

MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2002

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

Present

Mr P Scarsbrook	Mr D Sinclair
Mr I Bruce	Mr W Henderson
Mr T Nicolson	Dr J Goddard
Mr G Burgess	Cllr L Angus
Cllr W Stove	Mr A Johnston

In Attendance

PS A MacLeod (left 7.10pm)
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

02/10/1

Circular

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/10/2

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Irvine, Mr K Watt and Cllr A Cluness.

02/10/3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2002 were approved on the motion of Mr W Henderson, seconded by Mr I Bruce.

02/10/4

Business Arising

Cemetery Gates

The Chairman had received a number of representations against closure of the cemetery gates. The overall view however remained that the gates should be closed to prevent misuse.

Marina Slipway

Following an article in the Shetland Times, the Chairman had received a number of calls regarding the public use of the marina slipway and a letter had also been received from a member of the association. It was decided to request the association include this item on the agenda for their AGM.

02/10/5

Monthly Police Report

PS MacLeod reported the figures from 23 September to 14 October as follows:

Shetland incidents	397	Lerwick incidents	284
Alarm activations	16	Accidental damage	3
Alcohol - underage	4	Assault	7
Breach of the Peace	30	Civic (Gov) (Scot) Act	18
Children/Young persons	7	Court Procedures	51
Drink driving	2	Destruction of firearms	1
Domestic incident	1	Drunk persons	10
Drugs	8	Firearms enquiries	4
Fraud/forgery	3	Fire calls	11
Mental health	2	Missing persons	4
Medical services	4	Road accidents	4
Road safety/traffic	12	Shoplifting	1
Suspicious persons	3	Telephone calls	12
Theft	8	Vandalism	6
Vehicle Excise	2	Seatbelts	1
Speeding	4	Arrests	19
Detainees	2		

PS MacLeod reported that there had recently been an increase in drink driving incidents. These related mainly to males aged under 35.

Mr G Burgess noted that there had been some vandalism to the turf at the goal area on the football pitch at Gilbertson Park. It was agreed to notify SIC of the damage.

As this was the last meeting of the present Council, PS MacLeod was thanked for his informative reports and regular attendance at meetings.

- 02/10/6 **Community Council Elections 2002**
The Lerwick Community Council election had been uncontested. Five new members were to be appointed and five members were retiring. There had been an incident with one member, Mr K Watt's application not being process by SIC. On the motion of Mr T Nicolson, seconded by Cllr L Angus, it was decided to co-opt Mr Watt as a member of the Council. The issue of boundaries was put forward to the next meeting.
- 02/10/7 **SIC Traffic Orders**
- St Sunniva Street Disabled Parking**
No objections.
- Russell Crescent Disabled Parking**
No objections.
- 02/10/8 **Gilbertson Park Gates**
A letter had been received from SIC confirming that the "No Dogs" sign would be replaced.
- 02/10/9 **Financial Report**
Noted. Dr J Goddard had purchased a clock for the library. It was agreed to accept Dr Goddard's offer to continue to work with the project although he was retiring as a member of the Council.
- 02/10/10 **Financial Assistance**
- Islesburgh Fireworks Display**
It was agreed to award assistance of £1,000 on the motion of Dr J Goddard, seconded by Mr W Henderson.
- 02/10/11 **Any Other Business**
- Public Telephone Boxes**
Mr P Scarsbrook noted that there was currently no provision for the cleaning of public telephone boxes in Shetland. It was agreed to write to British Telecom asking that this service be reinstated.

Lighting at Clickimin Broch

It was noted that the lighting was in need of urgent attention. It was agreed to ask Shetland Electrical Services to attend to this.

Skateboarding Facilities

Cllr L Angus informed members that Lerwick Building Centre had built, and would maintain, a half pipe for skateboarding. They were also willing to provide a BMX track. Lerwick Port Authority were willing to make land available at Gremista. There was difficulty with insurance however and so far no-one was willing to take this on. Cllr Angus sought support in principal for the project and hoped LCC would help with insurance provision if required. It was generally agreed that assistance may be given if necessary.

Local Health Council

Dr J Goddard notified his resignation from the Local Health Council. It was the responsibility of NHS Shetland to appoint a replacement.

Toilet Provision at Sands of Sound

Mr G Burgess felt there was a need for toilet provision at Sands of Sound. This had previously been notified to SIC and had now been included in the "Plan Ahead" initiative.

Emergency Helicopter Landing Site

The Chairman had been informed by the SIC Emergency Planning Officer that the emergency landing site would require to be relocated while a new running track was being constructed for the Island Games. The proposed site was on the same flightpath but nearer to housing and would entail the interruption of sport being played on the site at the time. It was felt that residents should be consulted and several other sites were suggested, including the SBS base which had been originally intended as the primary site with Clickimin only being used for extreme emergencies.

Mr T Nicolson informed members that as this was the last meeting of the present Council it may be his last one as Chairman. He gave his thanks to the existing members and to the clerk. He was thanked in turn and appreciation was given for his fairness in handling meetings.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

MR T R NICOLSON

CHAIRMAN