

MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014

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

Members

Ms K Fraser	Mr A Henry
Mr D Ristori	Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Johnston	Mr A Wenger
Mr J Anderson	Mr W Spence
Mr E Knight left 8.45	Mr A Westlake left 8.30pm

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell	Cllr A Wishart
Cllr M Stout	Cllr C Smith

In Attendance

Mr P Clelland, Manager, Tesco Lerwick
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

04/14/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

04/14/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Carter, Mr S Hay, Mr M Peterson, Cllr J Wills and Cllr P Campbell

04/14/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March were approved on the motion of Mr D Ristori and seconded by Mrs A Simpson.

04/14/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk confirmed that, to date, no responses had been received regarding the Salvation Army food bank, or the ground at Longland.

The Chairman advised that Mr J Riise, Executive Manager, Governance & Law, SIC had been written to again, with regard to the Public Toilet/Charitable Trust proposal. He hoped that as the Chief Executive, Mr M Boden, had now been copied into the communication, a response would be forthcoming.

04/14/05

Presentation-Tesco DotCom Facility – Mr Paul Clelland, Manager, Tesco Lerwick

Mr P Clelland, Manager, Tesco Lerwick gave a presentation with regard to the new DotCom Facility.

The new DotCom facility will be opened on Tuesday 27th May and Click and Collect will go live on Wednesday 4th June.

Three grocery home shopping vans will serve the Mainland, Burra, Trondra and Muckle Roe and a fourth van retained for flexibility when needed. Click and collect will also provide a service for customers, both in these areas, and the outer isles.

Consideration will be given as to the most appropriate way to deliver to the outer isles, and islanders will be consulted as to the best way forward.

Deliveries will be made every day of the week, from 9am to 11pm. Each of the three catchments, North, Central and South, will be served on different days of the week to give customers the best delivery slot offering and availability.

The store will be delivering seven days a week from 9am to 11pm. The catchment is split into 3 delivery areas and will be served different days of the week, this is to ensure that customers have the best slot offering and availability.

Only Tesco Clubcard customers may use the service.

Concern was raised with regard to how country shops will be affected by the service.

Mr P Clelland advised that reaction from rural shops had been mixed; some retailers were happily coexisting as they were operating in different markets, some purchased stock from Tesco, and some accepted that customers did their weekly shop at Tesco and 'topped up' at their local store through the week.

Cllr A Wishart commented that he was sure that, underneath it all, rural shop owners were quite worried.

Mr P Clelland responded that by saving money on fuel and ferry fares, people living in rural communities would have more money in their pocket to spend locally.

Ms A Westlake welcomed the move, noting that it would be a benefit to many, particularly the elderly and disabled.

Mr P Clelland confirmed that there would be a charge for the service, but in six months Click and Collect would be free and hopefully, in time, DotCom deliveries would be free too.

The Chairman enquired as to what plans were in place to deal with delivering in poor weather conditions, such as deep snow.

Mr P Clelland replied that customers would be contacted and offered the option to choose another delivery date, or find an alternative way of getting their shopping.

He advised that he had presented at Bressay and Yell Community Councils and presentation was planned for Whalsay Community Council. In addition, open evenings were planned to demonstrate how the system will work.

Cllr M Stout stated that the responsibility to support local shops lay with the local community; it was a significant change and it had to be acknowledged that rural shops would find things difficult.

Cllr A Wishart enquired as to how many staff would be employed to run the facility.

Mr P Clelland replied that Tesco hoped to employ nine customer delivery assistants, fourteen personal shoppers, a manager, team leader and twelve re stockists.

He added that the reason for offering the facility was as a result of listening to customers, and responding to their needs.

Mr P Clelland advised members that they would be welcome to have a look at the facility once it was ready.

The Chairman thanked Mr Clelland for attending the meeting.

The presentation concluded at 7.40pm and Mr P Clelland left the meeting.

04/14/06

Cycling in Shetland – Road Safety Leaflet

Mr A Wenger informed members that his meeting with Ms E Skinley, Safety Officer, SIC and Road Safety Advisory Panel had been very productive.

The outcome was that an A3 leaflet would be the best option, divided up by 2 A4 sides for cyclists, 1 A4 side for drivers and 1A4 side for the Highway Code. He hoped to present a draft copy of the leaflet at Lerwick Community Councils next meeting.

Cllr M Stout added that in order to be effective, the brochure needed to be locally based and unique to Shetland to have more impact.

Ms K Fraser suggested adding quotes from local cyclists, local photographs and highlighting problem roads. She informed members that some of Shetland's roads were not very accommodating for cyclists and most could recount a near miss.

Mr A Wenger advised that the leaflet would be designed to encourage drivers to think of their behaviour on the road and to give cyclists due consideration.

Cllr M Stout stated that the Road Safety Advisory Panel were happy to support the proposed new brochure.

04/14/07 **Accommodation in Lerwick**

Members were advised that sometimes, like this year, a summer school was held in the Janet Courtney Hostel; it was therefore unlikely to be available for additional accommodation. Also during this year's holidays, there was to be some maintenance work on the fire doors.

As an accommodation provider, Ms A Westlake stated that without statistics showing that Shetland was at bursting point, she would remain unconvinced that there were any accommodation issues.

Mr D Ristori stated that his feedback was from the general public and a local Hotelier.

Ms A Westlake replied that he could not go on the word of one Hotelier.

Ms K Fraser noted that what was certain, was that there was a demand for a campsite in Lerwick offering low price accommodation.

Mrs A Simpson noted that the accommodation provided at Cullivoe Hall was excellent, but unfortunately not all Halls had the funds to provide the same.

The Chairman added that he was not aware of any visiting work colleagues experiencing issues with regard to securing accommodation for their stay.

04/14/08 **Da Voar Redd Up – 2014**

Ms K Fraser stated that she would appreciate assistance in the cleanup of Hoofields, Cunningham Way, Clickimin Road and field opposite Unicorn View.

She hoped that anyone interested in helping would contact her.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

04/14/09 **Correspondence**

9.1 Railings and Steps at Hillhead – Mr N Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC

Members approved the style of railing under consideration to replace the current railings between Upper and Lower Hillhead.

The preferred choice of colour agreed was black gloss.

9.2 Proposed Lerwick Caravan Site – Mr F MacBeath

The Chairman stated that it was his understanding that caravanners and campers would be allowed temporary use of Seafield this year.

Cllr M Bell suggested that Lerwick Community Council could write formally to ask.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Cllr M Stout expressed concern at the tone of the letter.

He reminded members that it was Shetland Recreational Trust who had supplied the original site. Shetland Islands Council was under no obligation to supply a camping site, and could not do so due to financial constraints; it was up to a commercial company to identify a suitable location and set it up. SIC would not unnecessarily block the venture.

Ms A Westlake pointed out the Mr F MacBeath's letter was borne out of frustration due to lack of communication.

Cllr M Bell responded that he was personally not aware of any communication issues and that Mr F MacBeath was restricting himself by only considering Seafield.

Cllr A Wishart added that he had not been approached by Mr MacBeath and noted that the letter only showed one side of the storey.

Mr D Ristori suggested that it may be an option to offer the small pitch, to the south of the pavilion at Gilbertson Park to campers.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Shetland Islands Council with the suggestion.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Cllr M Bell suggested that a formal letter should be written to Shetland Islands Council requesting temporary use of Seafield for caravans and campers, acknowledge SIC's private concern, and ask for site details.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

The Chairman hoped that arrangements could be made for the facilities at the vacated Clickimin Campsite to be available during the Relay for Life weekend at the end of May.

Cllr M Stout suggested that the best route would be to write to Shetland Recreational Trust, who could then approach Shetland Islands Council.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.3 Proposal of Planning Application – North Staney Hill – Mr A Farningham, Farningham Planning Ltd

Noted

9.4 Information Boards, Harrison Square – Ms Eileen Brook Freeman, Project Officer, Shetland Amenity Trust

Noted

9.5 Stage 2 Notice of Hearing – Planning Application 2013/376/PPF to Erect Dwellinghouse, Bankfield, Lower Sound

Noted

9.6 Stage 2 Confirmation of Hearing – Planning Application 2013/376/PPF to Erect Dwellinghouse, Bankfield, Lower Sound

Noted

9.7 Surface Dressing & Resurfacing Programme 2014 – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads

Mr A Wenger discussed the issue of uneven road surfaces at verges and displayed a number of photographs to illustrate the issue. He informed members that the uneven surface at verges could be very hazardous to cyclists, cycling close to the verge to keep a safe distance from motorists.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC, with regard to the issue, and include a copy of Mr Wenger's photographs for information.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.8 Community Development Fund Update '14 -'15 – Mr M Duncan, Grants Officer, SIC

Noted

Ms A Westlake left the meeting 8.30pm

Additional Agenda Item - CDF 2014-15

An application form, guidelines and covering email regarding the CDF for 2014-15 was discussed; the Clerk emailed it to all members the previous day as it had arrived too late to be included in the agenda.

Members agreed to apply for project funds of £1,000 to complete the series of Information Boards proposed for the wall of the public toilets in Harrison Square.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.9 SSE Standing Charge-Pay As You Go Tariff – Alistair Carmichael, MP

Noted

Additional Agenda Item – SSE Standing Charge-Pay As You Go Tariff – Scottish Hydro

A response from Scottish Hydro with regard to the Standing Charge to the Pay As You Go Tariff was discussed; the Clerk had emailed it to all members the previous day as it arrived too late to be included in the agenda.

Mr A Wenger expressed concern that Scottish Hydro was not addressing the issue; people who had key meters usually had fewer funds, so why were they being forced to pay more.

The Clerk was asked to write to OFGEM with regard to the concern; Mr A Carmichael, was to be copied into the letter and a copy of the response from Scottish Hydro enclosed.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Additional Agenda Item – Burgh Road Parking Issues – BP

A response from Mr H Gruner, Area Operations Manager, BP was discussed, it had arrived the day of the meeting.

Ms A Simpson reported that she had not seen any more than two cars parked in the Gilbertson Park; she did note that parking was not such an issue on Burgh Road at the moment, but was unsure if it could be attributed to BP employees not taking up the parking spaces

Mr E Knight expressed concern with regard to inconsiderate parking on Twageos Road causing access issues for a Fire Engine, and illegal and inconsiderate parking on South Commercial Street.

(Action Clerk to the Council)

Mr E Knight left the meeting – 8.45pm

04/14/10

Financial Reports

10.1 Core Funding Financial Report as at 31 March 2014

Noted

10.2 CDF Funding Financial Report as at 31 March 2014

Noted

10.3 Main Annual Running Costs 2013-14 & Comparison Figures 2012-13

Noted

10.4 Annual Grants and Projects 2013-14 & Comparison Figures 2012-13

Noted

10.5 Grants & Projects 2013-14 & Comparison Figures 2012-13

Noted

For information, the Chairman advised that Mr K Serginson, Outdoor Access Officer, SIC was progressing the Grotty Buckie stiles project with a view to SIC supporting it internally.

04/14/11

Funding Opportunity

11.1 Peoples Millions

The Chairman drew members' attention to the limited time given to apply for funds.

He suggested that it would be worthwhile pooling together thoughts and ideas for projects which could be progressed in the future.

04/14/12

Application for Grant Funding

12.1 Cycling in Shetland – Road Safety Leaflet

Mr J Anderson proposed a grant of £300, on the condition that LCC receive recognition for their input and financial assistance.

He suggested that the other 17 Community Councils each provide funding assistance to make up the shortfall as the leaflet would be of Shetland wide benefit.

Mr A Wenger proposed that the full amount of £551.40 should be awarded. He was aware that without full funding the project would not go ahead, he added that the majority of cyclists would be in and around Lerwick.

Mrs K Fraser seconded Mr A Wengers proposal, on the condition that the payment of any future reprints is borne by other CC's.

There being no seconder to Mr Andersons proposal, the proposal to award the full amount of £551.40 was carried.

Cllr Bell Suggested that LCC's crest should also be included on the leaflet.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

04/14/13

Application for Premises Licence

As members of the Licensing Board, Cllr M Bell and Cllr C Smith declared an interest regarding the next two agenda items.

13.1 Staney Hill Shop

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

13.2 Da Wheel Bar

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

04/14/14

Planning Applications

As members of the Planning Board, Cllr M Bell and Cllr C Smith declared an interest regarding the next two agenda items.

14.1 2014/065/PPF Extend opening in boundary wall and form vehicle access, 12 Bank Lane – Mr & Mrs Williamson

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.2 2014/067/PPF Erect two dwellinghouses, Upper Sound, Lerwick – Mr M Williamson

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.3 2014/069/PPF Erect plant maintenance workshop, Lower Blackhill Industrial Estate – DITT Construction

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.4 2014/076/PPF Erect dwellinghouse, Plot 3, Sands of Sound – Mr & Mrs Robert Manson

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.5 2014/087/PPF Site containers for storage of scrap materials, Old Magazie Yard, Stoney Hill, Ladies Drive - Lukasz Domagala

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.6 2014/092/PPF Site a container, Ian Reid, Lower Blackhill Industrial Estate – John F Leask

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Additional Agenda Item – 2014/089/PPF - Installation of pipeline between Greenhead Base and the replacement Lerwick Power Station for the transportation of light fuel oil- Lerwick Port Authority

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

04/14/15 **Lerwick Planning Applications – March 2014**

Noted

04/14/16 **Any Other Business**

Tingwall Greenhouses

Ms K Fraser reported that Transition Shetland were going for the minimum spend of £500,000 to get the greenhouses up and running and were looking to form a steering group. Transition Shetland were confident they could secure the funds but needed people to commit to taking on allotments.

She asked members to spread the word and garner as much support as possible.

Proposed New Flats – Malcolmson's, Commercial Road

Mr D Ristori advised that Lerwick Community Council had been tasked with coming up with a name for the flats.

He proposed Joseph Gray Court after several people had suggested the name over the last few months.

Waste to Energy Plant – Tour Request

Mr A Wenger expressed an interest in a tour of the waste to Energy Plant.

Mr W Spence advised that he would be happy to give interested members a tour some evening.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to arrange a visit.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Vandalism, Smashed Window - Fat Little Pony, Commercial Street

Although LCC members who attended a viewing of CCTV in operation at the Lerwick Police Station were impressed by the set up, there was disappointment that the perpetrator had not been apprehended.

The Clerk of the Council was asked to write to Police Scotland to enquire what manpower would be required to have someone continuously monitor the CCTV recordings.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Date.....