

## **MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2002**

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

### **Present**

Cllr R Anderson  
Cllr L Angus  
Mr G Burgess  
Dr J Goddard  
Mr D Sinclair  
Cllr J Irvine

Mr A Johnson  
Mr I Bruce  
Mr T Nicolson  
Mr P Scarsbrook  
Cllr W Stove (left 9pm)  
Mrs S Newcombe

Cllr P Malcolmson

### **In Attendance:**

PS A MacLeod, Northern Constabulary (left 7.15pm)  
Mr J Tait, Shetland Times  
Mr F Murray, SIC (left 9pm)  
Ms B Henry, SIC (left 9pm)  
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

### **Chairman**

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the council presided.

01/02/1

### **Circular**

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

01/02/2

### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W Henderson and Mr K Watt.

01/02/3

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2001 were approved on the motion of Cllr R Anderson, seconded by Cllr L Angus. It was noted that Cllr A Cluness had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

01/02/4

### **Business Arising**

**Town Hall Windows**

It was agreed to commit funding for Mr H Tait to produce design work and details for the proposed windows to be presented to the Town Hall Sub-Committee.

01/02/5

### **Northern Constabulary**

PS MacLeod reported that there had been a good community response to the passive drugs dogs project. It was hoped to set up a charitable trust to manage funding. The Chairman thought this was a worthwhile exercise and he hoped that LCC would be able to provide some funding towards the project. It was hoped that the project would be up and running by late spring.

PS MacLeod presented the figures from 10 December to 14 January as follows:

Shetland      597 incidents

Lerwick      424 incidents

54 alarm activations	11 accidental damage
6 underage alcohol	1 abandoned vehicles
47 breach of the peace	3 assaults
2 Civic (G) (Scot) Act	22 court procedures
3 children/young persons	1 civil matter
5 drink driving	1 death
2 destruction of firearms	3 domestic incidents
9 drunk persons	9 drugs
6 firearms enquiries	14 fire calls
3 fraud/forgery	4 immigration matters
8 housebreaking	2 missing persons
3 mental health	9 road accidents
2 missing persons	6 medical services
19 road traffic matters	54 telephone calls
10 theft	9 vandalism
3 vehicle excise	16 speeders
2 shoplifting	2 suspicious persons
31 arrests	8 detainees

01/02/6

### **Lerwick Local Plan**

Mr F Murray and Ms B Henry of Shetland Islands Council gave an update on progress with the Lerwick Local Plan. Mr Murray felt that the public consultation meetings had been poorly attended. He provided feedback from the consultation process, the main points being:

- All feedback in favour of a cycle path at Clickimin
- All groups agreed Fort Charlotte should be more accessible to the community

- There was strong support for improvement of visitor facilities at Clickimin Broch
- Restoration of the Tolbooth might progress in the next few months
- Replacement of sewers in King Harald Street should be progressed as quickly as possible
- Creation of a roundabout at North Lochside was underway
- There was general support for a Lerwick perimeter walkway
- The decision to construct a new High School at Clickimin should be postponed pending the outcome of the best value review of education
- It was felt that the site opposite Sutherlands garage would be appropriate for Shetland Health Board's proposal for a new hospital

Comments made by LCC members were as follows:

- BP should be encouraged to move their oil tanks away from the North Ness site
- The site previously earmarked for a new school next to the Clickimin Leisure Centre should be set aside for educational purposes
- Seafield should not be marked on the Local Plan map as a site for a new hospital
- Lochside playing fields, Gilbertson Park and Seafield Park should be marked as protected areas on the map
- There was concern about parking if another use was found for the current museum and library
- Public toilets should be provided at the Sands of Sound beach
- Soundproofing should be provided between the new firestation and the adjacent old people's accommodation
- Cllr R Anderson requested that part of paragraph 3.1 of the area statement be amended to read "However, the overwhelming public opinion as expressed in 1992 and reported recently at the Plan Ahead public meetings is for the area to remain undeveloped"
- It was thought that a Cunningham Way Bypass could tie in with a footpath over the Staney Hill were the new school to be built. This would also be useful if a new hospital was to be built opposite Sutherlands Garage. It was important to protect this area from development in the meantime so that the option would be available in the future.
- It was pointed out that the Gilbertson Park games hall had been built in the 1980s, not 1960s, as stated in paragraph 14.10.
- The key for the map was incomplete
- Mr Murray agreed to investigate whether the oil tanks at North Ness should be marked by a HSE circle

- A small waiting room should be included in any proposal to refurbish the Esplanade toilets

01/02/7

**Lerwick Town Centre Management Group**  
**Improving Lerwick: Possible Mechanisms**

There was some discussion regarding the area that the initiative should cover. It was generally agreed that the shoreline of all the Lerwick wards should be included. Cllr J Irvine thought that LCC should be the body to take the venture forward. It was felt however that the initiative had already been taken by LTCMG and that it was the better body to fulfill the role. It was agreed that a dedicated project officer was required.

01/02/8

**Gilbertson Park Gates**

Cllr R Anderson had received a brief report on the project from SIC. He would pass this onto the clerk to be distributed to members.

01/02/9

**Condition of LCC Offices**

Cllr L Angus reported that Cllr A Cluness was now in receipt of documentation from SIC and was making progress.

01/02/10

**Correspondence**

It was agreed to request copies of the reports concerned and to include the items on the agenda for the next meeting.

01/02/11

**LCC Financial Report**

Noted. Cllr R Anderson felt that £4,000 would not be sufficient for the Town Hall Windows.

01/02/12

**Financial Assistance**

**Junior Up Helly Aa, Galley Shed**

It was agreed to award £3,000 on the motion of Cllr L Angus seconded by Mr I Bruce. Cllr R Anderson moved an amendment for £1500 but found no seconder. In addition it was agreed to pay the annual lease from Lerwick Port Authority at its present level if funds were available.

**Claire Thomson, National Childrens Orchestra of Scotland**

On the proposal of Dr J Goddard, seconded by Mr G Burgess, it was agreed to award funding of £200.

01/02/13

**Planning Applications**

**2001/405/CU Montfield Hospital**

No objections.

**2001/421/PCD Create flat, 159 Commercial Street**

No objections.

01/02/14

**Any Other Business**

The Chairman commented on the public outrage caused by the decision made by SIC regarding the Up Helly Aa public holiday. The SIC members present gave assurances that the matter had been misreported by the press.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**T R NICOLSON  
CHAIRMAN  
L.C.C.**