

MONDAY 4 APRIL 2016

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson	Mr J Anderson
Mr A Johnston	Mr A Wenger
Ms K Fraser	Mr S Hay
Mr P Coleman	Mr J Fraser
Mr E Knight	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell	Cllr P Campbell
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In Attendance

P C Lauren Stork, Police Scotland
Mr Andrew Blackadder, A B Associates
Mr Alastair Hamilton, A B Associates
Mrs Pat Christie, Community Planning & Development Officer
Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

04/16/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

04/16/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Carter, Mr A Henry, Mr W Spence, Mr D Ristori, Mr Ian Russell, Miss S Sandison, Cllr C Smith, Cllr A Wishart, Cllr J Wills, and Cllr M Stout.

04/16/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mrs A Simpson and seconded by Ms K Fraser.

04/16/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Rock-breaking

Mr A Wenger mentioned that his comments last month were not about the rock breaking taking place in general, but only the problem with it happening on a Sunday.

Morrison Construction

Mr Anderson explained that Mark Clarke, Project Director for Morrison Construction was to be invited to the next meeting.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Haldane Burgess

Mr Anderson said that the reply from Roads had not mentioned the flooding at Haldane Burgess Crescent; this was to be followed up for the next meeting.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

04/16/12

Police Scotland Report

Mr Anderson welcomed PC Lauren Sturrock to the meeting.

PC Sturrock informed members that the Police had been proactively dealing with the street traffic and parking issues. A number of fixed penalties had been issued.

The Police Questionnaire was mentioned and PC Sturrock encouraged the community council to fill it in. It was agreed to complete this and email it to Headquarters.

PC Sturrock asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr Anderson said that he was pleased to hear that the street traffic was been clamped down on and that parking tickets issued were now into double figures.

Mr Anderson mentioned that community councillor, Alastair Henry had emailed through comments regarding the faded yellow lines on the street and signage. The email was read to members.

Members discussed the need for yellow lines and it was agreed to write to Roads and ask for these to be re-painted.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Mrs Simpson stated that notices were in-place to highlight the pedestrian area. She suggested the use flashing lights or perhaps CCTV camera so that the Police could watch and identify vehicles.

PC Sturrock replied that it was difficult to identify vehicles and pick-up the registration details. She explained the back-log of work that would be created watching footage and suggested the use of social media to get the word out. Fines of thirty pound and forty pound had been issued and these would be a deterrent.

Mr Fraser wanted to highlight the fact that the 101 telephone number, that the public were encouraged to use was not free. He was concerned that young people with no credit would perhaps have no way of making contact.

PC Sturrock suggested completing the questionnaire and mentioning this there and having access to a local number.

Mr Hay stated he was unclear about the distinction between using the 101 number and 999. He asked when the use of 101 was appropriate.

PC Sturrock replied that if there were no threats to life or property then 101 would be appropriate. She said that the use of 999 was to be used in an emergency situation.

Mr Anderson thanked PC Sturrock.

PC Sturrock left at 7.15pm

04/16/05

Hjaltland Housing Association Staney Hill Development – Andrew Blackadder and Alastair Hamilton, A B Associates Ltd.

Mr Anderson welcomed Mr Blackadder and Mr Hamilton to the meeting.

Mr Hamilton said that planning consent was given over a year ago. A principle condition was that a masterplan be prepared. A team consisting of the Hjaltland Housing Association, Andrew Blackadder and himself wanted to hear from everyone with an interest in the area of the development, residents and the community council. Some pupils from Anderson High School S4 were to be involved in some way.

He informed members that at every stage leaflets and public drop-in, workshops, website, Facebook, advertising and questionnaires would be used. They were looking at the initial ideas and what the constraints were for the site. At a later stage towards the end of August/September, they were to form options for the development, and were also looking for comments on this.

Following that the masterplan would be drawn up towards the end of year. He said that tonight's presentation was to make the community council aware of the phases of the development, if they had any views and also who should be consulted. Mr Hamilton mentioned arranging a special meeting and workshops.

Mr Anderson enquired about the initial consultation and asked if there would be a public drop-in session in perhaps the Staney Hill area. He wondered if it would be during the day and a workshop in the evening.

Mr Hamilton mentioned the use of leaflets in the area, information in the press and radio and a questionnaire with the leaflets. Displays were to be held in the Clickimin Centre or the Toll Clock Shopping Centre for a number of weeks displaying panels and maps. This would lead up to drop-in session for the public either at Staney Hill Hall or the Clickimin Centre.

Mr Blackadder said that the plan was that the process be completed three times throughout the year, so that responses can be considered before a draft Masterplan is drawn up. While predominately housing the site could potentially contain open spaces for play, recreational use, and the option of having small employment units on site. He said it was important to consider the site development for neighbouring areas.

Mrs Simpson agreed that it was not the easiest site and enquired about the use of rock breaking and the possible effect it would have on the new school.

Mr Hamilton commented that the spine road that ran east to north of the site would be the nearest part to the new roundabout. He said that the main residential development was well away from the school on the other side of the hill, the north side. He stated that it was an environmental issue to be dealt with and that there were not only mechanical ways of doing the rock breaking.

Mr Fraser pointed out that the strongest argument for having the new school sited where it is was the fact that the kids were not going to be educated on a building site.

Mr Anderson asked if there would be a series of planning applications and enquired about the initial planning outline.

Mr Blackadder said that yes the development would be spread over ten years and that funding would be stage by stage. He confirmed that there was to be an overall Masterplan design for the site.

Mr Fraser asked about plans for consultation with the people living in nearby houses and asked how they were to be approached.

Mr Blackadder replied that that would be up to Hjaltland Housing and confidential to them.

Mr Blackadder asked if the community council wanted a special meeting or if coming along and chairing a workshop would be a possibility.

Mr Anderson suggested that attending a workshop with all parties in one room would be beneficial.

Mr Wenger asked about having regular updates every so often.

Mr Blackadder replied that a website was to be established along with Facebook, so that regular updates could be complied. He suggested that it would be helpful to have the community council involved. He stated that it was to be a long term development in Lerwick.

Ms Fraser asked about leaflets to households in the vicinity.

Mr Blackadder responded that seven hundred households would be sent leaflets; areas would include the Staney Hill, North Lochside and the North Road.

Discussion took place on the community council participation and members were happy to attend a workshop, meetings and to be fully engaged with the planning of the development.

Mr Blackadder and Mr Hamilton left at 7.35pm.

04/16/06

Loot for Lerwick – Logo Competition/Application Form/PB Funding Offer

Mr Anderson informed members about the competition held for the Logo used on the Application Form for Loot for Lerwick. He commented on the good number of entries and the winning entry from Freya Masson from Bell's Brae Primary School.

Mr Christie mentioned that Delting were moving forward with their Participatory Budgeting Event in April and three community councils in the south mainland were working together on a PB Event to be held in June.

04/16/07

Correspondence

7.1 Scottish Government Review of Strategic Police Priorities

Mr Anderson suggested that members log in to make any comments.

7.2 Community Planning under the Community Empowerment Scotland Act 2015

Following brief discussion it was suggested that this be rolled over to the next meeting and members were to feedback any comments to the Clerk. A formal response could then be sent on behalf of the community council.

7.3 Letter to Chief Inspector Lindsay Tulloch – Cynthia Adamson, Living Lerwick

Mr Anderson said that it was an unfortunate accident on the street and asked if any members had any comments to make.

Ms Fraser suggested the use of flashing lights around the signs and that Living Lerwick might be interested in funding that.

Cllr Bell mentioned that there were many regulations regarding signage, but they could ask about this. He said that the Police should be congratulated on the action that they have taken. He suggested that similar action several times a year would be a helpful solution in dealing with the problem.

Mr Wenger thought that the signage didn't make a difference. He asked if drivers were even aware of the restrictions and signage in place.

Mr Knight commented that there was no publicity with fixed penalties and thought that if the numbers were published it would help. He stated the lack of a traffic warden and that Police have nothing to do with it.

Mr Anderson thought that the increase in fines would be passed around by word of mouth.

7.4 Paths for All

Mr Anderson said that he was happy that we could progress with this application.
(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.5 Da Voar Redd Up 2016

Mr Anderson asked members if they would like to consider having community council team for this event. He enquired if Ms Fraser would be active her neighbourhood.

Ms Fraser replied that she would and invited any members to join her.

Mr Fraser mentioned areas that they were in need of a cleanup, such as near the Co-op.

Mr Anderson suggested they contact Shetland Amenity Trust for a map showing areas that are being done and any that needed volunteers.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.6 Build Up of Grit on Road

Mr Anderson informed members that a reply had been received from Roads and the contractors were to be contacted. He suggested that the problem at Haldane Burgess Crescent be raised again with them.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.7 Lights for Hayfield Play Park

Mr Anderson said that he was satisfied with the response and happy to learn that due to the current financial situation that fitting of lights was not standard.

7.8 Bell's Brae School Trip

Mr Anderson informed members that they had been sent a grant application form.

Mr Fraser said that he was not opposed but enquired if it was the remit of the community council to help individual families and that they might be inundated with applicants.

Mr Anderson said that they had been asked to submit a formal application and clear guidelines were in place. He suggested that by completing the proper application form with the criteria necessary the community council could then respond. He asked if all were in favour.

No objections were noted.

7.9 Royal British Legion Lerwick Pipe Band

Due to the lack of contact details it had been difficult for the Clerk to follow up. Mr Anderson suggested contacting Mr Leslie Angus.

It was also suggested that they be invited to perform at the PB Event in May.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.10 Shetland Festival of Remembrance – Major A J Taylor

It was agreed that we write and ask that a grant application form be submitted.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.11 By-Election Result

Mr Anderson pointed out that the community council had two vacancies and asked if members knew of anyone who might be interested in being co-opted as a member.

7.12 Shetland Relay for Life – Martin Henderson

All members were happy for gel filters to be installed on the lights at the Clickimin Broch during the night for this event.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.13 Policing Questionnaire – Julian Innes, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

Mr Anderson asked members if they had had time to look through the three questions.

Members discussed the issues that affected the policing priorities for the area and the reasons why these priorities were important to the community.

The community council listed the top three policing priorities for the community as being able to make contact with local police officers at all times, police tackling the misuse of drugs and alcohol and enforcing traffic fines and penalties in the town.

The community council agreed that the local police offered an excellent service and this was apparent in the high detection rates. Police officers were available to attend meetings and happy to answer questions. A monthly report was often sent through to the clerk and circulated. Mention was made again regarding the centralisation of some police services and the effects on the community.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

04/16/08

Planning Applications

Cllr M Bell and Cllr P Campbell declared an interested as members of the Planning Committee.

8.1 2016/040/PPF – Erect Bio Mass heating cabin and underground district heating pipe work – Shetland Recreational Trust, Clickimin Centre, North Lochside – North Fish (Shetland) Ltd

Mr Coleman asked if Historic Scotland should not be consulted due to being situated so near to the Broch.

Mr Anderson replied that the container would be situated at the back of the building and wouldn't be seen.

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

8.2 2016/097/PPF – To extend existing dwelling house, form vehicle access from the street and create driveway – 13 St Sunniva Street, Lerwick – Mr George Sutherland

No objections.

8.3 2016/092/PPF – Retrospective change of use for Viewforth House to be used as Management Accommodation Facility – Viewforth, 13 Burgh Rd, Lerwick – Frank Allen Strang

Mr Anderson informed members that there were to be no visible changes to the building.

Mrs Simpson mentioned that there was no problem with parking during the day as the premises had additional parking.

Ms Fraser stated that there hadn't previously been an application for the change of use for the premises.

Mr Coleman had no problem with the application and was glad to see it being used instead of standing empty.

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

04/16/09

Finance

9.1 Core Funding Financial Report April 2016

Mr Anderson asked if there were any comments or queries regarding the finance.

No comments.

9.2 CC Core Funding 2016/17 – Mr Michael Duncan

Noted.

9.3 CDF Distribution Acknowledgement

Mr Anderson pointed out that the amount granted, was towards the PB Funding and resulted in a total of £10,000 for the event in May.

9.4 CDF Project – Letter – Mr Michael Duncan

Mr Anderson explained the response from Michael due to the lack of visible results with the Information Panels project. He informed members that Eileen Brooke-Freeman was in the process of tidying them up before being sent away. They would take four weeks in production and hopefully be here before the tourist season started.

9.5 RB Electrical Quote for LED Floodlights at Clickimin Broch

Noted.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

04/16/10

Licence Variation

10.1 Application for Variation of Premises Licence – Douglas Arms, 67 Commercial Road, Lerwick – George Hepburn, KGQ Hotels Ltd, c/o JW Grey & Co, Gremista, Lerwick

Mr Fraser mentioned that this would be just to allow children to play music when accompanied by an adult.

Mr Anderson said that they were often playing as part of a band and supervised.

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

04/16/11

Any Other Business

Pedestrian Crossing Lights

Mrs Simpson said that the pedestrian crossing lights were still out of action near the hospital and asked about enquiring at what stage they were at with this.

Mr Anderson agreed that they would write to Roads and ask.

Flower Park Leisure Facilities

Mr Fraser has previously mentioned the flower park leisure facilities not permanently manned and the possibility of using Islesburgh Community Complex to collect and return from there.

The clerk informed Mr Fraser that a letter had been sent, but no reply had been received.

Mr Anderson agreed that they chase up and ask.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Loot for Lerwick/Skate Park

Mrs Christie wanted to offer help with completion of Loot for Lerwick Application forms from herself, Elsa Manson or Michael Duncan from community planning and development.

Regarding the Skate Park she had not so far had time to get back to them, but would be doing so.

(Action: Mrs Christie)

Pointing of flagstones in Lanes & Sign Poles at Ladies Drive

Mr Wenger asked about his email regarding the flagstones and sign posts.

Mr Anderson replied that a response had been received from Mr Neil Hutchison informing the community council that the work was to be done.

Additional agenda items

Cycling Community Project Funding

Mr Anderson informed members that this item came too late for the agenda. Up to five thousand pounds was available to deliver local cycling projects. The closing date for applications was 3rd May, so tight time scale. He suggested that the Clerk circulate and if any member has any ideas to come back and also to send to Elaine Skinley who had worked on the cycling leaflet.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.40pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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