

**MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2015**

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

**Members**

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

**Additional Co-opted Student Members**

Miss S Sandison	Mr I Russell
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**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr P Campbell (left at 7.30pm)

**In Attendance**

PC Michael Murphy, Police Scotland  
Mr Andrew Archer, Rotary Club for Shetland  
Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

11/15/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

11/15/02

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Cllr C Smith, Cllr J Wills, Cllr M Bell, Cllr M Stout, and Cllr A Wishart.

11/15/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mr A Henry and seconded by Mr A Wenger.

11/15/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

11/15/05

**Police Report – Police Constable Michael Murphy**

PC Murphy reported that it had been a standard month. There were more motor offences due to police concentrating on and detecting more, this was a priority. He asked if there were any queries and he would try to answer them.

Mr Anderson asked members if they had any questions.

Mr Knight asked about parking offences and on the spot fines.

PC Murphy didn't have the figures, but offered to come back to the Clerk. He asked about any particular areas of interest.

Mr Knight mentioned Commercial Street, near the Post Office and the Market Cross.

Mr Knight enquired if the Police still had a dedicated Wildlife Officer in Shetland.

PC Murphy replied that they had one working in the Highlands and Islands Division and he thought there may be someone being trained up locally. He mentioned Police Constable J P McAllister and said he would come back and confirm.

Mr Knight commented that the fishing season was closed, but could still see people fishing. He remarked that the penalties were substantial, such as the confiscation of their car and perhaps people should be warned.

PC Murphy replied that not many were reported and agreed that the punishment could be quite severe.

Mr Anderson enquired about patrols near the Clickimin Broch.

PC Murphy assured councillors that this was a priority at weekends and part of the general patrol on a night. He understood that the lights had been an on-going issue and previous incidents around two to three years ago revealed boys aged eight to ten had found the Broch interesting at night to play on. As far as he was aware, it had not become a drinking den and had probably been targeted by young kids.

Mr Ristori suggested the use of the mobile unit and reported that taxi drivers at weekends would like to see it on Victoria Pier. He also thought it would be somewhere for folk to come to and speak to the Police. He mentioned the van had been based in Scalloway in the past.

PC Murphy replied that he would approach Chief Inspector Lindsay Tulloch regarding the proposal and said that staffing levels had improved which may help. He remarked that they were always speaking to taxi drivers as they saw everything. He said that people may only see the Police as they are driving past and that it was a good idea.

Mr Ristori asked about community wardens.

PC Murphy said that they were still about and thought that people were more inclined to speak to them.

Mr Anderson thanked PC Murphy for attending and welcomed Mr Archer from the Rotary Club.

**PC Murphy left at 7.15pm.**

11/15/06

**Rotary Club of Shetland – Mr Andrew Archer**

Mr Archer thanked members for his invitation to attend and said it was mainly following on from the letter sent to community councils. He said that traditionally the Rotary Club had been involved in fundraising, but had taken part in community work, youth events, Da Voar Redd Up, bulb planting and events such as the Motor Show.

He explained that recently members felt the need to make more direct contact with groups and work together on projects. He said that responses had been received already. They were less interested in long term projects or on-going maintenance. He was glad he had this opportunity to talk about the Rotary, as it needed to publicise itself.

Mr Archer said they were keen to help local groups financially and a simple form could be downloaded from the website. He said to encourage groups to get in touch. They would also like to encourage new members and said that anyone could join and encouraged them to get in touch.

He mentioned that small grants were given to all community councils last year and many of them took up the offer. Small grants were available and could be spent on anything.

Mr Anderson asked if anyone had any questions for Mr Archer.

Ms Fraser said that she was interested in the history of the organisation and had only a vague knowledge.

Mr Archer explained that the Rotary Club in Shetland had been going for forty two years and worldwide for one hundred with two million members, fifty five thousand in the United Kingdom. Locally they had twenty six members who were keen to help and use their skills and talents.

Ms Fraser asked about the philosophy or motto of the group.

Mr Archer replied that they had two mottos, 'Service above Self' and 'Were for Communities'. Members hope to give a little bit back. He asked if anyone had any ideas to email and to include his email in the minutes.  
(AndrewArcher45@yahoo.co.uk)

Mr Coleman asked about changes from in the past.

Mr Archer spoke of the fundraising locally previously with the Motor Show and Ideal Home Show. Money was sent out-with Shetland, but as they continue to see a reduction locally there's a move to make more available to local organisations. He added that it was a simple process, by stating what and how, it was that easy. They hoped that a wider set of groups would apply, young people, old, for health or sports.

Mr Anderson asked about the percentage of money spread locally.

Mr Archer replied that some was spent internationally, they raised about five thousand a year. Charities benefited such as Shelter Box, twenty-five percent to Help

for Hero's, Cancer ARI, about forty percent was spent locally. Amounts tended not to be more than a thousand pounds. They wanted to try to do more across the Isles.

Mr Anderson said that forty percent was still a good lot of money.

Ms Fraser had thought of the Rotary as a Business Man's Club and she wondered how they select members.

Mr Archer replied that back in time members would have been invited, but that these days membership was open to anyone. He had written to join after coming up to Shetland. Prospective members were put to the club, he was not aware of anyone being rejected. They were keen to get more women members. They were just trying to make a difference.

Mr Anderson thanked Mr Archer for coming along and said they would keep the information in mind and pass on the details.

**Mr Archer left the meeting at 7.30pm**

11/15/07

**Correspondence**

**7.1 By-Election Results – Anne Cogle – Governance & Law, SIC**

Mr Anderson pointed out that Fetlar had done best as they had filled their vacancy. No nominations had been received for Lerwick.

Mr Ristori mentioned Mr Irvine Watt for next time.

Mr Anderson replied that they could co-opt a member, if they were aware of someone interested.

**7.2 May 2016 Meeting – Anne Cogle – Governance & Law, SIC**

Mr Anderson advised that a note had been received from Anne requesting use of the Town Hall Chamber for the Election. He said he was happy to move the date or meet in Lystina, but his suggestion was to move through to Lystina Board Room and keep the date.

Members were in agreement.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**7.3 Cost of Signage for Sands of Sound – Art Machine**

Mr Anderson suggested that we seek permission from Mr and Mrs Ramsay. He asked members if one or two signs would be needed.

Mrs Simpson responded that two signs, one for up near car park and one for near the beach access would be necessary.

Mr Anderson agreed that we seek permission for signs to be erected.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

#### **7.4 Request to use photograph of Rognvald Stained Glass Window – Oxford University Press**

Mr Anderson asked if everyone was happy.

Mrs Simpson queried about remuneration.

Ms Fraser suggested a courtesy copy for the Shetland Library.

Mr Anderson agreed that we request copies and then for LCC to present a copy to the Library.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

#### **7.5 CDF Distribution Fund Query – Mr Michael Duncan**

Mr Anderson explained that unspent CDF funding had been allowed to carry forward and added on to the distribution fund for this year 2015/16, so there was no loss of funds.

#### **7.6 Cycle Leaflet – Elaine Skinley**

Mr Anderson said that we were still waiting for feedback on leaflet reprint.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

#### **7.7 Path around Mareel & North Ness Coastal Path – Roads Department, SIC**

Mr Anderson said that a letter from Roads was on the way.

Mr Knight informed members that the area had been cleaned up.

#### **7.8 Funding Opportunity – Greenspace Grant**

Mr Anderson explained that Tesco were to disperse the five pence charged for plastic carrier bags. He remarked that it was a chunk of money and reflected the large number of bags they were selling. He suggested that due to time constraints it would be difficult to get the figures together, but hoped they could put forward something to one of the two further rounds over the next three years.

Mrs Simpson suggested the Churchyards as a possible project.

Mr Anderson welcomed the possibility in regard to the stones and the wall in the Old Kirkyard. He suggested that an application could be put in if enough detail and they could generate support. He commented that it could be prepared for the next round and an item on the next agenda. He asked if there were any further suggestions.

Mr Spence reported that as from 9<sup>th</sup> October a new bill of legislation was to be brought in for kirkyards.

Mrs Simpson enquired if the bill would affect anyone wishing to do work.

Mr Spence said that it would not. He said that in the past it was up to the family to see to the headstone, but as time went by family weren't there. Many headstones throughout Shetland needed re-erecting.

Mr Anderson mentioned the sea path at the Sletts needed attention.

Mr Ristori suggested including some kind of lighting at the Sletts, similar to that along the Clickimin path.

Mr Hay proposed that the Sletts coastline was a big issue and a well used walking route around town. He proposed that the Tesco funds would be a good start to making this happen.

Mr Carter raised concern due to the waste dumped at the Sletts and the pile of rubble.

Mr Anderson agreed the idea of applying for funding for the area and expressed concern for the state due to contractors leaving odd loads of concrete. He suggested adding to the next agenda.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

#### **7.9 Parking at Stout's Court/Conservation Area - Mr Kevin Sandison**

Discussion took place on the parking signs recently fix to the walls of the parking area outside Quendale House. Members agreed to raise the concern with the planning department.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

#### 11/15/08 **Financial Report**

Noted.

#### 11/15/11 **Grant Applications**

##### **8.1 Living Lerwick – Christmas Tree Lights, Installation and Barrier**

Mr Anderson outlined the application from Living Lerwick for the lights, installation and barrier. He commented that for the last few years the barrier around the tree had been poor and recommended a picket fence.

Mr Fraser agreed that the grant funding of £1,196.68 should be awarded. This was seconded by Mr Carter.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

#### 11/15/09 **Planning Applications**

##### **9.1 2015/330/PPF – To construct driveway at front of dwellinghouse – 25 Leslie Road, Lerwick – Ryan Garriock**

No objections.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**9.2 2015/331/PPF – To continue storage of commercial blasting explosives – Stoney Hill Quarry, Ladies Drive, Lerwick – EPC-UK Ltd**

Mr Coleman asked if it was necessary to yearly apply for permission.

Mr Anderson was unsure, but reported that a previous application had been made in 2004.

Mr Coleman commented that due to the number of planned new houses in the area, he questioned the storage there.

Mr Anderson replied that the currently proposed new housing was further away from the site than the existing.

No objections.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**9.3 2015/336/PPF – To demolish garages and flat and erect new dwellinghouse and garage – Rear of 16 Ackrigarth, Lerwick – Mr David Stewart**

No objections.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**9.4 2015/360/PPF – To change of use from shop to dwellinghouse – 51 Commercial Street, Lerwick – Barbara Mitchell**

No objections.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**9.5 2015/373/PPF – To demolish side porch of Knysna, existing garage and shed; extend existing parking area, erect new dwellinghouse – 6 Burgh Road, Lerwick – Mr J & Mr S Williamson**

No objections.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**9.6 2015/375/PPF – Installation of 2no. 15kw Wind Turbines, on 15m towers and excavation of associated trench for electricity cables – Waste Management Facility, Gremista – SIC**

Members discussed the site and number of wind turbines in and around Lerwick.

Mr Spence explained council scheme to feed into shed for the waste management facility. The plan didn't cost the council as it was funded by the government.

No objections.

**(Actions: Clerk to the council)**

**Additional Planning Applications**

2015/391/PPF – To erect 2no storage and net repair units with external storage areas – Arlandra Industrial Area, Gremista, Lerwick – Charisma Fishing Co. Ltd & Swan Net Gundry Ltd

No objections.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

11/15/10

**Any Other Business**

**New AHS Roundabout**

Mr D Ristori raised concerns regarding the lack of space for large vehicles to pass when using the new roundabout.

Discussion took place about the particular area of concern.

Mr Anderson agreed that we write to roads.

**(Action: Clerk to council)**

**Sound Service Station Canopy**

Mr Ristori reported that a member of the public had raised concern regarding the state of the canopy of the Sound Service Station. They had said that if left as it was, it was likely to fall down again. He also mentioned that parts of the canopy were lying at the rear of the garage.

Mr Anderson said that they could write and ask about plans for the garage. It was acceptable to ask the question as it was a legitimate concern.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**Water on the street**

Mrs Simpson mentioned the problem of surface water on the street. Areas in particular were near Fat Little Pony on Commercial Street, and near the Lodberries and Boating Club.

Mr Anderson replied that the works were currently scheduled for later in the month.

**Smashed Clickimin Lights**

Mrs Simpson asked about the possibility of CCTV at the Clickimin Broch.

Mr Anderson mentioned that mock signs had been drafted. He spoke about the problems with setting up CCTV and the difficulty of seeing any footage.

Mr Coleman asked about approaching Historic Scotland.

Discussion took place about raising the issue with school kids. It was agreed that we write to schools.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**



Mr Knight asked members if they had any knowledge about the entrance/exit to the Skate Park and if the rails were sufficient to stop children from going onto the road.

Mr Anderson replied that he thought there was a gate there.

**(Action: Chair to check)**

**Sandveien Play Park**

Mr Coleman informed members that the play park was in a bad state; due to paint having been spread around and it was not a nice place to take kids now.

Mr Anderson agreed that we write to Magnus Malcolmson. He supposed that they might not be aware of the situation.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**Public toilets**

Mr A Wenger reported that the lower hand dryer in the male toilets was out of use and had been for about four months. He asked about querying if it would be repaired or replaced.

Mr Anderson suggested that we write and ask.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**PB Workshop**

Mr Anderson mentioned that the PB workshop was to be held next Monday evening at 6:30pm and he hoped that all who could, make it along.

**Kate Massie Leaving**

Mr Anderson informed members that Kate’s last day was Friday this week and he wanted to note her sterling service on behalf of community councils over the years.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

**Minute ends.**

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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