

MONDAY 20 MAY 2002

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

Present

Cllr L Angus	Mr A Johnson
Mr I Bruce	Mr B Manson
Mr G Burgess	Mr T Nicolson
Mr W Henderson	Mr P Scarsbrook
Cllr J Irvine	Mr D Sinclair
Mrs S Newcombe	Cllr W Stove
Mr K Watt	

In Attendance:

Ms C Ferguson, SIC Social Services (left 7.25pm)
Mr E Barclay, Shetland Times
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

02/05/1

Circular

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/05/2

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from PS A MacLeod, Cllr R Black and Cllr A Cluness.

02/05/3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2002 were approved on the motion of Mr G Burgess, seconded by Mr W Henderson. Mr I Bruce had not attended the meeting as stated in the minutes.

02/05/4

Business Arising

Hayfield Play Park

Mrs S Newcombe had discovered from SIC Planning that provision a fence had been removed from the planning application and this now had to be re-applied for. She informed

that the opening day would be moved from 1st June as this clashed with the Jubilee Street Party. The Chairman hoped that the fence situation would be resolved to the satisfaction of the residents in the area.

Pedestrian Crossing at Lochside

Cllr L Angus informed that SIC had now agreed to the provision of a crossing at the Clickimin Centre. Cllr J Irvine added that this was subject to reappraisal of the capital programme.

02/05/5

Northern Constabulary

Held over to the next meeting as PS MacLeod had submitted his apologies.

02/05/6

Joint Community Care Plan 2002-2003

The Chairman welcomed Ms Christine Ferguson of SIC Social Services to the meeting. She explained that the new plan was intended to be easy to read but that it had to contain a certain level of detail for the Scottish Executive. An accompanying document had been prepared containing statistics. The plan had been written so that each section could stand alone and be produced as an information leaflet. The plan would be reviewed annually and the tables updated every six weeks through the Community Care Forum. The plan was a joint management arrangement with Shetland Health Board.

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been

Cllr L Angus felt the plan was readable and a great improvement on the previous plan but noted that Unst Care Centre had been omitted. He hoped that the plan would not be affected by the shortfall in Charitable Trust income. The Chairman agreed and passed on his congratulations on the plan and the services provided. He thanked Ms Ferguson for her attendance.

02/05/7

Review of SIC Works Licence Policy

Cllr L Angus noted that LCC's interest was in the Lerwick Harbour area but that the policy affected the whole of Shetland. He explained the role of the sub-committee and pointed out that anyone could lodge objections. Every farm would be inspected by a qualified SIC official. Mr T Nicolson felt that the new structure was much needed. The report was endorsed.

02/05/8

Gilbertson Park Gates

The steelwork had been completed. It was hoped to have the gates in place by the end of the month and the work finished during June.

02/05/9

Condition of LCC Office

Mr T Nicolson had met with a representative from SIC Housing who had agreed that the windows and door were needing to be replaced. A decision would be made by a senior officer at SIC Housing once estimates for the work were received.

02/05/10

Correspondence

10.1 District Heating, Market Cross

Mr T Nicolson was concerned that settlement would cause flags to come loose again. Cllr W Stove commented that the alternative was to lay them and then dig them up again. A discussion on the pros and cons of district heating ensued. Mr T Nicolson was surprised to hear that some shopkeepers wanted district heating after the disruption that they had previously endured. It was agreed that pipes should be put in while the slabs were raised but that particular attention should be paid to reinstatement and that disruption should be kept to a minimum.

10.2 Traffic Orders, South Commercial St/Twageos Rd

Cllr W Stove had received comments from residents that a further sleeping policeman was required at the roost. Mr T Nicolson felt that this may cause trouble for pedestrians and suggested that one be provided further along where there was a pavement. Cllr J Irvine pointed out that any alteration now would cause a delay in the process and it was agreed that the current proposal should go ahead. Any additions would be requested at a later date.

10.3 Letter from J R White & Co

The work had now been completed and the area was resting without traffic meantime.

10.4 SIC, Community Council Wards

Noted.

10.5 SIC, Cutting of Roadside Verges

It was agreed that the safety of pedestrians should be balanced with the preservation of wild flowers etc. and that the Chairman should complete the questionnaire on the members' behalf.

10.6 The North Eden Project

The project was generally supported but there were reservations over funding and how this would affect other projects. It was agreed that the Chairman would complete the questionnaire on the members' behalf.

10.7 SIC, Roads and Pavements, Various

Mr W Henderson noted that there were two areas of dyke at the Breiwick end of the Knab path which were dangerous. It was agreed to ask SIC Community Development to instruct a survey of the dyke with a view to complete restoration and long term maintenance.

10.8 SIC, King Harald St, Disabled Space

There were no objections.

02/05/11 **Financial Report**
Noted.

02/05/12 **Financial Assistance**

12.1 LTCA, 2002 Projects

Floral Basket Scheme

Mr B Manson proposed an award of £1,000 and was seconded by Mr K Watt. Cllr J Irvine moved a counter motion of an award of £500, seconded by Cllr L Angus. Mr Manson's motion of £1,000 was carried by 9 votes to 4.

Christmas Lights

It was agreed to award £750 on the motion of Mr D Sinclair, seconded by Mrs S Newcombe.

12.2 Queens Jubilee and Volunteers Street Party

It was agreed to fund the balance of £1,780 on the motion of Cllr L Angus, seconded by Mr W Henderson.

12.3 Road Grant, Mr D Garrick

This application had been deferred from the previous meeting to obtain more information. It was generally agreed that there should be a consistent policy in awarding roads grants. Mr B Manson suggested that a percentage of the cost be paid up to a certain amount. The budget advised by SIC for roads for 2002/2003 was £999. Cllr J Irvine moved that an award of £500 be granted and a policy be looked at for the future. He suggested that SIC be approached for an increase in roads

allocation for next year. Mr W Henderson seconded his motion. Cllr L Angus moved an award of £1,300, being 10% of the cost and was seconded by Mr B Manson. Cllr L Angus' motion carried by 8 votes to 5. It was confirmed that the grant would only be paid on completion of the work.

12.4 Sands of Sound Road

The Chairman informed members that LCC had previously taken responsibility for the upkeep of the road which was used a lot by the public. He had obtained a quote of around £400 for works to the road and was authorised to commit expenditure of up to £500 on the work. Cllr L Angus suggested that the requirements for SIC to adopt the road be determined.

02/05/13

Planning Applications

13.1 Convert Outbuilding to Sitting room, King Harald St

It was decided to hold over any decision to determine the accuracy of the plans.

13.2 Dwellinghouse, Navy Lane

It was decided to ask for more information as there were no dimensions on the plan and to request that no permission be granted until the information was received.

13.3 Garage, Mounthooly Street

No objections.

02/05/14

Any Other Business

14.1 Drain Covers, Commercial Road

Mr P Scarsbrook had noticed that the drain covers on Commercial Road appeared to be sinking. Mr I Bruce agreed to take this up.

14.2 Litter at Anderson High School

Cllr L Angus noted that litter around the school was getting worse with the another food van operating in the area. It was agreed to bring this to the notice of the school.

14.3 Town Hall Windows

The Town Hall Sub-committee had accepted the offer of provision of the windows and had agreed the design submitted by Mr H Tait.

14.4 Joyriders at Cemetery

Mr W Henderson had observed joyriders at the cemetery during the evening. He was of the impression that the gates were to be closed at night but this was not happening. It was agreed to write to SIC.

14.5 PA System, Town Hall

Mr G Burgess had discovered that there was a PA system available in the Town Hall if requested.

14.6 Lerwick Garden Competition

This years competition was to be held in July.

14.7 Tourist Attractions at Folk Festival

Some tourists visiting for the Folk Festival had found attractions to be closed, only opening from 1st May. It was agreed to write to Shetland Islands Tourism suggesting that attractions be opened in time for the festival in the future.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

**T R NICOLSON
CHAIRMAN
LCC**