

MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2013

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

Members

Mr W Spence	Mr J Anderson
Mr A Johnson	Mr E Knight
Mr A Carter	Mr D Ristori
Mr S McMillan	Ms K Fraser
Mrs E Williamson	Mr A Henry

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell

In Attendance

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

02/13/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/13/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Mrs A Simpson, Ms A Westlake, Mr L Angus, Mr S Hay, Cllr A Wishart, Cllr C Smith, Cllr M Stout and Cllr P Campbell.

02/13/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January were approved by Ms K Fraser and seconded by Mr D Ristori.

02/13/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

01/13/09 Item 9.9 Review of Traffic Management Schemes in Lerwick - Consultative Working Group

The Chairman advised that, as Lerwick Community Councils representative, he had attended the first meeting of the Consultative Working Group for Traffic Management Schemes in Lerwick. He stated that the aim of the group was to take a proactive approach by progressing plans and ideas, with an understanding of the financial constraints. The Group provided an opportunity for Lerwick Community Council to discuss related concerns and ideas each month, for feeding back into the Working Group.

He added that it was hoped a survey would be undertaken to map traffic movements within the town.

02/13/05

Consultation on the Strategic Police Plan

Noted

5.1 Draft Strategic Police Plan

Cllr M Bell clarified that each individual ward would have its own Policing Plan.

He furthered that the Scottish Police Authority Members were a consulting body only, made up of publicly appointed members, appointed on the basis of their ability.

02/13/06

Street Lighting Review: Lighting Reduction Options

6.1 Sands of Sound

6.2 North end of Westerloch

6.3 Netherdale

The options noted below arrived too late to be included in the agenda but were brought to the meeting for discussion.

6.4 Hillcrest and West Hillcrest

6.5 North end West Baila

6.6 Sandyloch Drive

6.7 Upper Baila

Items 6.1 to 6.7 were collectively discussed as in each case approval had been received for the complete removal of street lighting circuits and part-night lighting. The latter being the fitting of time clock controls to existing streetlights to switch the lighting off between midnight and 6am.

A risk assessment was attached to each area which identified possible risks which would be tended to prior to the lighting reduction.

Ms K Fraser advised that a concerned individual had commented that the lights from houses seemed blinding when there was no balance between streetlights and house lights.

That aside, there were no additional reports of concern regarding the proposed lighting reductions.

The Chairman thought it a fair comment and asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr N Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC to enquire if any risk assessments had taken place at night.
(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Lerwick Traffic Counts

The data gathered by the Lerwick Traffic Counts arrived too late to be included in the agenda but the documents were viewed at the meeting.

It was hoped that the data would provide assistance when discussing the lighting reduction options. However, no traffic counts had been taken in the streets where part night lighting was to be introduced.

02/13/07

Correspondence

7.1 Variable Muster List – Mr J Fergusson, Operations Director, Serco/NorthLink Ferries

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write back and request a simple response as to if, and how, how Serco/NorthLink intends to provide travel for a sudden and unexpected surge in passenger numbers, such as a result of the cancellation of flights.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

7.2 Travel Provision Obligation – Mr C Grieve, Policy Officer, Aviation, Maritime, Freight & Canals, The Scottish Government

Noted

7.3 Community Council Link – Ms C Mackie, Sales & Marketing, Shetland News

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to thank Ms C Mackie for her offer and advise her that Lerwick Community Council would be very happy to take it up.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

7.4 Clickimin Campsite – Mr R Anderson, Caravan Owner

Noted

7.5 Clickimin Campsite – SCT Ringfencing Monies

Noted

The Chairman read out a letter, which had arrived that day, from Mr James Johnston, General Manger, Shetland Recreational Trust. The letter advised that the proposed sale of Clickimin Caravan and Camp Site was discussed and decided at a board meeting of SRT Trustees.

The Trustees had decided that the campsite was not part of the core business of the Trust which will be the focus for the foreseeable future particularly in light of tightening budgets across the public sector.

Mr E Knight raised concern with regard to the possible loss of the campsite.

He read out excerpts from SRT reports which highlighted the growing worth of the Caravan and Camp Site to visitors and locals alike.

Mr E Knight expressed doubts that Shetland Recreational Trust had the right to sell the land if the use was not to be for a charitable purpose.

He added that the SRT trustees must act in the interest of charity and quoted that 'A body does not meet the charity test if its constitution allows it to distribute or otherwise apply any of its property, on being wound up or at any other time, for a purpose which is not a charitable purpose'.

He put forward the motion that OSCR should be written to on the basis that there was an element of doubt that SRT had the right to sell the Caravan and Camp Site if the land was not to be used for charitable purposes.

Mr S MacMillan seconded the motion.

The Chairman raised an amendment to the motion stating that in the first instance it would be prudent to write back to Shetland Charitable Trust to establish on what basis they provided the initial and subsequent grants, for developing the Caravan and Campsite, and the grant conditions therein.

Once the documents were received the issue could go on the agenda for further discussion.

Mr E Knight noted that there were a lot of questions to answer such as, when the land was offered for sale, was it offered to anyone else? Correct procedure should not be ignored in order to progress the school at Clickimin.

The Chairman stated that he would not like to see the progress of the new Anderson High School impeded but agreed that it was also important to clarify if the funding had been granted to Shetland Recreational Trust for the sole purpose of developing a Caravan and Camp Site in Lerwick.

Mr A Carter seconded the Chairman's amendment.

With the agreement of Mr S MacMillan, Mr E Knight withdrew his motion.

The Chairman's amendment to the motion was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Mr A Carter suggested that consideration could be given to zoning six to ten parking spaces at Lochside for motor homes to park overnight, and monies collected could be used to fund the running of the Lochside toilets. He thought the proposal may be worth considering at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Schemes Consultative Working Group.

Mr D Ristori noted that motor homes were parked at Lochside during the Tall Ships Races and there had been no issues; Gilbertson Park was also an option.

The Chairman recommended that Seafield was a better option as it would be less of a distraction to road users, and the toilet block was already open for use.

7.6 Excessive Postal Charges – Alistair Carmichael MSP, House of Commons, London

Noted

7.7 Braefield Road Safety Issue – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC

Noted

7.8 Additional Dog Litter Bins – Mrs M Sandison, Executive Manager, Environmental Services, SIC

After the issue of dog fouling was discussed at length, the Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mrs M Sandison and advise her that Hillhead, Thorfinn Street, Ronald Street and Breiwick Road were now proving to be problem areas regarding dog fouling. However, dog fouling in Old North Road was much less of an issue and a great improvement.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

7.9 Mobile CCTV Notification, Grodians – Mr B Mycock, Antisocial Behavior Co-coordinator, SIC

Noted

7.10 Review of Civic Government and Animal Health Licensing – Mrs M Sandison, Executive Manager, Environmental Services, SIC

To clarify, Cllr M Bell reassured members that the content of the letter was nothing new. The fees, which were discretionary, had recently been reviewed and would go some way to covering the cost of running the service.

7.11 Name Ideas, New Development at Hoofields – Ms E van Tronder, Joint Association Secretary, North Stoney Hill Community Association

The Chairman noted that 'Burn Bank' was the name favoured by North Stoney Hill Community Association and advised that an additional name was needed as two roads required to be named.

Mr D Ristori proposed 'Brethren View', inspired by a well known duo of notorious skerries which can be viewed the scheme.

Mrs E Knight seconded the proposal.

Ms K Fraser suggested 'Free Hill', which references the land immediately to the west of the tank traps and up to the new Marts, which once provided no charge access to Lerwick residents who worked their peat there.

The Chairman was swayed by the suggestion and proposed 'Free Hill'.

Ms K Fraser seconded the Chairman's proposal.

Each proposal was put to the vote.

To propose 'Brethren View' as Lerwick Community Council's suggestion – **4 votes**

To propose 'Free Hill' as Lerwick Community Council's suggestion – **6 votes**

The proposal to put forward 'Free Hill' as Lerwick Community Council's first choice was carried, with 'Brethren View' to be held in reserve.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

7.12 Resignation from LCC – Mr J A Stewart

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr J Stewart to thank him for his tenure and to wish him well for the future.

He noted that now Lerwick Community Council had one vacant seat, which was included in the current by-election.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

02/13/08

Financial Report as at 29 February 2013

8.1 LCC Main Annual Running Costs 2012-2013

Noted

8.2 LCC Annual Grants & Projects 2012-2013

Noted

8.3 LCC Grants & Projects 2012-2013

Noted

The Chairman advised that it was likely that Community Councils would receive a 30% cut to their budget for 2013-14.

He stated that he was still waiting for a quote for the Heritage Place Names Map; there was no commitment so that if it was decided not to progress with the project, no monies would be lost.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

02/13/09

Applications for Financial Assistance

9.1 Repair of Road – Lerwick Marina Users Association

Mr E Knight declared an interest as a Member of the Board.

Mr D Ristori proposed a funding offer of £200.

There was no seconder to the proposal.

Mr S MacMillan proposed that the full cost of £1,670 should be awarded.

Mr A Carter seconded Mr S Macmillan's proposal.

Mrs E Williamson suggested that an offer between the two proposals may be prudent.

The Chairman counter proposed a grant offer of £700, which would cover the cost of 7 square meters at £100 per meter.

Mrs E Williamson seconded the Chairman's proposal

Mr S MacMillan withdrew his proposal.

The proposal to offer grant funding of £700 was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.2 Ground Rent – Junior Up Helly Aa Galley Shed

Mr A Johnston declared an interest.

Mr E Knight proposed that the full cost of £75.55 should be covered.

Mr A Carter seconded the proposal.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.3 Replacement Safety Boat – Lerwick Boating Club

The Chairman, Mr E Knight, Mrs E Williamson, Mr W Spence and Mr A Johnston all declared an interest.

Mr A Carter proposed an offer of £1,000.

Mr A Henry seconded the proposal.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

02/13/10

Road Traffic Order

10.1 SIC (Various Roads, Shetland)(Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle) (Revocation No 1) Order 2013 – Union Street

Noted

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10.2 SIC (Bruce Crescent, Lerwick)(Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle) Order 2013

Noted

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

02/13/11

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

11.1 Application for Provisional Premises Licence – Staneyhill Brewery Ltd

Noted

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

02/13/12

Planning Applications

12.1 2013/019/PPF – Change of use from class 8 residential institutions to class 7 hotels and hostel, boarding and guest house – Leog House

The Chairman objected to the proposal as there was no detail as to existing and proposed access to and from the site or parking arrangements.

Mrs E Knight seconded the objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

02/13/13

Lerwick Planning Applications – January 2013

Noted

02/13/14

Any Other Business

Royal Mail Road Transport Workshop - Garthspool

Mr D Ristori asked if anything compulsory could be done with regard to the poor state of repair of the Royal Mail Road Transport Workshop at Garthspool.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to include the item in the March Agenda.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Police Station

Mr S MacMillan noted that the Police Station was closed at lunchtimes.

The Chairman asked Mr S MacMillan to raise the issue at the next meeting of Lerwick Community Council when Chief Inspector Angus MacInnes would be present.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Lighting – Multicourt at Knab

Mr E Knight raised concern with regard to the very poor condition of the lighting columns at the AHS multicourt, Knab Road. He advised that one of the lighting columns had blown down on Gressay Loan in the recent gales and another was in danger of falling on the ASN building.

He stressed that they needed urgent attention.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mrs V Nicolson, Head Teacher, Anderson High School with regard to the issue.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Viking Bus Station

CLlr M Bell informed members that Shetland Islands Council hoped that they would find someone to take on, and run the bus station along with an additional business.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to include the Viking Bus Station as an item on the next agenda.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

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

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman..... Date.....