

MONDAY 24 JUNE 2002

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

Present

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| Cllr R Anderson | Cllr L Angus |
| Mr A Johnston | Mr I Bruce |
| Dr J Goddard | Mr T Nicolson |
| Mr W Henderson | |

Cllr A Cluness

In Attendance:

PS A MacLeod (left 7.30pm)
Mr M Latham, Shetland Times
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

02/06/1

Circular

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/06/2

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Scarsbrook, Cllr W Stove, Mr K Watt, Mr D Sinclair, Cllr J Irvine, Mr P Malcolmson and Mrs S Newcombe.

02/06/3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2002 were approved on the motion of Cllr L Angus, seconded by Mr W Henderson. The Chairman confirmed that the grant awarded to Mr D Garrick was 10% of cost, being £1300, as there had been some confusion.

02/06/4

Business Arising

Hayfield Play Park

Cllr L Angus informed that it had been necessary to reapply for planning permission for the fence as it had been placed on the

tenants side of the wall on the original plans. It was agreed that the Hayfield Development Association should be congratulated on their efforts involved and in seeing the project through to its conclusion. The Chairman hoped that the fence issue would soon be resolved to the satisfaction of the tenants.

Sands of Sound Road

Cllr R Anderson referred to the minute and pointed out that LCC did not have responsibility for the Sands of Sound Road but had merely assisted with repairs in the past. The Chairman informed that a commitment had been made at the meeting so that immediate repairs could be carried to enable the road to be used by the public in the summer.

Litter at Anderson High School

Cllr L Angus and Cllr A Cluness had been invited to a meeting at the school and had been impressed with the efforts being made. It was agreed to write in appreciation and to offer encouragement. It was hoped that the efforts would continue.

Gates at Cemetery

Mr W Henderson reported that the gates were still not being closed and that joyriding was still taking place. Mr I Bruce agreed to take up the matter.

Drain Covers, Commercial Road

Mr I Bruce reported that the covers had been checked by SIC and necessary action notified.

Town Hall Windows

Cllr R Anderson informed that the Town Hall Sub-Committee had approved the designs and they were now being sent to the appropriate organisations for approval.

02/06/5

Northern Constabulary

PS A MacLeod summarised the figures from 22 April to 24 June as follows:

Shetland Incidents 1196 Lerwick Incidents 745

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| Alarm activations | 51 | Accidental damage | 18 |
| Underage alcohol | 8 | Assault | 8 |
| Abandoned vehicles | 8 | Breach of Peace | 82 |
| Counterfeit currency | 2 | Civic Govt Scot Act | 17 |
| Children/Young Persons | 24 | Civil Matters | 1 |
| Court Procedures | 65 | Child Protection | 5 |
| Carrying of knives | 1 | Death | 1 |
| Destruction of firearms | 3 | Domestic Incidents | 7 |

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| Dogs | 4 | Drunk Persons | 20 |
| Drugs | 14 | Firearms enquiries | 7 |
| Fraud/Forgery | 9 | Housebreaking | 8 |
| Firecalls | 23 | Immigration matters | 2 |
| Mental Health | 2 | Missing Persons | 11 |
| Medical Services | 6 | Road Accidents | 20 |
| Opening Lockfast Place | 2 | Racist Incident | 1 |
| Road Traffic Safety | 55 | Shoplifting | 1 |
| Shipping/Maritime | 1 | Sexual Offences | 2 |
| Suspicious Persons | 10 | Telephone Calls | 55 |
| Theft | 20 | Vandalism | 33 |
| Vehicle Excise | 4 | Seatbelts | 11 |
| Speeders | 2 | Arrests | 55 |
| Detainees | 14 | | |

The Chairman was encouraged by the action being taken on drugs and was pleased that the local police force was doing the best it could to help tackle the problem in the community. PS MacLeod responded that the action being taken was the result of intelligence work. Two males had been charged following a recent operation, with heroin, amphetamine cannabis and a replica handgun being seized.

There had been a traffic initiative, "Operation Breaker" involving HM Customs and SEPA, targeting heavy goods vehicles. Charges had been brought for overloading, red diesel and hazardous chemicals (4, being two thirds of the Scottish figures for last year).

PS MacLeod confirmed that the classification of nuisance calls included hoax calls and those made by young children as well as "nuisance" calls.

Mr T Nicolson enquired as to whether it was legal for commercial vehicles to be parked in public car parks. PS MacLeod agreed to seek clarification. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

02/06/6

SIC Education Services, Best Value Service Review

Cllr L Angus explained that the two primary schools in Lerwick were at full capacity with no opportunity for expansion, also having traffic problems. He noted that the Anderson High School was in poor condition and that the special needs facilities and resources at Bells Brae were insufficient. He felt that there was a serious accommodation problem that needed to be addressed before it became a crisis. He did not think that the issue was being given sufficient priority in the current

review. It was decided to form a sub-group to meet the following week to formulate a response to the consultation document.

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 50th 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**