

**MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 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 A Johnson  
Mr A Carter  
Mr S McMillan  
Mr J Anderson

Mr S Hay **co-opted member**  
Mrs A Simpson  
Mr D Ristori  
Ms K Fraser  
Ms E Williamson **arrived 7.05pm**

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr M Bell **arrived 7.05pm**  
Cllr J Wills **arrived 7.05pm-left 8.15pm**  
Cllr P Campbell

Cllr A Wishart  
Cllr C Smith **arrived 7.50pm**

**In Attendance**

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council  
Ms Louise Thomason, NINES Co-ordinator, Hjaltland Housing Association

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

12/12/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

12/12/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Mr E Knight, Ms A Westlake, Mr L Angus, Cllr M Stout and Mr J Stewart.

12/12/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 November were approved by Mr D Ristori and seconded by Mr A Carter.

12/12/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**12/11/05 Clickimin Broch Floodlighting Agreement**

The Chairman confirmed that the timer for the Broch floodlights was now set to switch the lighting off at midnight.

**Ms E Williamson, Cllr J Wills and Cllr M Bell arrived 7.05pm**

**12/11/06 Lerwick Community Council Wards**

The Chairman advised that it was permissible to divide the Lerwick Community Council into wards, North and South to mirror the Lerwick Council wards.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to put the item on the next agenda.

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

**12/11/07 Item 7.2 Quoys Road Safety Issue**

The Chairman advised that Ms A Westlake had identified the area of concern and would be plotting it on the supplied map for submission to Roads, SIC.

Cllr P Campbell stated that a number of additional road safety issues had been raised at a meeting of Quoys Tenants Association; he advised that he had contacted Roads, SIC with regard to the concerns.

**12/11/07 Item 7.4 Harrison Square-Irvine Place Public Space**

Cllr A Wishart updated members with the information that since Lerwick Community Council's November meeting, a formal objection had been raised with regard to the proposed development.

12/12/05

**NINES Project Update - Ms L Thomason, NINES Co-ordinator, Hjaltland Housing Association**

Ms L Thomason, NINES Co-ordinator, Hjaltland Housing Association advised that the NINES project was developed to improve and stabilise the local electricity grid, with the view to reducing reliance on the Lerwick Power Station and to allow power generated from renewable sources to connect to the grid.

HHA's main onus was to provide homes with the specially developed Dimplex heaters and water tanks for the initial trial and wider roll out. The system was currently being trialled in six homes and the feedback was positive.

She advised that the new heaters offered the user much greater control with four heating periods and the option of fan assisted output. She added that the heaters were very efficiently insulated, retaining 60% of their heat as opposed to old heaters which retained only 20%.

In addition, the inbuilt thermostat ensured that the room never fell below the temperature required by the user.

Ms L Thomason stated that the system offered the potential for far greater efficiency as the user would only get the heat when it was required, allowing the user better value heating with the potential for energy savings.

Other bodies, also involved in the project are Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD), whose role is to regulate the charging in order to balance supply and demand; Dimplex who designed and developed the heaters and water tanks; the University of Strathclyde and Smarter Grid Solutions who are involved in research for the wider roll out.

She advised that, originally, Shetland Islands Council had been part of the project but unfortunately had pulled out due to funding issues. Hjaltland Housing Association planned to install the system into 240 homes; had Shetland Islands Council not pulled out another 500 homes would have benefitted.

Ms L Thomason furthered that the system was not limited and any home in Shetland could benefit. She added that although tenants could buy the heaters separately, they would be encouraged to join up to NINES.

The Chairman enquired when the system would be available to the wider public.

Ms L Thomason replied that she was unsure but a press release would be issued when more information was available.

The Chairman thanked Ms L Thomason for attending the meeting.

The presentation concluded at 7.25pm

12/12/06

**Lerwick Town Hall Windows - Mr J McCormack, Acting Technical Support Manager, Building Services, SIC**

The presentation was cancelled as a formal report had yet to be brought to a meeting of the Council.

Cllr A Wishart stressed the importance of going through due process; once the report was discussed at a meeting of the Council, it would be discussed at a formal meeting of the Lystina House and Town Hall Consultative Committee. He added that a Seminar would follow, to which Lerwick Community Council would be invited.

12/12/07

**Shetland Local Plan**

**7.1 Proposed Representations to Planning, SIC – Shetland Local Plan**

The Chairman asked for comments or additions to the proposed representations.

Cllr Wills reiterated his concern that the proposed Shetland Local Plan did not identify enough sites for housing to meet housing need within the next 5-10 years. He asked for '5-10 years' to be added into the first bullet point.

He also raised concern that no brownfield sites had been identified in Lerwick as potential house sites.

The Chairman noted that there was nothing in the Shetland Local Plan to address the steady population drift from Lerwick.

Cllr Wishart noted that the concern was not reflected in the response to Planning. He suggested that figures should be collated and submitted with the report.

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

**7.2 For Reference – Minute of Special Meeting – Shetland Local Plan**

Noted

12/12/08

**Community Council By-election Time Table**

Noted

**8.1 Community Council Vacancies**

The Chairman stated that the item was included for information only as there were currently no vacant seats on Lerwick Community Council.

12/12/09

**Correspondence**

**9.1 Future of the Occupational Therapy Equipment Store**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to put the item on the Agenda for July 2013. He added that, in the meantime, members may wish to consider potential development ideas for the site.

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

**9.2 CC Letter-Statutory Consultation, Proposed Traffic Orders, Lerwick – Mr H Jamieson, Chair, Living Lerwick**

Noted

**9.3 CC Letter-Extension of Pedestrianisation, Lerwick – Mr R Wishart, Director, Shetland Times**

Noted

**9.4 In support of LCC's opposition to extension of pedestrianisation – Mr R Wishart, Director, Shetland Times**

Noted

**9.5 Proposed Traffic regulation Order (Pedestrianisation) Commercial Street & Market Cross – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC**

The Chairman advised that on three separate occasions, over as many years, Lerwick Community Council had formally requested that the area be pedestrianised. The 'turn around' at the November meeting had obviously caused confusion at the SIC Roads Department who were seeking our reason for objecting to the order.

**Cllr C Smith arrived – 7.50pm**

There was general concern that the decision to object was in conflict with Living Lerwick's stance to support the order. Living Lerwick's belief was that the pedestrianisation of the south end of Commercial Street could have a positive effect on businesses and it was their intention to hold events in the area to encourage business and footfall.

The Chairman added that he had spoken to Roads, SIC and he was informed that if the proposed order went ahead, but in time was proved to be unworkable, the order could be revoked.

As highlighted in the letter copy letter to SIC from Mr R Wishart, Director, Shetland Times, Mr W Spence raised concern at the loss of parking, the only parking adjacent to shops at the south end of Commercial Street. He highlighted the possible difficulties for members of the public attempting to deliver or collect parcels from the Post Office.

The Chairman noted that the same letter referred to a decline in business on the street so obviously the status quo was not working.

The Chairman reminded members that vehicles would still have access to the street before 11.30am and after 5pm, ample time to collect/deliver parcels. He also suggested that if parking was the issue, perhaps consideration could be given to the Masonic car park being included as part of the short stay parking zone.

Mrs A Simpson noted that there could be several issues causing a business's decline, not just those which were related to parking.

In light of Living Lerwick's letter, and the fact that Lerwick Community Council had been in support of the pedestrianisation of the south end of Commercial Street for so many years Ms K Fraser proposed that the objection should be withdrawn.

Mrs A Simpson seconded the proposal.

Mr W Spence moved an amendment to object to the order in lieu of no alternative suitable short term parking in the vicinity.

Mr A Carter seconded the amendment.

**Vote: Amendment** – To object to the proposal to pedestrianise the south end of Commercial Street in lieu of no alternative short term parking in the vicinity – **5 votes**

**Proposal** – To withdraw the objection to the proposal to pedestrianise the south end of Commercial Street

In favour of the proposal the Chairman exercised his casting vote – **5 Votes**

The Chairman exercised his casting vote in favour of the proposal.

The motion to withdraw the objection was carried, 6 votes to 5 votes.

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

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mr H Jamieson, Chairman, Living Lerwick and Mr R Wishart, Director, Shetland Times to advise them that Lerwick Community Council supported the pedestrianisation of the south end of Commercial Street, but, would be in favour of the order being revoked if, after a trial period, it proved to be unworkable.

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

#### **9.6 Scottish Health Campaigns Network – Mr J Sandeman, Newton Mearns CC**

The Chairman asked anyone interested to contact Kate Massie, Admin Assistant, ASCC.

12/12/10

#### **Financial Report as at 27 November 2012**

Noted

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to find out how things were progressing with regard to the proposed Heritage Place Names Map.

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

12/12/11

#### **Planning Applications**

##### **11.1 2012/363/PPF - Change of use of residential institution into administration office, Montfield, Burgh Road-NHS Shetland**

No objections

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

12/12/12

#### **Lerwick Planning Applications – November 2012**

Noted

12/12/13

#### **Any Other Business**

##### **Inconsiderate Parking – Taxi's**

Mr S McMillan voiced concern that Allied Taxi's could frequently be seen parked in the car park at the foot of Burgh Road.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Allied Taxi's and request that, where possible, drivers show more consideration for other road users when parking.

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

**Taxi Rank**

Mr D Ristori suggested that there was a need for an additional Taxi Rank, possibly running from 6.00pm to 6.00am. He proposed that suitable sites may be either at the Viking Bus Station or in the vicinity of the British Legion.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to the Taxi Owners Association to enquire if there was a need for the facility.

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

**Cllr J Wills left the meeting 8.15pm**

**New Housing Scheme - Staney Hill/Hoofields**

Ms K Fraser asked if there had been any response with regard to the scheme name suggestions put forward to North Staney Hill Residents Association for their consideration.

The Clerk advised that she was aware that the suggestions were to be considered at a meeting in November and would chase things up.

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

**Malcolmson's Bakery**

Members expressed their sadness at the closure of such a well established Shetland business.

**Serco**

Concern was raised with regard to any possible strike action, particularly as this would compound the effects of any ferry not sailing due to poor weather conditions.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Serco noting the concern and to enquire what impact the possible reduction of crew members will have on how many passengers can travel.

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

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

***Minute ends.***

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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