

Monday 29 February 2016

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson	Mr D Ristori
Mr A Carter	Mr W Spence
Ms K Fraser	Mr A Wenger
Mr E Knight	Mr A Henry
Mr S Hay	

Additional Co-opted Student Members

Miss S Sandison	Mr I Russell
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Ex Officio

Cllr Bell	Cllr Wills
Cllr Smith	Cllr Wishart

In Attendance

Corinne Dalziel, Administration Assistant, ASCC

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

03/16/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

03/16/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Johnston, Mr M Peterson and Cllr M Stout.

03/16/03

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Mr D Ristori and seconded by Mr A Carter.

03/16/04

Business Arising from the Minute

Mrs Simpson asked if there have been any responses from Roads regarding the flooding in Haldane Burgess Crescent, outside number 15. There is a drain in that area that appears to be blocked and the area is still below water. Mr Anderson will email Roads to see if any progress has been made on this issue.

(Action: Chair)

Mr Wenger spotted that in the previous minute, item 02/16/09 regarding plans for change of use for 24 Commercial Street from retail to cafe/coffee shop should be 24 Commercial Road, not Commercial Street.

There were no other matters arising.

03/16/05 **Police Scotland Report**

There was no one from the Police. Mr Anderson will circulate when their report is received.

03/16/06 **Harrison Square Information Panels**

Copies of the planned Harrison Square information panels were handed out to the Council and displayed on the projector for the Council to discuss. When the panels are agreed, the Lerwick panel will go on the left, the Shetland panel will go on the right and the information panels will go in the middle. Potential amendments to the panel were discussed.

It was discussed that the green dots marked notable places and the numbered points mark out visitor attractions. The Council agreed that the text is a good, large size which will be better to read in the elevated positions that the panels will take at Harrison Square.

Mr Wills advised that an update would need to be made to the panel as the Town Hall has been upgraded to a grade 'A' listed building due to its stained glass windows. Mr Wills added that it should be noted on the panel that Fort Charlotte is an 18th century fort.

It was discussed that 'Kirkabister' was marked in the wrong area on the map and should be moved to the next peninsula north.

A few islands names were not mentioned on the map, including Papa Stour and Fetlar however it was agreed that every place in Shetland may be too much for the panel. It was agreed that the panels looked good and a note of thanks was made to Douglas Sinclair who has come with the information for the panels.

Mr Anderson advised that once the corrections have been passed on, it will take roughly four weeks to create the panels. It is hoped that they will be on display in Harrison Square in the first fortnight in April. The amended panels will be emailed to council members before they go to print.

(Action: Chair)

03/16/07 **Correspondence**

7.1 South Road 30mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order 2016

This order extends the existing 30 mph speed limit to the south-west by approximately 110 metres.

There were no objections.

7.2 Staney Hill Development

Andrew Blackadder was due to come to this meeting however he will come for the April meeting instead with plans, where the development can be discussed in more detail. Ms Fraser added that some comments were made about the development at the planning application stage so it may be worth to have the application available.

7.3 The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons

Cllr Bell advised that the Shetland Islands Council will not be taking part in this project however details have been sent to all Community Councils for if they chose to take part. Participation is optional. Some Community Councils have decided to take part. Unst Community Council will be taking part as they are the most northerly Community Council.

It was agreed that there may be too many logistical issues for Lerwick Community Council taking part and that Unst Community Council would be good representation for Shetland as a whole. Lerwick Community Council made the decision to not take part in this event.

7.4 Fairer Scotland

Noted.

7.5 ASCC Meeting 9th April 2016

The ASCC meeting will be held in the Museum Auditorium on 9th April at 11am. There were no comments and nothing to add to the agenda.

7.6 Shetland Local Development Plan

Noted.

7.7 Material Planning Considerations

John Holden at Developments services emailed two links regarding material planning considerations for Community Council's information. It was agreed that this is useful information to keep noted.

7.8 Street Lights Scalloway Road Steps

The ownership of the steps was discussed. Roads have stated that it is not their responsibility, as have housing. It was considered that the path goes between council built houses, so must have been created by the council.

Cllr Smith reported that he had met with Dave Coupe to discuss this matter and will email any updates. Housing has agreed to put up two lights with motion sensors at the top of the steps as it has been agreed that these steps can be very dark and therefore create risk. The council were happy that the risk was being addressed.

(Action: Cllr C Smith)

7.9 Earth Hour 2016

The flood lights at the Clickimin Broch will be turned off for an hour at 8.30pm on 19th March 2016 in support of Earth Hour. There were no objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.11 Community Council Core Funding

Michael Duncan has emailed the Community Council to inform that core funding budgets have been approved for 2016/2017. Lerwick will be allocated the same budget as last year, £20, 923.

7.12 Community Development Fund 2016/2017

Mr Anderson informed the council that a standstill budget has been approved for the Community Development Fund scheme. It was agreed last year by the Community Council that this fund would be allocated to a one-off project if successful. Potential projects were discussed. Options included the Skate Park and lights for the Sletts.

Mr Anderson suggested the funding going towards updating the flood lights. Currently, there is an electricity bill of roughly £2,000 annually. If the current 250 watt bulbs were exchanged with 100 watt LED bulbs, roughly 60% can be saved in electricity bills. This will amount in an approximate 4 year payback. This is also a more environmentally friendly option. All were happy with this suggestion so it was agreed that Mr Anderson will approach Michael Duncan with this suggest to see if it is appropriate use of the funding.

(Action: Chair)

7.13 Mair's Quay

Lerwick Port Authority responded regarding access to Mair's Quay. Access will regularly be restricted on safety grounds. The information was noted.

7.14 Lerwick Thistle Football Club

Letters of thanks have been received from Lerwick Thistle Football club.

7.15 Smashed Broch Lights

Chris Graham passed on comments regarding the smashed lights at the Broch, which was raised with the Bells Brae pupils at assembly.

7.16 Rotary Christmas Support 2015

The Rotary Club agreed to assist the Lerwick Community Council with a £100 contribution. This was put towards a Christmas lunch for senior citizens. The Lerwick CC thanks the Rotary Club for their contribution.

7.17 Funding Opportunities

Paths for All – Community Path Grant

Grant's of up to £1,500 are available to support groups to improve and develop local paths in their community. The LCC have applied for this grant in the past and have been successful. The deadline for expression of interest is 18 March 2016 (5pm). Suggestions for this grant included improving and continuing the path along Westerloch. Mr Wenger reported that there is a dark spot in that area however proper street lights have not been put up as they would be right at the windows of the houses nearby. Mr Anderson suggested that he write to the council to ask about their plans in that area and if they are planning to carry on the path themselves.

(Action: Mr Anderson)

Cllr Wills suggested the walk way in the Twageos area. The walkway around the shore used to be open to the public however access was restricted due to there being vulnerable people living in the area. It was discussed that the access for this area could be raised with the council. Cllr Wills stated the area is used by dog walkers and children play in this area however there are no signs to indicate it is a public walk way and has become over grown. If the grant was to be used for this area, the LCC would need to first get permission to work on the area as well as evaluate the cost. This might be difficult to get completed before the deadline of the 18th March.

Cllr Carter queried if the fund could go towards grass cutting in the Twageos area. Mr Anderson advised that the grant can go towards maintenance, machinery hire and professional labour.

It was suggested that the grant could go towards dog fouling signs. It was discussed that there are none in some areas of Westerloch.

Ms Fraser suggested a sign on Staney Hill that signals which path is for the Clickimin area and which is for Cunningham Way. There could also a sign that recognises areas of interest on Staney Hill. Mr Anderson will speak with Roads to see if a sign can be put up and will get a quote.

(Action: Mr Anderson/Clerk to the council)

Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundations

Noted.

03/16/08

Planning Applications

Cllr Bell declared an interest as he is a member of the planning board.

8.1 2016/003/PPF – Proposed workshop/store, North Ness, Lerwick – Michael Stewart

Mrs Simpson advised that there had been some complaints about this proposed development with concerns about safety. It was discussed that vehicles will have to reverse all the way down that road to get out. It was difficult to tell from the plan however it appeared there was little space to reverse around the corner. There was

no dimension for that corner noted on the path. It was also a concern that fire engines would struggle to get to the area. The vapours from the fuel depot in that area were another concern.

It was agreed that there were objections to this development due to the obstruction of the walkway. There are also dimensions missing from the plans that are crucial for making a decision on the development. There is a lack of space for vehicles to turn and safety issues to pedestrian around that corner as there is a blind spot for vehicles reversing out of that corner.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

2016/014/PPF – Erect dwelling house, Garden grounds next to Leog Hse – Cecil Eunson

The access for this development will be up Leog Lane. No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

2016/046/PPF – Erection of 3 storey building on the site of the former Grantfield Fire Station, comprising ground floor offices, 9 flats above and associated parking and landscaping – Grantfield, North Road, Lerwick – Grantfield Development Limited

The access for this development will be from the Toll Clock side. No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

2016/048/PPF – To construct a steel frame workshop – Erik Robertson

There were no documents available for this development so therefore a decision could not be made.

2016/020/PPF – Proposed new house, 51 St Olaf Street, Lerwick – Cecil Eunson

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

03/16/09

Finance

9.1 Core Funding Financial Report March 2016

The report indicates that Lerwick Community Council has free funding of £5,478.36. It was discussed that these funds could go towards the flood lights and the sign on Staney Hill, as previously discussed. It was agreed that the lights would be a better option for now and the sign can be focused on at a later date. The lights cost £175 each, as well as roughly £50 to install and there are 16 lights in total. There is also a three year payback on the power savings. As the new lights are a different colour (cool, white) than the old lights (yellow/orange), they would have to all be upgraded at once however this does not mean all the lights have to be purchased in one go.

(Action: Chair/Clerk to the council)

There were no issues with the financial statement.

9.2 Additional Costs of Participatory Budgeting Pilot Scheme

All present agreed they were happy to cover the cost of this project pilot scheme and at cap at £250 was agreed.

03/16/10

Grant Applications

10.1 Lerwick Boating Club – Crane – John Manson

Mrs Simpson took over at this point as Mr Anderson, Mr Spence and Mr Knight declared an interest as they are members of the Boating Club.

It was agreed that the Lerwick Community Council would make a £2,000 donation. This was approved by Ms Fraser and seconded by Mr Ristori.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

03/16/11

Any Other Business

Grit on Roads

Mr Ristori informed that complaints have been raised about the mess of gravel on the road between the Gremista junction and the Shetland College and has been in this condition for over a year. There is also mess on the road between North Lochside and Robertson Crescent. It was suggested that this may be grit left behind after the snow.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Dog Fouling

Mr Spence brought with him signs from Environmental Services that are due to go up to prevent dog fouling. This sign has luminous eyes and was agreed to be a very striking poster. Environmental Services are planning to target problem areas and monitor the progress of the signs. There will be 20-30 signs put up.

Street Lighting

Mr Henry reported there are three street lights in a row that have been taken down at the end of Helendale Drive. Ms Fraser also noted that there are three lights out in the Hoofields area.

Cllr Bell explained that there is a limited budget with the Shetland Islands Council at the moment so priority is given to the busier roads and junctions. He suggested writing to the council to make sure they have been reported.

Cllr Wishart advised that many lampposts were installed at the same time so are therefore becoming faulty at the same time.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Campsite Signage

Mr Hay reported that there is still a sign for the campsite located at the Tesco roundabout.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Lights for Hayfield Play Park

Mr Ristori enquired if it would be possible for lights to be installed at the Hayfield play park.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Town Hall Sub-committee representative

Mr Carter explained that a representative is needed for his Town Hall subcommittee from the Lerwick Community Council and ASCC. Mrs Simpson will act as representative for LCC. This could be added to the ASCC agenda.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Pot Holes

Mr Wenger reported there are pot holes at the end of Ladies Drive.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

New AHS Construction

Mr Wenger queried if there were any restrictions on the noise levels coming from the new school site on Sundays. Cllr Bell advised they do work at restricted times on a Sunday as they have planning permission to do so.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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