

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2003

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

Present

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| Mr T Nicolson | Mr J MacLeod |
| Mr I Bruce | Mr W Henderson |
| Cllr W Stove | Cllr R Anderson |
| Mrs S Newcombe | Mr M Peterson |
| Mr E Knight | Ms K Fraser |

In Attendance

Dr G Freshwater, Lerwick Marina Users Association (left 7.35pm)
Mr D Geldard, Lerwick Marina Users Association (left 7.35pm)
Mr J R Riise, Shetland Islands Council (left 7.40pm)
Dr S Taylor, NHS Shetland (left 8.15pm)
Mr S Jacks, NHS Shetland (left 8.15pm)
PS M Miller, Northern Constabulary (left 7.10pm)
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

03/02/1

Circular

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

03/02/2

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Scarsbrook, Mr K Watt, Cllr J Irvine, Mr L Bisset, Mr J Anderson, Cllr P Malcolmson, Cllr R Black, Mr A Johnston and Cllr L Angus.

03/02/3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2003 were approved on the motion of Mr W Henderson, seconded by Mr E Knight.

03/02/4

Business Arising

Cemetery Gates

Mr W Henderson reported that a board had been erected but there was no sign on it as yet.

Street Lighting

Mr E Knight reported that there was a light not working at Stouts Court. It was agreed to write to SIC to notify them of this.

Gilbertson Park Gates

The contractor hoped to have the gates hung by mid March.

03/02/5

Northern Constabulary

The Chairman welcomed PS Maggie Miller to the meeting who had been appointed as replacement for PS MacLeod. She gave a brief summary of the figures since the last meeting. The figures for drugs included one incident of heroin. There had been no more domestic housebreakings. Of particular concern was a spate of assaults carried out by a small gang of youths. PS Miller reassured members that the police were aware of this and were addressing the issue. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

03/02/6

Lerwick Marina Users Association

The Chairman welcomed Dr Freshwater and Mr Geldard to the meeting. Dr Freshwater gave some background information and outlined the associations plans for the future. He explained that there had been a misunderstanding about public use of the slipway. A sign had been erected by LPA without consultation with the association. The public were free to use the slipway but only for smaller vessels and at their own risk as the structure was in need of repair. Repair costs were estimated at around £700 for materials and it was hoped that members would undertake the work on a voluntary basis.

A new committee was in place and it was hoped to increase amenity and number of berths available. Discussions had taken place with LPA and Arch Henderson & Partners regarding adding a pontoon to the south arm to provide 20-25 new berths. LPA intended to fill the area between Shetland Catch and the north arm which may provide the possibility of increasing berths further. Replacing the shorefittings of the existing pontoons would cost around £1000 per pontoon. The cost of a new pontoon was in the region of £35,000 to £40,000. It was planned to install a new pontoon this year or next. Services had been offered to visiting yachts in previous years and with an increase in the number of berths it was hoped to develop this further. Mr T Nicolson commented that he would like to see a pontoon in the small boat harbour. Cllr R Anderson informed

him that LPA had plans to do this in the current year. The Chairman thanked Dr Freshwater and Mr Geldard for their attendance.

03/02/7

LCC Constitution and Membership

It was unanimously agreed to alter the constitution of LCC to reduce membership from 18 to 16 members. A letter of resignation had been received from Dr J Goddard. He explained that he did not wish to continue as a co-opted member as the position did not carry voting rights.

03/02/8

NHS 2020 Vision Project

The Chairman welcomed Dr S Taylor and Mr S Jacks to the meeting. Mr Jacks gave an introduction and distributed a handout. He explained that the project was about defining what services would be needed in Shetland in the future such as a new hospital, and determining emerging issues such as recruitment difficulties. Although the Gilbert Bain building was in quite good condition, facilities were constrained on the present site. A "campus" model was being considered which would take 5 to 10 years to build and would have an expected life of 50 years. Several sites were being appraised with a preferred site opposite the power station. A report on the appraisal was due within the next few days and would be considered by the Board next week.

Mr T Nicolson noted that NHS Shetland spends £1.4m per annum on patient travel. He felt this was very high and that emergency care facilities were required in Shetland. Cllr W Stove was interested in integration between NHS Shetland and SIC Community Services. Dr Taylor welcomed integration and was keen to reduce duplication on services. Mr E Knight enquired as to what mental health facilities were planned. Dr Taylor replied that consultation was ongoing with organisations in the field, however there were no plans for an in-patient unit as the population was not high enough. The Chairman thanked Dr Taylor and Mr Jacks for their attendance and wished them well with their plans for the future.

03/02/9

Fair Flights for the Islands

Noted.

03/02/10

Correspondence

10.1 Seagulls

It was agreed to write to SIC expressing concern about the problem. Cllr R Anderson felt that removing nests was not enough and that the eggs needed to be “pricked”. Mr J MacLeod informed members that SIC Housing currently removed nests and installed mesh or spikes to prevent rebuilding.

10.2 SIC, Gilbertson Park Gates

Noted.

10.3 SIC, Knab Dyke

It was agreed to write to SIC asking that the worst areas of the dyke be repaired first and that the whole dyke be eventually repaired on a rolling programme.

10.4 SIC, King Harald Street Works

Noted.

10.5 Shetland Voluntary Care Forum

Members were asked to respond individually.

10.6 ERM, Bressay Bridge

Cllr R Anderson informed members that LPA were to have a meeting the following day to decide the height requirement for the bridge.

10.7 Mott MacDonald, Proposed Landfill Site

It was agreed to ask representatives to attend a future meeting.

03/02/11

Financial Report

Some discussion took place on the surplus funds to date and Cllr R Anderson suggested moving some funds to LCCCT. The Chairman thought any decision on this should be left to the next meeting as new applications for funding may be received. It was thought that the amount set aside for the Town Hall Windows may need to be increased. The report was approved on the motion of Mr W Henderson, seconded by Cllr R Anderson.

03/02/12

Planning Applications

12.1 Extend Factory, Lerwick Fish Traders Ltd

No objections.

12.2 Temp site skate park and BMX track, Port Business Park

No objections.

03/02/13

Any Other Business

Union Street Pavement

Ms K Fraser noted that the Union Street pavement next to the museum was in a poor state. It was agreed to write to SIC informing them of this.

Gressy Loan

It was agreed to write to SIC asking them to erect a “No Through Road” sign at the top of Gressy Loan at the Knab junction.

Bonfire Site, Breiwick Road

Cllr R Anderson noted that SIC had not cleared the site this year as normal. Mr M Peterson thought that the people responsible for the bonfire should clear the site. After some debate a vote was taken. Cllr Anderson’s motion to ask SIC to clear the site was carried by 5 votes to 4.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

MR T R NICOLSON
CHAIRMAN
LCC