr W Spence, Mr A Henry, Mr D Ristori, Cllr J Wills, Cllr M Bell, Cllr A Wishart and Cllr M Stout.

04/15/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mrs A Simpson and seconded by Ms K Fraser.

04/15/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Mrs Simpson asked about correspondence regarding signage for the Museum. She mentioned that during the Schools Music Festival endless numbers of people had been asking for directions to the Museum.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

04/15/05

Police Scotland – Constable David Smith

Constable Smith reported that the high detection rate for crime stood at 82.3%. Adverts had been placed for two support workers allowing the police station to open until midnight. Currently interviews were taking place and should result in these posts being filled. Two probationers were arriving in the coming weeks.

A road safety meeting was held in March regarding the issues outside Bell's Brae Primary School and was leading to progress. Unmarked cars up from south and been targeting inconsiderate and dangerous driving and figures for March were included in the report.

Working with Dogs against Drugs has led to 271 searches this year, with 123 taking place at either the ferry port or airport. Also educational visits speaking to school children have taken place. Six people have been charged with possession of controlled drugs. Operation Monarda focuses on the crime of bogus callers and leaflets are being handed out raising awareness.

Constable Smith informed members that contact with Police Scotland can be made using the number for Crime Stoppers or 101. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr Hay asked him to clarify the contact numbers.

Constable Smith replied that 101 was the non-emergency number. The Crime Stoppers was charity run and calls could be made anonymously.

Mr Anderson asked if he could skip forward before the Constable left, to a letter from Yvonne regarding a car wash at garages along the Ackrigarth Road and the speeding cars heading in and out.

Constable Smith said that this was obviously something to look into and he would take that back.

Mr Anderson thanked Constable Smith for his time and noted the excellent detection rate figures.

Constable David Smith left the meeting at 7.10pm.

04/15/06

Shetland Arts Development Agency – Graeme Howell, General Manager

Mr Anderson welcomed Mr Howell to the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mrs Simpson mentioned hearing from a member about the Garrison Theatre being starved of support.

Mr Anderson said that Mr Howell had been invited along to the meeting following concerns expressed and to inform the community council about future plans for the Garrison Theatre.

Mr Howell explained that they didn't own the theatre and it was not up to Shetland Arts. Shetland Arts ran it under contract from the Shetland Charitable Trust. The theatre generated income in three ways; conversations between the theatre and the

landlord, the other two, income from users and income from organisations generated around £50,000 per year.

They recently ran consultations around Shetland about the future of theatre in Shetland as they were keen to gather people's opinions. Five key areas identified were; people were looking for strong provision of youth theatre, well maintained space for amateur drama companies, subsidised use for Shetland drama groups, professionally led community productions and high profile touring productions.

Mr Howell said that when considering what this means further funding was a constant problem. The Garrison Theatre cost only £114.16 to hire for a day and Shetland Arts Development Trust had never increased this for years. They would be publishing new prices in the next two weeks. They didn't want to price amateur groups out.

They plan to put a strategy together and would like to come back to talk about it. There were a range of issues, such as long term structural issues. Investment in the building would be necessary over the next ten years. The theatre was one of the more heavily subsidised of all that Shetland Arts supported. They were committed to run it until March 2016.

In answer to questions Mr Howell said that the Garrison was the only proscenium arch theatre in Shetland, but there were many other places in the isles where theatre could be staged. Asked about attendance figures for Mareel, he said they suffered the same fall last year as everywhere. Films like *Skyfall* and *Hunger Games* had resulted in unbelievable high figures.

He said they were looking to develop 'events cinema' such as *The Crucible* and *Love's Labour's Lost*. Opera was an option, but there were contractual issues. They were completely driven by the product. Screening a particular film chosen from a list was another option for birthday parties.

Ms Garrick-Wright mentioned she had seen live streaming events and commented that it was good to see them been kept up.

Mr Howell said these were recorded live screen events and had provided successful. Events such as Wimbledon or anything that could be enjoyed in a group setting would be a good thing to explore.

Ms Garrick-Wright asked about broadcasting the Music Festival.

Mr Howell replied that it would be an interesting challenge. If the infrastructure was in place, it could work. He mentioned the need for improved broadband that was the frustrating problem in Shetland. He called Mareel an incredible facility. Currently 28 students were on their courses. Discussions on launching new courses were progressing. Also the first apprentice in technical theatre was to be taken on. This would help encourage young people to stay on the island. He said it was all positive, and felt very excited about it all.

Ms Garrick-Wright enquired about the challenges he was facing

Mr Howell said they were numerous. The main ones were the ‘funding fairy’ culture, the idea that there’s a bottomless pit of money. Challenges such as customer care, value for the customer, and making them feel special.

Mr Hay said that Mareel was a great place for retired folk and a fantastic base for various events. He also thought it was acting well as the centre bringing together creative minds. He saw it as a real synergy of all the talents that are there, suggesting it could reshape education with creativity at the core and perhaps helping to sustain the future of the place.

Mr Howell agreed it was helping to enable people interested in creativity and it was not just about infrastructure.

Mr Anderson thanked Mr Howell and said he would be welcome back anytime.

Mr Howell left the meeting at 7.35pm.

04/15/07

Knab Visioning Exercise Update for Participants – Final Report – Architecture and Design Scotland

Brief discussion thought that the vision so far was very vague.

04/15/08

Correspondence

8.1 Proposed Diversion of Staney Hill Rd (PROW) – Reply to LCC Response – Kevin Serginson

Mr Anderson asked if there were any comments or questions.

Ms Fraser pointed out that a gate could open and would not in any way be restricting the right of way. Something was necessary to stop livestock, presumably a barrier.

Mr Knight suggested that it shouldn’t be open to vehicles, and the council should bite the bullet, and make it into a proper walkway. He mentioned further housing in the future, and encouraging people to use it.

Ms Fraser agreed on the need to bring that forward. She said that until some years ago gates were in place and people used the gates. Cattle grids went in. Staney Hill had sheep and a grid and gate were needed.

Mr Hay commented that he walked their daily and the road was closed off to traffic. Digging was taking place along the old path, but the closure could be temporary. Street lights were being put up along the new path.

Mr Anderson agreed with Karen and would like to encourage folk to walk along.

Mr Fraser said that it didn’t take much to get out and open a gate. She thought we should ask if they plan to do re-surfacing or leave as it was.

Mr Anderson suggested we write back and see what he says.

(Action: Clerk to the Council)

8.2 Lerwick Town Hall Leaflet & Web Pages – Louise Rosie, Communications Officer, SIC

Mr Anderson mentioned that permission to use the photographs of the Town Hall windows had been asked for. We had recently purchased copies from The Shetland Times of the digital images. A note of thanks would be included on the leaflet. He asked if everyone was happy.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

8.3 Da Voar Redd Up 2015 – Poster and Registration Form

The date was the weekend 25th/26th April. Ms Fraser welcomed anyone who wished to help and said to let them know. It was the areas around Cunningham Way and Hoofields.

8.4 Retained Duty System (RDS) Fire-fighter Recruitment Campaigns – Billy Wilson – Local Senior Officer for Shetland – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Mr Anderson commented that it was the more remote Fire Stations around Shetland looking to recruit. It was something he would flag up at the upcoming ASCC meeting.

8.5 Traffic Concerns South Road Roundabout up to Shurton Brae/Street Lights – Irvine Closs, Nicolson's Closs & Pilot Lane – Mr Dave Coupe – Executive Manager – Roads, SIC

Mr Anderson said that the information explained where they were at. Guidance had been issued about the sighting of crossings and the number of folk. Traffic count and speed analysis would show if there was a need.

8.6 Concerns at Ackrigarth – Yvonne Younger

Mr Anderson suggested that they forward the letter of concern onto Mr Kevin Serginson and see if there was anything that they can do about it.

Mrs Simpson mentioned that it was the responsibility, but not the requirement of the tenant. She thought that if it was overhanging, it could be cut and didn't need permission. She wondered who owed that bit of land.

Mr Anderson suggested they write and enquire about ownership and permission.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

8.7 Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards – Funding Available for Projects

Mr Anderson said that it falls into categories or main headings.

Ms Garrick-Wright suggested having a list of projects which could be moved forward when funding becomes available.

Mr Anderson agreed and mentioned that it was up to the members of the community council to come up with suggestions as funding was a standard item on the agenda.

Perhaps the first being, path improvements in Lerwick, which we could investigate and get prices for.

8.8 Paths for All – Final Payment Receipt

Noted.

8.9 Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation – Spirit of the Community Award – Notification

Mr Anderson informed members that the application had been completed for the armouring at the Sletts.

8.10 CDF Distribution & Project Applications – Micheal Duncan – External Funding Officer – SIC

Letters acknowledging CDF funding were noted. Mr Anderson mentioned the proposed slight change to the core funding. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Ms Garrick-Wright asked if Mr Anderson could give an example of how it would work.

Mr Anderson said that Lerwick Community Council Core Grant was £20,923.00. Three years ago £68,000 from total grant awarded to all community councils was removed from direct funding and used to establish the CDF project/distribution funds. All community councils can apply for distribution and project funding up to £3,000 and £1,000 respectively or £4,000 in total.

He said that community bodies could also apply, for the project funding, such as Living Lerwick, but require having the support of their local community council. A project currently in progress was the information boards, which they were hoping would be completed and installed soon.

04/15/09

Financial Reports

Mr Anderson highlighted the grants and projects and budgeted spending left for this year. He mentioned the lighting of the Clickimin Broch which was an on-going project for the Lerwick Community Council.

Discussion ensued about the expense of lighting the Broch by Lerwick Community Council. Use of LED lights and replacing lights with efficient models was suggested. This was seen as an option to explore and costs looked into.

04/15/10

Application for Premises Licence

10.1 Beervana – 133 Commercial Street, Lerwick – Stuart Fox, Shetland Beer Company Ltd

Mr Hay informed members that concerns had been raised by residents from 3 Reform Lane about duplication given that the Wine Shop was only fifty yards away and possibility of noise. He viewed that supply of speciality beers would perhaps make it different, but felt he had to inform about the views of the residents. He thought that

the street needed the footfall and whether it was over provision or not, he had no objections.

Mr Anderson mentioned the loss of JJ Henry's off-sale license to the street. He agreed it would be attractive to tourists and helps promote Shetland Beer, along with the increased footfall to the street and having the building occupied.

Cllr Smith stated that it had not been before the licensing board and would be on the fourteenth of the month. There they would consider the over provision and anyone objecting would be welcome to come to the meeting.

Mr Anderson was happy to move no objections were noted.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

04/15/11

Planning Applications

11.1 2015/049/PPF – Change of use of ex-janitors house to school use; re-roof sections of school building; temporary change of use of land for contractors laydown area – Sound Primary School, Upper Sound, Lerwick

No comments.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.2 2015/071/PPF – Install Air Source Heat Pump – 82 Commercial Street, Lerwick - Mr Steven Cooper

Ms Garrick-Wright informed members that concerns from the block above had been reported also they had received no notification, due to the paperwork being improperly addressed.

Discussion ensued about the concern for the pump causing an obstruction in the lane. Suggestions for alternative sighting and finding a way around the problem were discussed.

Mr Anderson proposed that they object due to the restricted width of the lane. Ms Garrick-Wright seconded the proposal.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.3 2015/076/PPF – To erect two dwelling houses - Site 6 and 7, Pegasus Place, Lerwick – Garrick Brothers Ltd

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.4 2015/104/PPF – Erect two one-bedroom flats - Prince Alfred St, Lerwick – Mr Trevor Hunter

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.5 2015/103/PPF – To erect single storey dwelling hse; demolish existing shed; create new access path - behind 17 & 19 Burgh Rd, Lerwick – Mrs Linda Riddell

Mr Knight declared an interest. No further comments were raised.

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.6 2015/363/PPF – Amended Plans – Seafield Road, Lerwick – SIC

Mr Anderson informed members that they had removed the attenuation plans after we had passed comment on the pipe across the road into the sea.

Mrs Simpson asked if any complaints had been raised about the roundabout.

Mr Anderson said that none had been noted.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.7 2014/197/PPF – Decision Notice – North Staney Hill, Lerwick

Noted.

Additional Agenda Items

11.8 2015/112/PPF – To install a electric vehicle charging point with shelter – Gilbertson Park Games Hall Car Park, Gilbertson Road, Lerwick - SIC

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.9 2015/079/PPF – Change of use from class 7 hotels and hostels to class 9 residential; to convert existing building into 5 residential units – Leog House, 2 Leog Lane, Lerwick – Cecil Eunson

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.10 2015/113/PPF – To erect 4 new garages – Plots 1-4 Pitt Lane, Lerwick – Mr Frank Johnson

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.11 2015/114/PPF – To install satellite dish to west gable of house; install disconnecting manhole which connects public sewer to Reform Lane – 14 Reform Lane, Lerwick – Mr Leslie Irvine, Irvine Contractors Ltd

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

03/15/14

Any Other Business

Stonewall up Lady's Drive

Ms Garrick-Wright mentioned that the stonewall leading up Ladies Drive was in a state of disrepair and wondered who was responsible.

Ms Fraser said she presumed it was owned by the council. She thought that the stonewall was awful and said that it had stood a long time.

Mr Anderson proposed they write to the council to make good the wall, as parts were disturbed and it looked rough.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Big Wheelie Bins

Mr Coleman mentioned that the big wheelie bins at Nedersund were left with their lids open and allowed birds to get in. Also the height of them made it difficult for less able people to empty their black bags into.

Mr Anderson agreed that they should write to Mr Spence and ask about the provision for less able folk.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Broadcasting of council meetings

Ms Simpson asked about the relaying of council meetings following the suggestion from Mr Jonathan Wills.

Mr Anderson agreed that we should write and ask again about this.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Street Lights

Mr Wenger asked what was happening to the street lights that had been taken down and taped up. He suggesting writing to the council and asking about the street light replacement.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

New path at Westerloch, Clickimin

Mr Wenger raised concerns regarding the loss of the ditch following the extended work on the path. The ditch had been covered in with gravel and he said that this would not be good for the wildlife, such as frogs that had habited the area.

Mr Anderson agreed that the path was a great new asset and unfortunately the French drain would most likely result in sheets of water running over the path come another winter. He proposed we write expressing concerns.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Hay's Dock

Mr Anderson mentioned the wall at Hay's Dock in a state of disrepair with coping stones lying off. He suggested we write and ask for the wall to be repaired and coping to be put back in place.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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