

MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2018

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

Members

Mr D Ristori

Ms K Fraser

Mr S Hay

Mr A Carter

Mr A Irvine

Mrs A Simpson

Mrs M Hall

Mr J Fraser

Mr G Robinson

Mr E Knight

Mrs J Williamson

Mr A Johnston

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell

Cllr M Bell

In Attendance

Mrs C Carroll, Living Lerwick

Ms F Valente, Clerk

Chairman

Mr J Anderson

01/19/01

Circular

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2019.

01/19/02

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bell and Cllr Smith both declared an interest in the Planning item, as members of the Planning Committee.

01/19/03

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Campbell, Cllr A Hawick, Cllr S Leask, Cllr B Wishart, Mr A Wenger, Mr M Peterson and Mr M Duncan.

01/19/04

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mr Ristori and seconded by Mr Robinson. The Chairman pointed out a typing for the amount of grant awarded to Shetland Amateur Athletics. The figure should read £1000, not £2000.

01/19/05

Business Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

01/19/06

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Sgt Victoria Duthie and PC Kysheia Nowicki gave a summary on the latest policy report. There had been 223 incidents during November, including one driver charged with drink driving; one person charged with breach of the peace; five reports of vandalism; six

people found in possession of drugs; two people searched under warrant and drugs recovered; two reports of theft and two people issued with antisocial behaviour fixed penalties. The remainder of calls had been of a routine nature with a number of road traffic offences detected around the town including driving without insurance, not MOT, speeding or use of a mobile phone. The festive drink drive campaign had also resulted in a few arrests for drinking and driving.

The national Ask for Angela scheme had been introduced to Shetland. Sgt Duthie explained that all Lerwick licensed premises had received briefing on the scheme by the Community Safety officers. The scheme provides help for anyone who needs assistance getting out of a difficult situation; perhaps because they are being pestered by someone, or that their date makes them feel unsafe. They can approach the bar staff and by asking for Angela the staff are alerted to the problem and will discreetly offer assistance by getting them out of the premises without needing to confront the person they are trying to get away from.

There has been some promotional work carried out on the “Scambusters” project which aims to prevent people, particularly pensioners and other vulnerable groups, being ripped off by unscrupulous and dishonest sales tactics.

Mr Robinson raised the issue of traffic speeding along Ladies Drive and said that some drivers find it particularly dangerous to pull out of Burnside junction as the cars are travelling so fast along that road. The police have had speed checks in the area and did not detect any speeding; however, it was acknowledged that the police being present in the area was enough to deter speeding cars. They would continue to monitor the situation.

01/19/07 **Finance – Core Funding Report as at 31 December 2018**

There were no comments on the core funding report.

01/19/08 **Planning Applications 2018/235/PPF**

There were was a discussion about the planning application which had been returned to the Community Council following some amendments to the layout of the scheme. Mr Robinson proposed revoking the earlier objection to the development. This was seconded by Mr Knight.

01/19/09 **Clickimin Loch Interpretation Board**

The draft text and images for the interpretation board were discussed. Revisions were required for the section on Sandveien housing estate, including the removal of the reference to Nederdale which cannot be seen from the loch. More detail on who Cunningham Way was named after would also be added.

Mr Irvine said he had spoken to Tom Jamieson regarding the installation of the board and Mr Jamieson had suggested using a large rock, which was currently stored at Gremista. The rock would fit nicely into the geology of the landscape and would provide the perfect plinth for the board.

01/19/10 **By-Elections – Vacancy for Lerwick Community Council**

There is one vacancy remaining after the recent Community Council elections and members were encouraged to speak to anyone who might be interested in nominating themselves to join Lerwick Community Council.

01/19/11

A.O.B.

- a. Ms Fraser raised the issue of drivers frequently parking around the Market Cross instead of the nearby car parks, and making it difficult and unsafe for pedestrians in the area. Mrs Carroll reported on the recent consultation on vehicular access to Commercial St and business users had been split equally on whether to keep access limited as it currently is, or whether to close the street to traffic. Cllr Bell said that the problems with people ignoring the restrictions on access or parking in the area were mostly due to the fact that there was no enforcement being carried out. He said that previous requests to Police Scotland for more enforcement to be carried out had been met by resistance due to budgetary constraints. However, as time goes on the lack of enforcement has meant that some drivers routinely ignore the restrictions. SIC had investigated decriminalization of parking and making this a civil matter which could be dealt with by clamping and towing were far too expensive, even if some revenue could be raised by offenders. Mr Robinson asked if it was time to go back to Police Scotland and ask them to reconsider their stance, as the occasional enforcement could go a long way towards tackling the problem. Mr Fraser highlighted the number of parking spaces around the town centre, pointing out that laziness was behind some of the parking and access issues. He said that some of the residents in the lanes also had problems parking near to their properties. It was pointed out that on Saturdays there are a number of empty parking spaces belonging to LPA and LPA's tenants, which might possibly be used to alleviate the problem. The clerk was asked to write to Police Scotland to ask them to reconsider taking more enforcement action, and also to LPA to ask whether parking spaces could be used on Saturdays.

- b. Mr Robinson raised the issue of the dangerous state of repair of the BT building which had cracked blockwork and missing render and looked like more render could fall, potentially injuring anyone nearby. The building is still in use and therefore the owners should be aware of the problem already. The clerk was asked to write to Building Control to report the problem.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 7.45 pm.

Minute ends.

CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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