

**MONDAY 5 JULY 2010**

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

**Members**

Mr J Anderson	Mr E Knight
Mr W Stove	Mr A Henry
Mr D Ristori	Mr A Johnson
Mr W Spence	Mr M Peterson
Mr L Angus <b>left 9.00pm</b>	Ms K Fraser

**Ex-Officio Councilors**

Cllr J Wills <b>left 9.00pm</b>	Cllr C Miller <b>left 8.15pm</b>
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**In Attendance**

Mr L Smith, Chairman, Lerwick Town Centre Association  
Mr P Clelland, Manager, Tesco Lerwick  
Ms M Dunne, Environmental Health Manager, SIC  
Mr R Taylor, Shetland Times Reporter  
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the council presided.

10/07/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

10/07/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from PS B Gray, Cllr J Henry, Cllr C Smith, Cllr A Wishart, Mrs K Greaves, Mr G McGhee and Mrs A Simpson.

10/07/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2010 were approved by Ms K Fraser and seconded by Mr E Knight.

10/07/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**10/04/14 – Knab Road Parking Restriction**

The Clerk of the Council distributed a letter which arrived too late to be included in the Agenda.

The letter, from Mr I Halcrow, Head of Service, Roads, SIC, noted that he would be recommending the parking restriction on Knab Road; however, to replace some of the lost parking spaces, he also recommend the construction of a car park in the garden of No 17 Knab Road, which would provide 7 parking spaces to replace the 11 currently available on the west side of Knab Road.

Although he recognised the need for staff, visitor and residents parking at Annsbrae, Mr L Angus objected to the proposal on safety grounds as the visibility splay was very poor, and also for the loss of garden space for the resident at No 17 Knab Road.

He stated that without a proper Traffic Management Plan for Lerwick, problems like this would be on the increase.

Mr E Knight advised the garden at No. 17 Knab Road had been neglected for 20 years.

He further advised staff and visitors to Annsbrae needed the use of parking space close by and suggested a one way system might be worth considering as this would allow the parking on Knab Road to remain as it is.

He suggested traffic could travel up Breiwick Road and down Knab Road.

Cllr J Wills stated he could see no alternative and favored the idea of a one way system, with 20mph speed limits.

The Chairman raised concern at the prospect of traffic being encouraged to use Breiwick Road and suggested a one way system could lead to vehicles speeding.

Mr L Angus stated the vehicles currently parking on Knab Road were not necessarily connected with Annsbrae.

Cllr C Miller advised residents parking schemes were bureaucratic, expensive and could cost hundreds of pounds each year per resident.

Mr E Knight proposed a one way system should be considered whereby traffic could travel up Breiwick Road, down Knab Road and parking provision on Knab Road left as it is.

Cllr J Wills seconded the motion.

Mr L Angus moved for an amendment and to keep the Status Quo.

Mr R Leith seconded the amendment.

Both proposals were put to the vote.

Proposal for one way system, traffic travelling up Breiwick Road and down Knab Road and parking kept as it is – 3 votes.

Proposal to keep the Status Quo - 6 votes.

One member abstained from voting.

The motion to keep the Status Quo was carried.

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

10/07/06 **Area Commanders Monthly report – June 2010**

Noted

10/07/06 **Police Report**

PS B Gray was unable to attend the meeting but later emailed the following crime analysis for June 2010 compared to that of the same time last year.

Class 1 - Crimes against the person – Up from 5 to 6, with 5 detections  
Class 2 - Crimes involving indecency – Down from 10 to 7, 1 detected  
Class 3 - Crimes of dishonesty – Down from 148 to 111, of which 51 were detected  
Class 4 - Crimes of vandalism – Down from 66 to 62, of which 30 were detected  
Class 5 - General Crimes – Down from 49 to 35, 34 detected  
Class 6 - Miscellaneous crimes – Down from 165 to 87, with 75 detections  
Class 7 - Traffic Offences – Up from 125 to 128, with 120 detections

10/07/07

**Lerwick Town Centre Association – Position and view of LTCA on Tesco's current development and the plans now being promoted by the store**

Cllr C Miller noted her declaration of interest as a shop owner, retailer and member of the Planning Board.

Mr L Smith, Chairman, Lerwick Town Centre Association gave his power point presentation, a **direct copy** of which is now noted:-

**What's the issue?**

The Vitality and Viability of Lerwick's Town Centre

**What's the concern?**

Tesco in their out of centre location are now promoting the sale of non-food (i.e. personal goods) in their new extension

**Why is that a concern?**

Shopping for non-food or personal goods in Lerwick needs to remain a strength of the town centre

**Why?**

If it's not, our town centre is going to die!

**Because**

"shopping "is fundamental to the survival and success of any town centre

**According to Scottish Planning Policy**

"Out of centre locations should be considered only if it can be demonstrated that there will be no adverse effect on the vitality and viability of existing centre.

**Our own local plan says**

"Lerwick's town centre is an Outstanding Conservation Area...Its physical maintenance and regeneration, however, depend on its continuing commercial viability and vitality"

**More Specifically**

"for out of centre locations, it is for applicants to demonstrate...that the impact on existing centre's is acceptable".

**Our local plan says**

The following criteria must be met

an independent retailing study (carried out at the **applicants** expense) has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that the vitality and viability of existing centres is not prejudiced

the applicant **signs a planning agreement** limiting the amount of non-food shopping floor space

**Why?**

"Because the council recognises that personal shopping has a key role in maintaining a healthy and vibrant town centre"

**And**

"If the personal goods sector is allowed to continue to decentralise, the long term vitality and viability of the town centre will be seriously compromised"

**What's the Tesco story so far about the extension?**

MAY 2008 – Tesco tell LCC that there will be an increase in retail floor space of 33%

JUNE 2008 –Tesco tell the SIC that it will be 50%

DEC 2008 – Tesco tell the Planning Board that the increase will be 70%

APRIL 2010 –Tesco are promoting around 80%

**What else did they say?**

June 2008 Tesco tell LCC – the sales space will be limited to largely grocery with only a very small amount of perhaps children's clothing, top 10 cd's and dvd's and perhaps sales of small kettles/irons and toasters

June 2008 SIC are told – the extension is primarily for food and fresh food.

December 2008 Planning Board Meeting – Tesco say the increased area would only include convenience goods not additional non-food products.

Clelland **\*[Mr Paul Clelland, Manager, Tesco Lerwick ]** – said he did not feel the extension would have nearly as great an impact as some feared adding that if people were able to buy cheaper groceries it should mean they have more disposable income to spend in other non-food stores.

Tesco tell the Planning Board the expansion will not have a negative effect on the town centre and rural shops

**Tesco's Impact Study – States quite clearly that**

"It is important to state at the outset that the increase in sales floor space will be for the sale of convenience goods only"

**And**

"For clarification, by convenience goods we refer to food and drink products, pet foods, cigarettes and tobacco, kitchen disposables, cleaning materials, newspapers and magazines"

**This was the basis on which Tesco submitted their planning application**

"It is not the intention of the proposal to seek to increase the amount of non - food shopping floor space"

**They concluded by saying**

"This document includes a detailed retail impact study which provides a robust assessment of the potential effect of the proposal upon the vitality and viability of the town centre.

The assessment concludes that there will not be any significant impact on the town centre of Lerwick"

**What are Tesco now promoting?**

Books, Car care, Cards and party, Computer accessories, Cookshop, D.I.Y, Electrical Entertainment, Health & Beauty, Homeware, Phones, Stationary, Televisions, Toys and a whole new area has suddenly appeared for the sale of clothing

**The real intention in the Tesco Extension therefore would appear to be**

A predominance of non-food

**Shetland's own independent retail study says**

"A 30% increase in personal goods would result in an additional turnover of 2.6million in the non food sector and this will predominantly come from other local retailers"

**\*Detail added by Clerk for clarification**

**How does this kind of loss impact on a small town?**

**From a 2006 report from the FSB in Scotland**

In Dingwall "88% of retailers and 93% in both Alloa and Dumfries have been adversely affected by a new supermarket development –

displacement of shoppers from the town centre was the primary reason leading to shop closures, increased vacancies and job losses

Comment from a Wick trader:

"The town centre in Wick has virtually no footfall – people are simply going to the out of centre one stop shops

- they should have developed the centre first
- it kill's local shops"

Second Wick trader:

"the town centre is absolutely dead – only this week another town centre shop closed, there is mostly now takeaways and empty shops that are really run down - it's been disastrous"

From an Oban retailer:

"They are aggressive and will target every shop in Shetland – the reduction in footfall in the town centre was dramatic"

From a Dingwall retailer:

"You will lose 25% of independent stores in the non-food sector in the first 12 months"

**So what's the current state of our town centre**

**FRAGILE !**

**Why?**

- Movement of activity from area
- Shopping in other locations out with the town centre
- Internet and mainland shopping
- Costs of operating businesses in a conservation area
- Availability of retail premises
- Parking
- Current economic climate
- Anderson High School

**Comment's from our Local Shops**

local businesses failing

local shops closing

empty shops

more charity shops

**job losses**

downturn in service

impacts on all other businesses in the area

loss of investment in the town centre

impact on visitors and tourism

sad and poor image

a town without a heart

millions lost from the local economy

#### A TOWN CENTRE SPIRALING INTO IRREVERSIBLE DECLINE

So all we do is complain !

- 18 years of involvement in supporting the town centre
- Current membership of 56 businesses
- Supported many projects, initiatives and events
- Main sponsor of the tall ships in 1999
- 100 floral baskets
- Welcome to Shetland banners and bunting
- Christmas lights
- Parking and pedestrianisation
- Supported the development of our local plan
- Supporting national shops in the town centre–Mackays/ Boots
- Supported the development of the new community group
- Lerwick Old Town Development Association
- Our part in the Town Centre Regeneration Fund award
- Lerwick BID - Business Improvement District

#### **Is there anything we can do**

Keep non food shopping as a strength of the town centre

Develop a retail strategy for the town centre

#### **Why do we have to do this**

To protect the current and future vitality and viability of our historic and traditional town centre

#### **So the bottom line is**

Tesco applied for planning permission on the basis that the extension was for the sale of "convenience goods" only

Tesco are now promoting an extension with more than half the floor area for non food

Tesco are advertising a store scheme out with the scope of their planning application and without it would seem, any due respect to either national planning policy or our own Shetland local plan. The potential outcome of Tesco developing a one-stop-shop, as the Wick trader says "will be disastrous".

Do you really want to have the centre of your main town in Shetland driven into decline by an aggressive mainland supermarket?

#### **In the end we can only ask Lerwick Community Council to....**

**Share** our concern for our historic town centre.

#### **Recognise:**

- the significant commercial pressures that town centre shops are under
- that Tesco are promoting the development of a **one stop shop** in variance to their planning application
- the knock-on-effect that this development will have on **footfall and trade** in the town centre
- that there is an alternative
- that personal shopping has a key role in maintaining a healthy and vibrant town centre

**This a very real and a very serious issue**

It's no good thinking about this after the damage has been done!

and for everyone in the future to say

"It's sad - why did they ever allow this to happen"!

***end of power point presentation***

Cllr J Wills stated that if Tesco had undermined and defied planning conditions they would have to be stopped; he advised that he would take up the issue with Planning, SIC.

He noted Tesco would never have the ambience of the street and stated it was up to retailers to make it an attractive place to shop.

The Chairman advised that on the previous Thursday, the Clerk of the Council had spoken to Mr R McNeill, Planning Officer, SIC who stated that to date Tesco had done nothing to breach planning permission and had complied with all regulations.

Mr R McNeill noted that although they were aware of the plans being promoted by Tesco no action could be taken against Tesco until they actually did breach planning permission.

To clarify, Cllr C Miller stated that Tesco could allocate 180sq meters to non convenience goods without being in breach of planning permission; action could only be taken against Tesco if they exceeded what was agreed.

Mr B Stove stated he could not see what action Lerwick Community Council could take and noted it was up to the Planners.

He stated local traders could fight back by going more up market and trading on their individualism.

Mr R Leith stated it was rather like "trying to close the gate after the horse has bolted". He noted the Street had begun to change long before Tesco arrived and seemed mainly made up of charity shops and takeaways.

He noted parking was a problem, particularly when the Harbour Trust closed off parking on the pier when Liners were in, and shoppers needed to park conveniently.

The Chairman noted no one could disagree with the concerns raised by Mr L Smith but reaffirmed that nothing could be done unless Tesco breached their planning permission.

He stated the Street had been in decline for a long time, before Tesco arrived, and agreed retailers had to have a new way of thinking to attract customers.

Mr L Smith stated he could detect some pessimism with regard to the Street. He stated there were some good shops in the town centre that were already on a fragile line and Tesco could be the last straw.

He said there was a need to look at the retail strategy for the town, like pedestrianisation, and have a town centre to be proud of.

The Chairman stated he was keen for the town centre to develop and survive and Lerwick Community Council had long campaigned for pedestrianisation of Commercial Street.

Mr L Smith stated that if it was not for a report from Lerwick Town Centre Association, written 15 years ago, pedestrianisation and short term parking would not be as it is now.

The Chairman responded that ‘‘we were not to kid ourselves, the street was not pedestrianised’’.

Mr L Smith conceded it was time to look again at the pedestrianisation of Commercial Street.

Cllr J Wills stated Tesco’s plans included 180sq meters of space for non convenience goods and there was no blanket ban on Tesco selling non convenience goods.

He thanked Mr L Smith for his presentation, expressed sympathy for the concerns of the retailers and advised he would keep in touch with Planning, SIC regarding progress.

The Chairman thanked Mr L Smith for attending the meeting.

Mr L Smith’s presentation concluded at 7.50pm.

10/07/08

**Ms M Dunne, Environmental Health Manager, SIC – ‘Wir Community, Wir Choice’ & Updates on Cigarette Litter Campaign & Dog Fouling**

**Wir Community, Wir Choice**

Ms M Dunne stated North Stoney Hill was the only area outside Scotland’s central belt to be chosen in the government pilot on community development; she advised the initial project budget of £20,000 has now been doubled due to a successful bid for LEADER funding (part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme).

This pilot will enable the North Stoney Hill Community Association to build on its efforts to renew a sense of community within the area, overcome the negative assumptions that are made about it, increase understanding between groups in the community and allow the community to solve its own problems.

She advised a newsletter has been distributed to all households in the North Stoney Hill area to explain participatory budgeting and included a questionnaire encouraging residents to state what needed to change and what was good about the community.

Ms M Dunne stated drop in sessions, inviting residents to discuss issues had proved positive; the next drop in session was scheduled for 25 September 2010 when residents could vote for the projects they felt would most benefit from funding.

Mr B Stove noted big improvements had been made to the hall but felt the area could do with more amenities. He asked if the play areas could be included in the programme of upgrading.

Ms K Fraser stated there was a lot of work going on to improve the area which was needed and Wir Community, Wir Choice was an extremely positive project.

**Cigarette Litter**

Ms M Dunne stated there had been an increase in cigarette litter since the smoking ban in public places. She advised that since the summer, problem areas had been identified and photographed; owners of premises had been approached, issued with pocket ashtrays and asked to put up posters to encourage smokers to dispose of cigarette ends properly.

Ms M Dunne advised that the pocket ashtrays, decorated with a Shetland flag design, were also suitable for the disposing of chewing gum. Both the pocket ashtrays and posters were funded from money received from the £50 fixed penalty fines which were imposed on offenders.

She noted that there were still some people who did not perceive the dumping of chewing gum and cigarettes as littering and she hoped to embark on a general education programme.

She advised that offenders could either pay the £50 fine or choose to go on an education programme.

Ms M Dunne advised the new bins for cigarettes had been designed to include an area for cigarettes to be stubbed out on, reducing the risk of fire.

Cllr C Miller stated she was aware smokers would often flick cigarettes down drains.

Ms M Dunne stated this practice was not acceptable as the cigarette ends could block the drains or be washed out to sea.

Mr R Leith noted there was no longer a bin outside Malcolmson's and was concerned the adjacent lane would be used as a dumping ground.

Ms M Dunne advised she would look into Mr Leith's concern and report back.

### **Dog Fouling**

Mr L Angus stated the problem was getting worse and advised he had received a number of representations from the public with regard to the issue.

Ms M Dunne replied she was fully aware not enough was being done to deal with the problem and she was writing a report to the Infrastructure Committee.

She also advised that the North Stoney Hill Association intended to peruse issues with the relevant service department.

Cllr J Wills stated concerns should be brought to Community Councils who would then contact Shetland Islands Council. He noted his disquiet that Local Service Delivery Group's seemed to dilute and confuse and add another layer of bureaucracy.

Ms M Dunne stated she thought Local Service Delivery Group's was a good thing as it brought services together but agreed existing groups should be used.

### **Cllr C Miller left 8.15pm.**

Ms M Dunne stated dog fouling was very unpleasant and did affect the public's enjoyment of town. She noted that dogs let out on their own often caused problems and efforts had been made to catch the dogs as strays. Owners were then required to pay £25 to have their dogs released and a further £7 per day for care.

She noted problem areas would continue to be prioritised. She stated that sadly some people would never learn and advised one individual alone had been issued with three fixed penalties.

Mr B Stove stated he had come across two cases of dog fouling on Breiwick Road that night. He also noted that bags containing dog litter could often be found tied to fences or gates.

Ms M Dunne stated that offenders would still receive a fixed penalty if caught as it would be perceived as littering.

Ms K Fraser suggested that a list of fixed penalties should be submitted periodically to the Shetland Times in order to highlight the fact that members of the public are often caught and fined.

Ms M Dunne agreed it may be possible to provide a monthly update.

The Chairman asked Ms M Dunne if she had any figures with her for the number of fixed penalty notices issued.

Ms M Dunne stated that she did not but would get some figures for the next meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

Mr M Peterson stated dog fouling at Sandy Loch was still an issue.

Ms M Dunne advised she would request extra patrols in the area. She stated that if anyone could forward the names of offenders she would arrange for them to be directly written to with regard to the issue. She also noted it would be an advantage to be supplied with times of any incidences.

The Chairman thanked Ms M Dunne for her informative presentation which concluded at 8.25pm.

10/07/09

### Correspondence

#### **9.1 Obstruction Concern, Tables & Chairs on Commercial Street - Mr Neil Robertson, Engineer, Roads, SIC**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Neil Robertson, Engineer, Roads, SIC and request details of the restrictions and conditions noted in his response.

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

#### **9.2 Privacy Concern, Esplanade Toilets - Mr Jonathan Emptage, Cleansing services Manager, SIC**

Noted

#### **9.3 Dog Fouling, King Haakon Street & Ladies Drive, in front of Staney Hill Hostel – Maggie Dunne, Environmental Health manager, SIC**

Noted

#### **9.4 Single Lerwick Primary School Concern, Blueprint for Education – Mrs Helen Budge, Head of Schools, SIC**

Mr L Angus advised there were very strict guidelines with regard to what local authorities could do and there had to be formal consultation.

Noted

#### **9.5 Bench Request, Esplanade Toilets – Mr Paul Wishart, Secretary, Lerwick Old Town Development Association**

Mr D Ristori advised the toilet attendants were concerned that a bench outside the toilets may attract drunks.

The Chairman stated it should be left up to the Old Town Development Association to decide what to do.

#### **9.6 Interpretive Panels, Proposed Knab Viewpoint – Mr Davy Cooper, Communications Officer, Shetland Amenity Trust**

The Chairman asked Mr E Knight and Mr L Angus to deal directly with Mr D Cooper in an attempt to “speed things up”.

**(Action: Mr E Knight and Mr L Angus)**

#### **9.7 Traffic Concern, Staney Hill Road – Sheila Johnson, Outdoor Access Officer, SIC**

Mr K Fraser noted a long time was being taken to have the issue dealt with; meantime, walkers were being forced off the road by vehicles. She stated it was important the footpath was kept safe and pleasant.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase up a response.

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

**9.8 Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2010-2013: Consultation Document – Brian Hill, Depute Clerk to Licensing Board, SIC**

Mr B Stove noted page 19 of the document made reference to outdoor seating areas.

Cllr L Angus stated it was regrettable that drinking time, following closing time, was reduced. He thought that this could potentially lead to problems due to a higher concentration of people leaving an establishment at any one time.

No further comment.

10/07/10

**Applications for Premises Licenses**

**10.1 Application for variation of Premises License – Shetland Museum & Archives**

It was agreed no comment could be made as no detail was given on the application.

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

10/07/11

**Traffic & Parking Orders**

**11.1 SIC (Clickimin Road, Lerwick) (Prohibition of Entry) Order 2010**

No objections.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr I McDiarmid, Head of Planning and enquire how the Main Issues Report was progressing.

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

10/07/12

**Approve unaudited financial accounts for year end 31 March 2010**

Approved

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

10/07/13

**Financial Report**

Noted

10/07/14

**Planning Applications**

**14.1 2010/212/PCO – Erect dwellinghouse (planning permission principle), Phase III Quoy, Sound**

No objections

**14.2 2010/209/PCD – To remove 32 no existing chalets, redevelopment of ex-chalet sites and adjacent site to provide 76 no housing units, Hoofields, Lerwick by SIC – Housing Service**

The Clerk distributed copies of a letter of objection to the proposed build from North Stanley Hill Community Association to Iain McDiarmid, Head of Planning, SIC. A copy of that letter was emailed to Lerwick Community Council but arrived too late to be included in the agenda.

Mr L Angus noted the basis for objection was the high proportion of single person accommodation; however, he noted that it reflected the number of applicants in need of single person housing.

Cllr J Wills stated the flexible design of the proposed houses would meet the needs of most tenants for years to come. He advised he could understand the argument put forward in the objection, but that type accommodation was greatly needed and Lerwick Community Council should support the application; if it was contrary to the Local Plan then the Planning Department would say so.

He stated he would find it difficult to raise an objection as the new housing would raise the quality of life in the area.

The Chairman raised concern that the road layout did not lend itself to future development and would steralise any future expansion of the site.

Ms K Fraser stated there was a large proportion of single person accommodation compared to that in other areas. However, she could see it was a mixed development and that alone should address the concerns of North Staney Hill Association.

The Chairman noted that over the whole development the number of single person accommodation would decrease rather than increase. He stated there was a crying need for housing and the development should be supported.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to comment that the design of the road potentially strealises further development of the area, a concern previously raised during a pre-application presentation to Lerwick Community Council **(10/03/08)** by Mr N Clubb, Contract Manager (Architecture), SIC and Chris Medley, Head of Service, Housing, SIC, regarding the Hoofiled Housing Redevelopment.

No objections  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

10/07/15 **Lerwick Applications June 2010**

Noted

10/07/16 **Any Other Business**

**Browns Road**

Mr D Ristori suggested the road could be opened up again and made one way In order to ease the traffic in the area.

Ms K Fraser stated if she were a resident in Browns Road she would not be happy with the suggestion; she stated the road was excellent for pedestrians.

The Chairman stated we should wait and see if there were any traffic problems once Mareel and the proposed new offices were opened.

**Cllr J Wills and Mr L Angus left the meeting - 9.00pm**

**Music Tuition**

Mr R Leith noted his concern that Shetland Islands Council still intended to go ahead with charging school children for music tuition and proposed Lerwick Community Council should write to express their disappointment.

Mr M Peterson seconded the proposal.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to SIC.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**Cycling on Pavements**

Mr A Henry raised concern that cyclists of all ages often cycled on the pavements causing a hazard to pedestrians.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to PS B Gray to voice the concerns of Lerwick Community Council and ask that the subject be discussed at the next meeting of Lerwick community Council.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**Road Salt**

Mr M Peterson advised the road salt stockpile at Rova Head was being eroded by the elements and leaching into adjacent water courses.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr I Halcrow, Head of Roads, SIC and enquire why the stockpile was not kept inside or at least undercover.

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

**Request for Roundabout – Gremista**

Mr M Peterson appealed for the consideration of the construction of a roundabout at the Gremista Junction near the Marina Business Park.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Mike Finnie, Capital Programme Service, SIC and enquire if a roundabout for the area in question features in the Capital Programme and if so, where.

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

**Benches – Path Behind Lerwick Cemetery**

Mr B Stove advised that two benches, just beside the new gate/car park at the start of the path, were in a state of disrepair. Both benches had been donated by Lerwick Community Council and on had a missing plaque.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Magnus Malcolmson, Leisure Facilities Officer, SIC and ask if he could arrange to have the benches tended to.

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

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL