

MONDAY 1 MAY 2017

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in Board Room, Solarhus, North Ness, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

Members

Mr J Anderson	Mrs A Simpson
Ms K Fraser	Mr D Ristori
Mr A Johnston	Mr P Coleman
Mr E Knight	Mr J Fraser
Mr S Hay	Mr W Spence
Mr A Wenger	Mr A Carter

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell	Cllr A Wishart
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Co-opted Members

Mr B Johnston

Additional Co-opted Student Members

Mr T Carroll

In Attendance

Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

05/17/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

05/17/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Henry, Miss E Thompson, Cllr C Smith and Mrs M Hall.

Mr Anderson informed members that Mr Alastair Henry had offered his resignation. He offered a note of thanks for Alastair's valued input since becoming a member of the community council back in November 2010. He instructed the clerk to write thanking him for his tenure.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

05/17/03

Minute

The minute of the meeting on 3 April 2017 was approved by Mr B Johnston and seconded by Mr Peter Coleman.

05/17/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Minute ref 03/17/AOB – Road over the Staney Hill Ms Fraser asked if there had been any correspondence.

The clerk was to follow-up and report back.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

05/17/05

Police Scotland Monthly Report and Policing 2026 Strategy Consultation

Mr Anderson noted that no representatives were in attendance. He asked members to look over the figures and if they had any comments.

No comments were made.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any comments regarding the 2026 Consultation.

Mrs Simpson said that the summary was helpful but had no particular comment to make.

Mr Hay commented that it had not been easy to read. He mentioned the frequent contact with Police Scotland representatives and was not convinced that the document related to the community engagement that they experienced.

Mr Coleman suggested that they forward feedback regarding this.

Mr Anderson pointed out that locally they always had a good attendance and positive experience from Police Scotland. He added it was a shame they were not present to comment.

Ms Fraser commented that they could be invited to come along with other interested groups.

Mrs Simpson agreed that this could be suggested.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

05/17/06

Correspondence

6.1 Improving Parking in Scotland Consultation – Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister for Transport and the Islands (consultation paper sent separately)

Mr Anderson and members completed the twenty five questions as part of the consultation process to be forwarded on by the clerk.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

6.2 Ferry Service Procurement – Policy Review, Transport Scotland

Mr Anderson asked if anyone was keen to attend and suggested the clerk circulate to members.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

6.3 Pre-application Consultation – Proposed Radio Base Station, Holmsgarth, Lerwick – Jodie Kane, Planning Consultant, Gallifordtry

No objections were noted.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

6.4 Community Renewable Energy Scheme – Mr Eric S Peterson, Tait & Peterson Solicitors & Notaries

Mr Anderson pointed out that further information was requested and asked if anyone was willing to sit down with him and help move things forward.

Mr Spence asked about the situation as he was not at the last meeting and Mr Anderson explained.

Mr A Johnston commented that it might be relevant to seek the views of Scottish Water locally as they were to be reducing their electricity consumption.

Mr Anderson replied that the scheme assumed that Scottish Water were willing in principle but would form part of any consultation process going forward.

Mr A Johnston and Mr W Spence offered to meet along with Mr Anderson to put further information together for Mr Eric Peterson.

(Action: Chairman, Mr A Johnston & Mr W Spence)

6.5 Proposed Lerwick History Group – Meeting Monday 8th May 7pm

Mr Anderson advised members that the meeting was next week and asked any interested members to come along.

6.6 ACSS Support – Michael Duncan, External Funding Officer, SIC

Mr Anderson pointed out that Mr Duncan had informed them that Voluntary Action Shetland was to continue providing the administration support until the end of September.

6.7 VAS Membership

Discussion took place on the merits of paying the membership fees to Voluntary Action Shetland. Members agreed that membership would be paid for the period of six months whilst continued support was coming from the Association of Community Councils.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

6.8 Quote for erecting signpost at Sandy Loch/Cunningham Way – Frank L Johnston (Shetland) Ltd

Mr Anderson informed members of the additional signpost and double-sided signage currently being made up by the council and the plans for installation.

05/17/07

Finance

7.1 Core Funding Remittance – SIC Finance

Mr Anderson welcomed confirmation that the core funding grant from the council had been received. They had received notification that their grant applications to the Community Development Fund had been successful. He explained the CDF Project funding was to develop the community pathways around the town addressing the issues such as accessibility.

Mr Ristori mentioned that he had taken photographs of the route to be developed around the town.

Mr Anderson suggested that the group formed to discuss projects and funding would now meet to progress this.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.2 Core Funding Report 25th April 2017

Noted.

7.3 Main Annual Running Costs 2017-18 & Comparison 2016-2017

Noted.

7.4 Annual Grant & Projects 2017-2018 & Comparison 2016-2017

Noted.

7.5 Grants & Projects 2016-2017

Noted.

05/17/08

Grant Applications

8.1 Living Lerwick – Flower Scheme 2017 – Mrs Christena Irvine, Manager BID, Living Lerwick

Members agreed to continue to support the Flower Scheme as in previous years.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

05/17/09

Planning Applications

9.1 2017/090/PPF – Erect two 50,000 litre external hot water storage tanks, install electric charging point, district heating and electricity supplies including electrical distribution housing, external stairs, security fencing and vehicle parking – Lower Blackhill Industrial Estate, Gremista, Lerwick – North Fish (Shetland) Ltd

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

9.2 2017/093/PPF – Change of use of shop to residential – 41 Norstane, Lerwick, ZE1 0QG – Mr Tadas Zebrauskas

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

9.3 2017/096/PPF – Two storey garage/store with external staircase. Remove boundary wall and build up to car park boundary – Gate Hus, Mitchells Walk, North Ness, Lerwick, ZE1 0LX

Members discussed the application and the previous planning application that had been submitted last year. The letter sent from the community council to planning was displayed.

Councillors agreed they still had concerns relating to lack of turning space, no provision for parking on the site and access for emergency service vehicles and emergency exit from the oil depot. Also concern was raised for potential obstruction during the building phase as highlighted in the response from Kevin Serginson in relation to the core pathway.

It was noted that no representations had been filed by residents in the area, but it was agreed that the concerns raised be passed on the planning department.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

9.4 2017/104/SCO – Proposed Wind Farm – Mossy Hill, Hill of Tagdale – Peel Energy Limited

Mr Anderson asked if members had any comments or concerns about the Scoping Report.

Mr Spence remarked about the strange placement of the wind turbine number ten sited in the valley. He pointed out that site number two was the habitat of red throated divers.

Ms Fraser replied that the final sites had not yet been decided upon and were approximate. She suggested that concerns should still be forwarded as this would allow them to be either ignored or addressed in the final application.

Members expressed concerns for the small amount of community benefit to be gained from the private company in relation to the impact of the construction process.

Further concerns highlighted the visual impact, electric field and noise generated and related effects on health; along with the effects of signal interruption to radio transmitters and television.

Mr Fraser suggested that at the end of the project there should be a suitable decommissioning process to restore the environment.

Discussion ensued about removing or allowing concrete to remain in situ.

Ms Fraser noted the visual impact from the Staney Hill area and commented on the lack of control with no framework and concern that every hill in Shetland would have wind farms.

Cllr Wishart agreed they should mention any concerns.

Mr Anderson asked for comments.

Members agreed proximity to residents, noise, flicker and effects on radio/tv signals, water courses and visual impact were all concerns to be forwarded to planning.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

05/17/10

Marine Licence

10.1 Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, Part 4 Marine Licensing – JWG Plc (per Mott MacDonald Ltd) – Reclamation of foreshore – Gremista Yacht Marina, Lerwick North Harbour

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

05/17/11

A.O.B

LCC Meeting Advertisement

Mr Fraser pointed out the advertising of community council meetings on Radio Shetland and suggested that Lerwick do likewise.

Mr Anderson agreed that could be arranged.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Lerwick Lifeboat Gala Day

Mr Fraser asked for volunteers on behalf of the Lifeboat Ladies Guild to erect tents on Friday 9th June at 6pm in the evening on Victoria Pier and to dismantle on Saturday following the event from 4pm onwards.

The clerk was asked to circulate the email.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Da Voar Redd Up/Grass cutting

Ms Simpson wanted to offer thanks to the two young folk Reece Anderson and Ben Sandison for helping with the community council clear up at Gremista.

She pointed out the amount of rubbish found at the ground to the side of the BOD of Gremista and explained that the grass had not been cut.

Ms Fraser suggested having the grass cut and perhaps collecting the remainder of the rubbish.

It was agreed that they would investigate who owned the land and look into the possibility of having the grass cut once a year.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

NHS Property Grass Cutting

Mr Carter pointed out that grass cutting was needed at various NHS properties, in front of the hospital and along Scalloway Road near to Goudies.

Mr Anderson agreed that they would write and ask about their plans to cut the grass.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Stalls at Harrison Square

Mr Wenger informed members about the pop-up stalls at Harrison Square and queried if their hire costs were excessive, resulting in them being little used.

It was agreed that they write to Christena Irvine and ask how successful the stalls were and how often they were hoping to have them in place this year.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Knab Dyke

Mr Knight pointed out that part of the dyke at the Knab was a bit rumbled.

Mr Anderson agreed that they could write to the council department and ask them to look into it.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Lerwick Councillors

Mr Anderson took the opportunity to thank the Councillors those who were still sitting on and those who were not sitting for their regular attendance. He said that a note of thanks would be sent and mentioned Cllr Stout and Cllr Wills who were not in attendance.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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