

**MONDAY 2 JULY 2012**

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

**Members**

Mr J Anderson	Miss K Fraser
Mr A Henry	Mr A Johnson
Mr L Angus	Mr E Knight
Mr M Peterson <b>Left 7.40pm</b>	Mr A Carter
Mrs E Williamson	Mr A McMillan
Mr D Ristori	Mrs A Simpson

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr M Bell

**In Attendance**

Mr M Craigie, Executive Manager, Transport Planning, SIC  
Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC  
Neil Hutcheson, Team Leader, Roads Network & Design, SIC  
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

12/07/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

12/07/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Hay, Cllr A Wishart, Cllr M Stout, Cllr J Wills, Mr W Spence, Cllr A Westlake, Mr J Stewart and Cllr C Smith.

12/07/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 June were approved by Mr L Angus and seconded by Mr E Knight.

12/07/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Item 12/06/07 7.1 Bains Beach, Copelands Pier & Stouts Pier Signs**

Mr D Ristori informed members that the new signs were now in place and thanked Mr N Hutcheson, Team Leader, Roads Network & Design, SIC.

**Item 12/06/07 7.2 Repair & Use of Town Hall**

Mr L Angus advised that he would attend the proposed meeting of the Town Hall and Lystina Consultative Committee in September and report back.

12/07/05

**Infrastructure Services Consultation**

**5.1 Ferries & Transport**

Mr M Craigie, Executive Manager, Transport Planning, SIC explained that it was their intention to build requirements into a new network design, tender for all requirements and provide a better service with less staff and vehicles.

Travel needs would be prioritised taking into consideration travel to work; education; healthcare; shopping; social & leisure opportunities; access to external transport links – airport and Ferry (infrequent) and ability for tourists to 'get about' Shetland.

If tenders came in with no real financial savings a judgement would be made taking into account the hierarchy framework.

Mr M Craigie advised that he would welcome Lerwick Community Council's comments.

After considerable discussion the following was agreed:-

Shetland Islands Council should move towards fixed links to the islands as soon as financially possible as this would be an enormous benefit to the whole Shetland Community.

A Traffic Management Plan for the whole of Lerwick must be a priority.

Integrated Transport solution should be sought wherever possible.

Feeder services, linked with school transport and sharing of mainline school and public bus services.

Improved integration between ferry and bus services.

Improvement of the town bus service, including Shetland College.

More and better quality public transport Information.

Devolved/hub offices, to reduce the need to travel and staff actively encouraged to work from home whenever possible.

### **5.2 Gritting**

**Roads** – It was agreed that the gritting of the roads could be reprioritised with the understanding that an education and guidance plan should be put in place to assist the safety of both motorists and pedestrians.

**Footways** - Reassurance was sought with regard to the gritting of Lerwick's Lanes.

Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC stated that the concern would be fed into the review. He suggested that perhaps staff could be used more effectively and street cleaners tasked with gritting the Lanes.

### **5.3 Street Lighting**

Mr N Hutcheson, Team Leader, Roads Network & Design, SIC stated that there were three savings options, turn off lights for part of the night; wait until the end of the life of a lamp post and remove rather than replace; or new technology LED lighting, electronic rather than magnetic, which would give 10% energy savings.

The largest savings would be the strategic removal of lamp posts, saving on energy, repairs and replacement costs. The removal philosophy would be to engage with the community to see if there was a desire to have the light replaced. The fuse would first be removed for a period of time and then the community consulted to see if permanent removal was viable. A risk assessment would also have to be made prior to the permanent removal of any light.

Members were advised that there was no statutory duty to provide street lighting, just guidance. However, if lighting was in place, it had to meet legislation.

Mr E Knight moved that Lerwick Community Council should not support any change to the current system of lighting in Lerwick without precluding the new technology, electronic rather than magnetic, a saving of 10%.

Mr L Angus seconded the motion.

The Chairman proposed an amendment to the motion, suggesting that a partial switch off was trialled in all areas in which lighting was in need of renewal, namely; Breiwick Road; Lower Blackhill Industrial Estate; Nederdale; Quendale Lane and Westerloch Brae, Crescent and Terrace.

He suggested that Breiwick Road could be the zone where the lights were first switched off, in order to gauge public opinion. He added that it would be reasonable, subject to a risk assessment, to look favourably, when practical and residents consulted, to lighting being partially switched off in other areas of the town as well as those previously mentioned.

He stressed that lights should not be removed, but made as efficient as possible.

Miss K Fraser seconded the motion.

Both proposals were put to the vote.

Proposal to keep the status quo, without precluding the new technology - **4 Votes**

Proposal to look favourably at the partial switching off of lights, subject to consultation and risk assessment, and keeping lights as efficient as possible, without their removal – **7 Votes**

The Chairman's proposal was carried.

Mr P Crossland advised that the lights in the five areas identified for lighting renewal, would be replaced with low energy units and trialled over winter to assess public opinion.

The presentation being over, Mr P Crossland, Mr M Craigie and Mr N Hutcheson left the meeting at 8.30pm.

12/07/06

### **Correspondence**

#### **6.1 Sunniva Street-Road Safety Issue – Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC**

Members agreed that Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC should be written to, referencing the St Sunniva Street and Twageos Road concerns, and stressing that a Traffic Management Plan for Lerwick must be produced as a matter of urgency.

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

#### **6.2 Sands of Sound Dog Litter/Litter Bin – Mr G MacDonald, Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance Officer, SIC**

The Chairman advised that the length of road indicated on the map provided, by Mr N Hutcheson, had been adopted by the local authority. Public money had been used to maintain the lower end of the road for many years and, as such, there should be no restriction to public service vehicles.

He suggested that the most appropriate place to site the bin would be at the bend of the road.

Mrs A Simpson suggested that it would be prudent for the bin to be multipurpose, and one which could not be accessed by seagulls. She showed members a photograph of one she had seen on holiday.

The Chairman agreed and asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr G Macdonald, Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance Officer, SIC with the request and to enclose a copy of the photograph.

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

#### **6.3 Paths-Vagar, Hoolsberg & Leog – Mr J Duncan, Shetland Islands Council**

Noted

#### **6.4 Road Safety Issues and Traffic Counter – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, SIC**

Discussed during item 6.1

#### **6.5 Proposed Street Lighting Improvements – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC**

Discussed during item 5.3

**6.6 Lerwick Community Council & Shetland Wide Transport Issues – Ms E Park, Transport Strategy Officer, SIC**  
Discussed during item 5.1

**6.7 Heritage Place Name Map – Mr P Moar, Lerwick Resident**

Members agreed that it would be worthwhile investigating the cost of a Heritage Place Name Map as proposed in Mr Moar's letter.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to secure quotes for the project.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/07/07

**Lerwick Community Council Wards**

Mr E Knight asked members if they thought it would be a benefit if each Community Council member were to be responsible for a particular area.

Mrs E Williamson responded that she thought the proposal would be worthwhile considering. She suggested that members could make an effort to find out as much as they could about the area that they were tasked with 'looking after' in order to assist residents to the best of their ability.

Mr A Carter voiced concern stating that he would not want people to feel constrained to anyone nominated for a particular ward.

The Chairman informed members that he would get an old ward map and pass it on to the Clerk of the Council to circulate.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/07/08

**Financial Report**

**8.1 Financial Report as at 26 June 2012**

Referring to the office costs, Mr E Knight asked if any information had been forthcoming with regard to LCC having office space within the Town Hall.

Cllr M Bell responded that due to work commitments he had been unable to find out but would endeavor to do so.

**(Action: Cllr M Bell)**

**8.2 Main Annual Running Costs – Forecast/Actual to Date**

Noted

**8.3 Annual Grants & Projects – Forecast/Actual to Date**

Noted

**8.4 Grants & Project Payments**

Noted

12/07/09

**Financial Assistance**

**9.1 Repair of Access Road – Vagar, Lower Sound**

The chairman advised that according to his measurement of the road, 21m, the cost of the materials in the application was three times more than that required. He estimated the actual cost to be between £200 - £300.

He proposed to offer a grant to cover the material costs of 63 square meters.

Mr L Angus seconded the Chairman's proposal.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

12/07/10

**Planning Applications**

**10.1 2012/198/PPF – To Create Laydown Area Including Access Road–Rova Head, Gremista**

No objections

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

12/07/11

**Lerwick Planning Applications – June 2012**

Noted

12/07/12

**Any Other Business**

**LOTDA -Information Boards**

Referring to information boards, commissioned by LOTDA but were full of errors, Mr D Ristori enquired if Lerwick Community Council could take up the project.

The Chairman suggested that Mr D Ristori investigate the costs involved and request quotes.

**(Action: Mr D Ristori)**

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mr Arthur Anderson**

Mr D Ristori asked if it would be possible to arrange to have the P&O Ferries flag flown on the flagpole at Bod of Gremista or Town Hall to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Arthur Anderson. He also proposed the installation of a flagpole at Anderson Homes where the flag could be permanently flown.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to contact to Mr J Moncrieff, Shetland Amenity Trust with regard to the suggestion.

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

The Chairman also asked the Clerk to look back through the records to find information on a flagpole which had been purchased by Lerwick Community Council.

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

**Lochside Toilets**

Mr S Macmillan raised concern with regard to footballers urinating outdoors rather than use the toilet facilities in the Clickimin Centre.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to PS P Daley with regard to the concern.

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

He asked the Clerk to also write to Mr R Geddes, Manager, Clickimin Leisure Complex to request that a sign is installed to remind footballers to use the indoor toilet facilities provided.

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

**Proposed New Anderson High School**

Mr L Angus suggested that Mrs H Budge, Director of Children's Services, SIC or her delegate be invited to the September meeting of Lerwick Community Council to provide members with an update with regard to the proposed new Anderson High School.

The Chairman agreed with the proposal.

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

**Living Lerwick - BID Update**

Mr A Carter expressed an interest in hearing a presentation regarding from 'Living Lerwick' regarding BID when they are available to do so.

**Traffic Lights**

Referencing a letter which arrived too late to be included in the agenda, regarding the non working traffic lights at the Co-op and Viking Bus Station, the Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC to request a firm update on when they will be repaired and fully functioning,.

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

**Grass Cutting**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to SIC to enquire how many times each year the grass is cut on public areas in Lerwick.

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

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

***Minute ends.***

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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