

MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2003

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

Present

Mr P Scarsbrook	Mr A Johnston
Mr E Knight	Cllr L Angus
Mr W Henderson	Mr J Anderson
Cllr W Stove	Mr M Peterson
Mr T Nicolson	Mr L Bisset
Mrs S Newcombe	Ms K Fraser

In Attendance

PS A MacLeod
Mr J Tait, Shetland Times

Chairman

Mr T Nicolson, Chairman of the Council presided.

03/01/1

Circular

The Circular calling the meeting was held as read.

03/01/2

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J MacLeod, Cllr R Anderson, Cllr A Cluness, Cllr R Black, Mr I Bruce and Cllr J Irvine.

03/02/3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December were approved on the motion of Mr W Henderson, seconded by Cllr L Angus.

03/02/4

Business Arising

Lights at Clickimin Broch

The vandal proofing of the lights would be complete within the week.

Gilberston Park Gates

The gates had still not been hung. Members were keen to see this project completed as soon as possible.

Town Hall Windows

Mr H Tait had contacted SIC Planning to have the year 2000 included in the design. Clearance was now required from the Town Hall Sub Committee before work could commence.

Co-option of Members

As this item had not been included on the agenda it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Cemetery Gates

Mr W Henderson informed members that the gates were now being closed at night but no sign had been erected as yet.

Drainage at Unicorn View

Temporary measures had been put in place.

03/01/5

Northern Constabulary

PS MacLeod reminded members that this was his last meeting before he left to take up his post in Orkney. He had hoped that his replacement would be able to attend but this had not been possible. He explained that Insp. Bell was intending to dedicate an officer to each council ward. He was hoping to attend the next meeting to explain this further. He reported the figures from 16 December to 20 January as follows:

Shetland incidents	559	Lerwick incidents	360
Alarm activations	37	Accidental damage	1
Alcohol (underage)	2	Animals	3
Assault	3	Abandoned vehicle	3
Breach of the Peace	41	Counterfeit currency	2
Civic (Gov) (Scot) Act	21	Children/Young persons	12
Civil matters	1	Court procedures	19
Child protection	1	Crime (urinator)	1
Drink driving	1	Domestic incident	3
Dogs	1	Drunk persons	7
Drugs	18	Firearms enquiries	1
Fireworks	1	Fraud/forgery	2
Housebreaking	3	Fire calls	17
Immigration matters	1	Mental health	2
Missing persons	4	Medical services	9
Opening Lockfast place	1	Road accidents	12
Road safety/traffic	22	Sexual offences	3

Suspicious persons	6	Telephone calls	16
Thefts	9	Vandalism	13
Vehicle excise	9	Seatbelts	1
Speeders	2	Arrests and detentions	31

PS MacLeod reported that one of the drug offences involved a large amount of cannabis, enquiries were ongoing. Two of the housebreaking offences related to a domestic property which was unusual in Shetland. No arrests had been made as yet. Mr W Henderson complimented the police on their speed of response to a call he had recently made.

The Chairman thanked PS MacLeod for his regular attendance since 1999 and hoped that he would return again in the future. He was to be given a plaque in thanks for his service to LCC. PS MacLeod responded that he had found his attendance at meetings very interesting.

03/01/6

SIC Traffic Orders – Queens Place

An objection had been made to this order following a decision at the last meeting. A copy letter addressed to SIC had been received from the residents of the area, also objecting to the order. It was agreed to note the contents of the letter and to adhere to the decision of the last meeting.

03/01/7

Lerwick Improvements Action Plan

There was concern that there may be an over emphasis on the centre of Lerwick whereas LCC had previously expressed a wish for any plan to include the whole of Lerwick. It was noted that Cllr P Malcolmson had brought this up at the meeting. The Chairman and Cllr R Anderson had been unable to attend the meeting due to the short notice given.

03/01/8

Correspondence

8.1 Islesburgh Fireworks Display, Thanks

Noted.

8.2 SIC, Freedom of Access

Noted.

Mrs S Newcombe noted that there was still no signage in place for the North Ness. The Chairman informed her that this was now being addressed. Cllr L Angus reported that the “no dogs” signs at Gilbertson Park had still not been replaced. It was

agreed to write again to SIC requesting that this be done. Cllr W Stove mentioned that new legislation was due to be introduced for dog fouling.

8.3 Halcrow, Bressay Bridge Project

There was some uncertainty over this project due to a possible requirement by Lerwick Port Authority for the bridge to be higher than had previously been anticipated, thus increasing costs. Cllr L Angus informed members that the Board of Lerwick Port Authority were due to consider this the following day.

8.4 NHS Paths to Health

This was noted and support was expressed. The Chairman asked members to complete the forms on an individual basis.

03/01/9

Financial Report

Approved on the motion of Cllr L Angus, seconded by Mr W H Henderson.

03/01/10

Planning Applications

10.1 Variation to Conditions, Somewhar Else

No objections.

10.2 Administration Building, Sandy Loch, Scottish Water

No objections.

10.3 Sports Facilities at Clickimin Leisure Centre

Mr L Bisset declared an interest as project manager. He gave a brief explanation of the plans to members. There were no objections.

10.4 Dwellinghouse, Sands of Sound

No objections.

03/01/11

Any Other Business

11.1 CCG, Unfinished Works

Mrs S Newcombe had received complaints from residents living near works that CCG had left unfinished due to their ceasing to trade. There was concern that the sites had been left in an unsafe condition. Mr L Bisset suggested that HSE be asked to

do a site inspection and that the SIC Safety Officer also be consulted. Cllr L Angus thought that SIC Planning Department may be able to assist. Mrs S Newcombe thanked them for their suggestions.

11.2 Pedestrian Crossing at Clickimin Leisure Centre

Cllr W Stove informed Mrs S Newcombe that this was being actioned. Mr L Bisset added that works were due to be complete by the end of the financial year.

11.3 Street Lighting

Mr E Knight noted that the street light outside Lerwick Boating Club in South Commercial Street had not been working for some time. It was agreed to notify SIC.

11.4 Parking Area at J J Taylors

Cllr L Angus noted that the parking area outside J J Taylors shop was delineated by a small kerb and that this had caused injuries to pedestrians. It was agreed to request that the kerb be removed and that the area be delineated by a white line as was the case at the other side of the road.

11.5 SIC Education Best Value Service Review

It was agreed to put this on the agenda for discussion and to invite a SIC representative to attend a meeting.

11.6 Dog Litter Bins

Mr J Anderson noted that the dog litter bin at Breiwick Road was in a poor condition. It was agreed to request that the condition of all dog litter bins be checked.

11.7 Photocopier

The Sound Out of School Club had been unable to make use of the old LCC photocopier due to its size. The RNLI had indicated that they would be interested and MES had offered to maintain it for them. It was agreed to donate the photocopier to the RNLI on the motion of Mr W Henderson, seconded by Cllr W Stove.

11.8 The Swan Trust

The Chairman circulated a letter from the Swan Trust to members keeping LCC informed of their activities.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

MR T R NICOLSON
CHAIRMAN
LCC