

## **MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2004**

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

### **Present**

Mr T Nicolson	Mr P Scarsbrook
Mr J MacLeod	Mr A Johnston
Ms K Fraser	Cllr J Irvine
Cllr W Stove	Mr R Anderson

### **Additional Co-opted Members**

Mr M McDonald	Mr J Anderson
Ms B Nisbet	Mr J Ogg

### **Ex Officio Members**

Cllr G Feather	Cllr J Henry
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### **In Attendance**

PS G McCarthy (left 7.15pm)  
Mr M Latham, Shetland Times  
Ms J Jamieson, Shetland Post  
Mrs M MacLeod, Clerk

### **Chairman**

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

04/2/1

### **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

04/2/2

### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Ms S Stevenson, Mr M Peterson, Cllr E Knight, Mrs S Newcombe, Cllr A Cluness and Mr I Bruce.

04/2/3

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2004 were approved on the motion of Mr R Anderson, seconded by Mr J MacLeod. Mr T Nicolson drew attention to point 04/1/10 stating that he had meant grasscutting at Fogralea, not Voder View as stated.

04/2/4

### **Business Arising**

#### **Bressay Bridge**

Mr R Anderson enquired as to what progress was being made regarding consultation with businesses concerning the proposed Bressay Bridge. Cllr J Irvine had been informed by SIC Infrastructure Services that discussions were ongoing, however other members reported that this was not the case. It was agreed to write to SIC asking what progress was being made and to keep the item on the agenda for the time being.

#### **Staney Hill Harling**

Mr J MacLeod reported that a letter from SIC should be on the way.

#### **Play Areas**

It was reported that this year's budget was £36,000 and next year's was likely to be less. It was agreed to ask Mr M Malcolmson of SIC to attend a meeting once the budget and strategy were known so that he could provide further information. It was also agreed to write to the Chief Executive of SIC asking if more budget for play areas could be made available.

04/2/5

### **Police Report**

PS G McCarthy gave a summary of Lerwick incidents since the last meeting as follows:

618 Lerwick incidents

67 vandalisms, 25 detected, 15 continuing enquiries

11 thefts, 1 detected

2 assaults, both detected

13 drugs searches, 5 positive including substantial dealer quantities

15 breaches of the peace

16 assisting medical services

2 drunk drivers

17 minor traffic incidents

PS McCarthy informed members that Radio Shetland had been shadowing officers in the past week for a programmed scheduled to be broadcast on Thursday night.

Mr T Nicolson noted that there had been another assault over the weekend. He felt that the increase in foot patrols should help the situation and should be encouraged. He enquired as to whether it was still planned to bring an additional three

officers to Shetland. PS McCarthy responded that it was but there was no timetable for this as yet. The special constables were due to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April. There had been 24 applications and these still had to be vetted. He confirmed that the special constables would be on duty during the week as well as at weekends. Mr T Nicolson felt that their presence on Saturday afternoons would be helpful. The special constables would have the same powers as regular police officers but would not be paid. It was planned for special constables to be accompanied by a regular police officer.

04/2/6

**Pedestrian Crossing Facilities at Sound**

Cllr J Irvine informed members that this would be brought up at a SIC traffic management meeting on Monday. He added that finance for the project had been authorised.

04/2/7

**SIC Education Service, Draft Improvement Plan**

Mr J Anderson wondered why professional development opportunities were available only to head teachers and aspiring head teachers. Mr R Anderson enquired as to whether the initiatives in the plan were new or already being carried out and what extra costs these entailed. It was agreed to write to seek clarification on this and ask a representative to attend a meeting once the Education Best Value report had been done.

04/2/8

**SIC Draft Corporate Plan 2004-2008**

Noted.

04/2/9

**Shetland Visitor 2004**

It was agreed to respond noting that references to Lerwick Harbour Trust should be changed to Lerwick Port Authority. It was also agreed that previous LCC member, Douglas Sinclair, should be asked to review the publication.

04/2/10

**Correspondence**

**10.1 NHS Out of Hours Services, Pre-consultation Seminar**

The Chairman encouraged members to attend the seminar.

**10.2 SIC, Benches**

It was agreed to write to SIC urging them to determine who had responsibility for the various benches around the town.

**10.3 Scottish Co-op**

It was agreed to contact SIC Planning to check whether the details contained in the letter were accurate. Cllr J Henry agreed to check with Lerwick Port Authority on their position.

#### **10.4 Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council**

It was agreed to forward the letter to the appropriate SIC department.

#### **10.5 SIC, Naming Thoroughfares**

Noted.

#### **10.6 Water Customer Consultation Panels**

The Chairman urged members to attend the meeting.

#### **10.7 Mr C Smith, Right of Way at Twageos**

It was agreed to write to Mr V Hawthorne of SIC requesting that he look into the matter.

04/2/11

#### **Financial Report**

Noted. It was agreed that the Chairman should look into what works were required to the Stoney Hill road.

04/2/12

#### **Financial Assistance**

##### **12.1 Shetland Skatepark Association**

It was agreed to award funding of £692 on the motion of Mr J MacLeod seconded by Mr T Nicolson. The grant would be paid over in the next financial year and treated as committed funds in the meantime.

##### **12.2 Turning Point Craft Initiative**

It was agreed to award funding of £470 on the motion of Mr R Anderson seconded by Mr T Nicolson.

04/2/13

#### **Planning Applications**

##### **13.1 District Heating Pumping Station, Ackrigarth**

Cllr W Stove declared a non-pecuniary interest as chairman of SHEAP. There were no objections.

##### **13.2 First Floor Bar Space, Da Wheel Bar**

No objections.

##### **13.3 Respite Units, Kantersted Road**

No objections but councillors and officials were to be urged to consider any valid concerns neighbours might have.

### **13.4 Erect 37 Dwellinghouses, Quoys**

There were no objections but it was agreed to highlight concerns, both from residents and the school board, regarding the proposed one-way system and roundabout.

04/2/14

### **Any Other Business**

Mr J MacLeod felt that it should be made clear to members of the public attending LCC meetings whether they were able to contribute to the meeting. Cllr W Stove suggested that members of the public should contact the Chairman in advance of the meeting to indicate their wish to contribute.

Mr M McDonald congratulated Mr J Anderson on his success in the LCC by-election. The Chairman welcomed Mr Anderson as a full member. He had suggested to SIC Administration that they should have allowed candidates to include literature along with the ballot papers. Mr J Ogg agreed adding that many people were unaware of the role of LCC so the publicity would have been good. Cllr J Irvine commented that it had been suggested the Radio Shetland provide some publicity for community councils.

It was agreed to write to SIC Planning enquiring as to the position with the CCG building site at Pegasus Place.

It was agreed to write again to SIC and Shetland Amenity Trust to encourage development of the Staney Hill/Sandy Loch footpaths.

Mr R Anderson drew attention to a pothole at the top of Mounthooly Place which was unsafe.

Members were invited to attend a demonstration of the Dogs Against Drugs project at the Holmsgarth Ferry Terminal at 6pm on Wednesday.

It was agreed to write to the Town Centre Litter Prevention Working Group encouraging their initiative to tackle littering by businesses. It was hoped that the press would also give this some coverage.

The Chairman had received some representations from the public regarding unguarded electrical transformers at Burgess Street and North Staney Hill. Although there was not thought to be any risk it was recognised that the public may perceive there to be a risk. It was agreed to write to Hydro Electric asking that they erect fencing to alleviate public fears.

It was agreed to write to SIC requesting that response times for repair of streetlighting be improved.

It was noted that pelican crossing lights around the town often seemed to be left not working for long periods of time. It was agreed to write to SIC bringing attention to this.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

MR T R NICOLSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL