

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2002

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

Present

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mr P Scarsbrook | Mrs S Newcombe |
| Mr B Manson | Mr I Bruce |
| Mr K Watt | Mr A Johnston |
| Mr W Henderson | Cllr R Anderson |
| Mr T Nicolson | |

In Attendance

Mr John Robertson, Shetland Times
PS A MacLeod (left 7.10pm)
Shetland Health Board - Mr Steve Jack, Ms Sandra Laurenson,
Ms Betty Fullerton, Dr Laidlay (arrived 7.20pm, left 8pm)
Mr Jan Riise, SIC (arrived 8pm, left 8.20pm)
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

02/09/1

Circular

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/09/2

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Sinclair, Cllr A Cluness, Dr J Goddard, Cllr J Irvine and Cllr C Begg.

02/09/3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2002 were approved on the motion of Mr W Henderson, seconded by Mr P Scarsbrook. Mr Henderson added that the correct name for the proposed housing scheme previously known as Yoxli was now Quoys.

02/09/4

Business Arising

Housing

Cllr R Anderson informed the meeting that the proposed transfer of SIC housing stock would not now take place.

02/09/5

Northern Constabulary

PS MacLeod reported the figures from 22 July to 23 September as follows:

| Shetland incidents | 1287 | Lerwick incidents | 860 |
|---------------------|------|------------------------|-----|
| Alarm activations | 52 | Accidental damage | 25 |
| Underage alcohol | 10 | Animals | 5 |
| Assault | 20 | Abandoned vehicle | 5 |
| Breach of Peace | 84 | Counterfeit currency | 1 |
| Civic Govt Act | 36 | Children/young persons | 41 |
| Civil matters | 6 | Court procedures | 95 |
| Child protection | 4 | Crimes | 2 |
| Drink driving | 7 | Death | 2 |
| Destruct firearms | 6 | Domestic incidents | 3 |
| Dogs | 7 | Drunk persons | 20 |
| Drugs | 7 | Firearms enquiries | 11 |
| Fraud/forgery | 2 | Housebreaking | 2 |
| Fire calls | 16 | Immigration matters | 3 |
| Mental Health | 3 | Missing persons | 6 |
| Medical services | 16 | Road accidents | 17 |
| Road traffic/safety | 53 | Stolen cycles | 2 |
| Shipping/maritime | 3 | Sexual offence | 1 |
| Suspicious persons | 9 | Telephone calls | 52 |
| Theft | 8 | Vandalism | 14 |
| Water incident | 2 | Seatbelts | 57 |
| Speeders | 15 | Vehicle excise | 9 |
| Arrests | 54 | Detainees | 10 |

Mr W Henderson asked PS MacLeod if he knew if there was any truth in a rumour he had heard that people were coming to Shetland to acquire methadone as it was easily available. PS MacLeod explained that methadone was used as a treatment for heroine addiction and was available only by prescription.

Mr T Nicolson provided an update on the passive drugs dogs project and it was agreed to write to the committee members commending them on their progress.

PS MacLeod confirmed to Mrs S Newcombe that the police were aware of reports of nuisance at Hayfield Park at night and were dealing with the situation.

02/09/6

Shetland NHS Board Communication Strategy

The Chairman welcomed the delegation from Shetland NHS Board to the meeting. Ms B Fullerton explained that communication underpinned service provision. There were two main NHS tasks; to improve the health of people in Shetland and to provide good quality services. There had been an accountability review in June and the Shetland NHS had received a good report from the Scottish Executive.

There were several projects being undertaken. "20/20 Vision" sought to determine which services were needed and sustainable for the next 20 years. Included in this project would be a review of whether a new hospital was required. Community Councils would be involved in the process. A new children's unit had been opened and two new dental surgeries at Montfield had been provided. The Board was still looking to recruit another dentist. A new health centre had been opened in Bixter and funding had been secured for a new centre in Brae. Mental health services were to be expanded, in particular for people who also have drink or drugs related problems. Waiting times in Shetland were better than other areas with 90% of people being seen within 3 months. GP appointments were available within 48 hours, which was the national target. Efforts were being made to recruit more GPs. "NHS 100" had been launched to assist communication by letting people have a voice; there were currently 70-80 people on the register. A smoking cessation programme had been successful with 200 people having stopped smoking. The rapid chest pain clinic had been fairly successful. A review into chiropody services was well under way and result should be available at the end of the year. Montfield Hospital was currently introducing a nutritional policy and there was work going on in schools to educate children on nutrition from an early age.

Mr T Nicolson was pleased to hear of the progress with dental services and also that chiropody services were undergoing review. He was concerned at the level of smoking amongst young people. It was reported that work done in the past had concentrated on established smokers whereas work was now being done through the Youth Information Service and the setting up of an internet chatroom. Mrs S Newcombe asked whether there were plans to provide alcohol and drug rehabilitation in Shetland. Ms S Laurenson replied that the possibility was being investigated this year.

Cllr R Anderson asked why the hospital visitors fare had been withdrawn. It was reported that this had been unintentional and would be resurrected. Discussions were ongoing with British Airways.

Mr P Scarsbrook commented that it was not always possible to see your own doctor within 48 hours. It was agreed that this was the case. There was no immediate solution but the problem had been recognised. Dr Laidlay informed that changes were to be made to Health Councils but that members would still be appointed through an election process. The chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance.

02/09/7

Community Council Elections 2002

The Chairman welcomed Mr J Riise to the meeting. It was explained that the SIC wards were now different to the current wards of Lerwick Community Council and that it had been necessary to advertise 18 vacancies because of pressure of time. Nominations for election had to be returned by 1 October. The new members would then decide on the issue of how wards were to be assigned. The Chairman thanked Mr Riise for his attendance.

02/09/8

SIC Traffic Orders

8.1 Burgh Road, Disabled Parking

No objections.

8.2 St Magnus Street, Disabled Parking

No objections.

8.3 S. Commercial St and Twageos Rd, Disabled Parking

No objections.

8.4 Church Road, Disabled Parking

No objections.

8.5 Kantersted Rd and Nedersund Rd, 20mph Speed Limit and Traffic Calming

No objections.

02/09/9

Gilbertson Park Gates

It was hoped that the gates would be in place by the end of October.

02/09/10

Condition of LCC Office

SIC Housing had accepted responsibility for the required work which was scheduled to take place during other repairs to the building.

02/09/11

Correspondence

11.1 Shetland Amenity Trust

Noted.

11.2 SCSS, NHS Planning Conference

Noted.

11.3 Leonard Groat

Noted.

11.4 WRVS

Noted.

11.5 Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme

Noted.

11.6 SIC, Pavements at Twageos and Knab Road Surface

Mr W Henderson was pleased that SIC had acknowledged that work was required.

11.7 SIC, Cemetery Gates

It was agreed to write again asking that the gates be shut between 5pm and 8am. A request for signage was also to be made.

11.8 SIC, Training on Planning Regulations

It was decided to defer this until after the community council elections.

11.9 SIC, Civic Trust Awards 2003

It was decided to nominate the North Ness landscaping project for the awards.

11.10 Lerwick Thistle Football Club

Noted.

11.11 Lerwick Marina Users Association

The change of wording suggested by the association was agreed.

02/09/12

Financial Report

Noted.

02/09/13 **Financial Assistance**

Shetland Indoor Bowling Club

It was agreed to award assistance of £500 on the motion of Cllr R Anderson, seconded by Mrs S Newcombe.

02/09/14 **Planning Applications**

14.1 Mackays Stores, Commercial Street

The Chairman welcomed Mr J Sutherland and Mr A Stenson to the meeting. Mr Stenson provided some information on Mackays Stores. There was concern over disruption to the Esplanade but development on the Street was welcomed. It was hoped that construction could start next spring with the store open in time for September trading. The frontage would be changed slightly to provide a level central entrance. There were no objections. The Chairman thanked Mr Sutherland and Mr Stenson for their attendance.

14.2 Additional Office and Parking, Northwards

No objections.

14.3 Trailer Park, Northwards

No objections.

14.4 Dwellinghouse, North Ness

No objections.

14.5 Chainlink Fence and Alter Access, Hayfield Play Park

No objections.

14.6 Change Outbuilding to Office and Store, 34 King Harald Street

No objections.

14.7 Demolish Wall to Allow Access, Bonavista Guest House

No objections.

02/09/15 **Any Other Business**

It was agreed to request that signage and a dog waste bin be provided at North Ness.

The Chairman pointed out that the next meeting would be the last one of the current community council. It was agreed that

this should be a special meeting and that a photographer be arranged.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**MR T R NICOLSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**