

**MONDAY 22 JULY 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 I Bruce
Mr W Henderson	Cllr L Angus
Mrs S Newcombe	Mr T Nicolson
Cllr B Stove	Mr G Burgess
Dr J Goddard	

**In Attendance:**

PS A MacLeod (left 7.30pm)  
Ms F Robertson (left 7.55pm)  
Mrs M Hunter (left 7.55pm)  
Mr M Latham, Shetland Times  
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

02/07/1

**Circular**

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/07/2

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Irvine, Cllr A Cluness, Mr D Sinclair, Mr A Johnston, Cllr R Black and Cllr P Malcolmson.

02/07/3

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2002 were approved on the motion of Cllr L Angus, seconded by Mr W Henderson.

02/07/4

**Business Arising**

**Pedestrian Crossing, Holmsgarth**

Cllr L Angus informed that it had been decided to go ahead with a pedestrian crossing at Holmsgarth. The exact location was still to be determined.

### **Cemetery Gates**

Mr W Henderson reported that the cemetery gates were still not being shut every night.

### **Twageos Pavements**

Mr W Henderson reported that the pavements at Twageos were still in a poor condition.

### **Gilbertson Park**

Mr G Burgess noted that the "No Dogs" sign at the main gates had been removed.

02/07/5

### **Northern Constabulary**

In response to a previous query, PS A MacLeod reported that only HGV operators licences may include specifications on where the vehicle may be parked and this would not apply if the vehicle was not local. He summarised the figures from 24 June to 22 July as follows:

Shetland Incidents 474		Lerwick Incidents 305	
Alarm activations	28	Accidental damage	8
Underage alcohol	2	Assault	5
Abandoned vehicles	4	Animals	2
Breach of Peace	40	Civic Govt Scot Act	7
Children/Young Persons	11	Court Procedures	20
Child Protection	1	Death	1
Destruction of firearms	1	Domestic Incidents	2
Drunk Persons	14	Drugs	11
Firearms enquiries	4	Drink Driving	4
Fraud/Forgery	3	Housebreaking	3
Firecalls	7	Immigration matters	1
Mental Health	3	Missing Persons	1
Medical Services	3	Road Accidents	9
Road Traffic Safety	15	Shoplifting	1
Shipping/Maritime	1	Suspicious Persons	2
Telephone Calls	19	Theft	4
Vandalism	8	Vehicle Excise	8
Seatbelts	3	Arrests	29
Detainees	9		

Dr J Goddard enquired as to whether there had been further charges brought after the drugs operation reported at the last meeting. PS MacLeod replied that there had not but that enquiries were ongoing and more charges were anticipated. He confirmed to Cllr B Stove that the underage drinking charges

related to an event held in Scalloway. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

02/07/6

**Presentation on SIC Local Housing Strategy**

The Chairman welcomed Ms F Robertson and Mrs M Hunter of SIC Housing Services to the meeting.

02/06/7

**Report on ASCC Conference and AGM**

Mr W Henderson gave an update on his attendance at the ASCC Conference and AGM. He informed that membership had been increased to £15 per annum and that only 4 community councils in Shetland were members. He felt that membership was worthwhile and hoped that more would join in the future.

02/06/8

**Code of Conduct for Community Councillors**

Members were happy with the document received from the Association of Shetland Community Councils.

02/06/9

**Gilbertson Park Gates**

The Chairman reported that the railings were planned to be ready in the current week with the gates being scheduled for the second week of July. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda in the meantime. There was some speculation over whether there would be an opening ceremony.

02/06/10

**Condition of LCC Office**

A SIC representative had called along the office to take measurements for preparation of a quote. No update had been received and a decision was still awaited on responsibility for payment of the repairs.

02/06/11

**Correspondence**

**11.1 Lerwick Town Centre Association**

*11.1.1 2002 Projects, Thanks*

Noted. The Chairman commented that the street was looking good.

**13.5.1 Improving Lerwick**

It was agreed to endorse the contents of the letter but to comment that LCC would prefer to see the organisation cover the whole foreshore of Lerwick.

**13.5.2 Roadworks, Lerwick**

It was agreed that there was a problem with coordination of work. It was decided to write in agreement with LTCA's letter.

### **13.5.3 District Heating, Market Cross**

Cllr R Anderson declared an interest as a director of SHEAP. He commented that traders must have been affected by the disruption of Commercial Street but had not been aware of any figures being provided. He felt that there was a case for works to be held for a while to allow for re-establishment of businesses. Mr T Nicolson was horrified that the Esplanade and surrounding areas may be dug up again for the benefit of a few individuals. It was generally agreed that whatever work was necessary for the Street in the short term should be done but that then it should be left alone for a while.

### **11.2 Church Road Parking**

Cllr L Angus had received representations from other residents in central Lerwick regarding parking problems. He felt that the situation might be improved if public utilities were to stop parking their vehicles in the town overnight. It was agreed to write to various public utilities to request this. The Chairman had contacted SIC Infrastructure Services and had been told that SIC could not restrict parking to residents only, however LCC could erect signs but there would be no power of enforcement. It was agreed to write to SIC in support of Mrs Steven's letter.

### **11.3 Shetland Library**

It was agreed to provide an ornamental clock for the library. It was suggested that the clock have the LCC crest on the face. Dr J Goddard agreed to make enquiries and investigate costs.

### **11.4 SIC, Flood Prevention**

Areas identified as susceptible to flooding were Ellesmere Stores, Da Noost and the Murrayston area. SIC were to be asked to check with other departments on the current status of the areas, as a history of flooding was well known.

### **11.5 Anderson High School, Litter**

Discussed under Matters Arising.

### **11.6 Commercial Street Re-Flagging**

Noted.

### **11.7 Lerwick & Bressay Parish Church, Church Road**

Mr D MacNae of SIC Infrastructure Services had informed the Chairman that the plan for traffic islands had been approved and was included in the budget for next year. It was decided to

ask to see plans of the proposal and to ask if the project could be prioritised if there was any slippage in this year's budget.

02/06/12 **Financial Report**

Noted.

02/06/13 **Financial Assistance**

**13.1 Shetland Folkdance, Danish Dance Group Visit**

It was agreed to award funding of £500 on the motion of Mr I Bruce, seconded by Cllr R Anderson.

**13.2 Shetland Pool Association, World Pool Championships**

It was agreed to award funding of £1,000 on the motion of Cllr L Angus, seconded by Cllr R Anderson.

**13.3 Shetland Junior Folkdance, Barnlek Festival**

It was agreed to award funding of £500 on the motion of Cllr R Anderson, seconded by Mr I Bruce.

**13.4 Dennis Garrick, Road Grant**

Cllr R Anderson believed that current practice in rural community councils was to award 75% of £6 per running meter of road, he added that LCC was not bound by this. He calculated this to amount to just over £1,000 for the road in question and felt that the previous award of £1,300 was reasonable. It was agreed that the award of £1,300 should stand.

**13.5 WRVS, Tuesday Morning Club**

It was agreed that more information should be sought on the financial position locally. Dr J Goddard suggested that the information provided to SICCT may be suitable.

**13.6 New Tradition, National Festival of Youth Music**

It was agreed to award funding of £500 on the motion of Cllr L Angus, seconded by Mr W Henderson. Information on awards from other community councils was to be requested.

**13.7 Lerwick Spurs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

It was agreed to award funding of £1,500 on the motion of Mr T Nicolson, seconded by Mr W Henderson. Mr T Nicolson had arranged for a gift of a photograph of Lerwick at night to be presented at Lerwick Spurs trip to Maloy.

02/06/14

**Planning Applications**

**14.1 Two dwellings, Navy Lane**

No objections.

**14.2 Garage and Porch, 61 King Harald Street**

No objections.

**14.3 Dwellinghouse, 7 West Hillcrest**

No objections.

02/05/15

**Any Other Business**

**15.1 Pavements at Twageos**

Mr W Henderson brought attention to the poor condition of the pavements in the Twageos area. It was agreed to write to SIC to request that action be taken.

**15.2 Pelican Crossing, Holmsgarth**

Cllr L Angus advised members that the report to be presented at SIC Resources Committee recommended no provision of a pelican crossing.

**15.3 Former Judane Knitwear Building**

Mr T Nicolson brought attention to the poor state of repair of this building. It was agreed to suggest to SIC Planning that the building be demolished if there were no firm plans for redevelopment.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**T R NICOLSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LCC**