

MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2016

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson	Mr E Knight
Mr A Carter	Mr A Wenger
Ms K Fraser	Mr W Spence
Mr D Ristori	Mr J Fraser

Additional Co-opted Student Members

Miss S Sandison	Mr I Russell
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Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr Wishart

In Attendance

Sergeant James McConnachie, Police Scotland
Mr Chris Grant, Youth Development Worker
Mrs Pat Christie, Community Planning & Development Officer
Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mrs A Simpson, Vice Chairman to the Council presided.

02/16/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/16/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Anderson, Mr S Hay, Mr A Johnston, Mr P Coleman, Mr M Peterson, Cllr J Wills, and Cllr C Smith.

02/16/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mr D Ristori and Mr E Knight.

02/16/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Skatepark

Mrs P Christie informed members that she was yet to meet with the Skatepark committee, but she will be doing so this month and would report back.

(Action: Mrs P Christie)

02/16/05

Police Scotland December Report

Mrs Simpson welcomed Sergeant James McConnachie to the meeting.

Sergeant McConnachie reported that the detection rate of seventy six percent remained high. He said the nature of crimes committed had changed from last year. There was an increase in domestic abuse, sexual offences and assault crimes. They were working in partnership with local agencies supporting victims and helping to bring about justice.

On road safety issues he commented there was a number of drink driving offences and fixed penalty tickets issue for Commercial Street. He mentioned that when they can, they were reinforcing the measures.

Drugs and Alcohol were on-going problems and the Area Commander had a clear commitment to this. He said that it was the responsibility of everyone to feed in information that could be acted upon.

Sergeant McConnachie reported of the three hundred and seventy two incidents in Lerwick, only one break-in was recorded, and twelve thefts. Other incidents included anti-social behaviour, motorist and assault. The bulk of the activity had not been bad and he reported that during the recent Up Helly Aa event, everything seem to go very well.

He asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr Ristori pointed out about speeding cars from the top of Ladies Drive/Gremista Brae up to the Old North Road/Hoofields area, saying they were a problem in the morning and at night. He also enquired about bogus workers from south and asked if they could be dealt with.

Sergeant McConnachie suggested that it would be trading standards who would deal with these companies, although the Police work in partnership.

Cllr Wishart enquired about parking offences.

Sergeant McConnachie informed members that there were restrictions on parking and they do issue tickets when they can. He went on to mention the moving traffic offence, when the driver had to be with the vehicle and resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

Mrs Simpson thanked Sergeant McConnachie for coming.

Sergeant McConnachie left at 7.20pm

02/16/06

Stewardship Scheme – Mr Chris Grant – Youth Support Worker

Mrs Simpson welcomed Mr Grant to the meeting and informed members that he had been contacted when we had problems with vandalism at the Clickimin Broch.

Mr Grant introduced himself as a youth worker who was currently acting up as team leader whilst his colleague was away. He mentioned the letter received from the community council, had arrived when he was in contact with Historic Scotland about a Stewardship Scheme for young people who were to be engaged in Historical sites and their promotion.

A pilot had recently started with three young boys from S2. He outlined the three parts to the scheme; Investigation, Conservation and Promotion. The investigation involved visiting the site, making a labelled map of the features of the site and taking surveys of the area for wildlife, erosion and environmental changes. The boys were focussing on that as they liked to be out of doors.

Mr Grant said that Conservation was all about carrying out regular litter picks, repairs and monitoring threats to the site and surrounding environment. He remarked that the draft guidance document was wide open leaving them to interpret as they went along. The Promotion was down to the boys' ideas; Broch treasure hunt, geocaching, open day for primary school kids and tours for cruise ships had all been suggested.

He mentioned other school groups who were using the Broch for educational purposes and hoped this would encourage it to be seen in a more positive light. He expressed his disappointment with the vandalism last year. He said he was aware of the lifespan of the Historic Scotland scheme, but hoped to build alongside this, for long term involvement. They were welcome to ideas, so young folk could take this forward.

Mrs Simpson thanked Chris for his presentation. She said it was all very positive and good to hear. She asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr Carter said it was excellent and asked if there was any way the community council could support the scheme.

Mr Grant replied that as it goes on, they were keen to gather stories from the community and perhaps financial support for trips and materials, as needed.

Mr Wenger was interested in their proposed tours for cruise ships and as a tour guide himself, offered a point of contact and mentioned the historic information they provided for visitors.

Mrs Christie introduced herself and offered help in her role as a community development officer. She mentioned a project in Bressay using 3D imaging to take photographs of historic sites and thought the young people might be interested in seeing that.

Mr Grant expressed his interest and remarked that so much could be done. He stated that the pilot needed to be good and he was interested in anything like this.

Mrs Simpson thanked him again and said it was all very encouraging.

Mr Chris Grant left at 7.35pm.

02/16/07

Correspondence

7.1 Scotland Bill Briefing Note

Noted.

7.2 Surface Dressing, Re-surfacing and Reconstruction Programme 2016

Mrs Simpson mentioned the areas highlighted for Lerwick and suggested that they were just for noting.

Mr Wenger shared a picture of road flooding at Haldane Burgess Crescent.

Cllr Wishart suggested that the photograph be sent to Mr Dave Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.3 Sustrans Community Links Fund 2016-17

Mrs Simpson pointed out that we needed to have matched funding and there was not much time. She suggested that we pass on to Magnus Malcolmson or Hjaltland.

Discussion took place as to areas that might benefit from the funding opportunity. The road behind the new Anderson High School, other paths near the Clickimin and also the path round the coast at the Sletts.

Mr Carter wondered if it was a one off, or if it would come up again.

Mrs Christie commented that it may well come along again and the community council should have ideas in place and work up a project for it. She offered to ask Michael Duncan about future funding opportunities.

(Action: Pat Christie)

7.4 Scotland's eplanning Service

Noted.

7.5 Notice of By-Election

Mrs Simpson pointed out the deadline for the By-Election was 16 February and asked members to pass on the information to anyone who showed an interest. She mentioned that Mr Anderson had suggested that the clerk circulate the roles and responsibilities of community council members.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.6 Scottish Community Council Website Re-launched

Mrs Simpson said that the website looked excellent and members should have a look at it.

Mr Fraser asked about the possibility of recruiting two additional students from the High School.

Ms Fraser replied that unfortunately elected members had to be over eighteen.

Mr Carter suggested we approach Shetland College as a source of representation.

Mrs Simpson agreed and proposed we send them a notice for their board. She added that it would be good to encourage them to take an interest.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.7 DigiCC Workshops – General Report – January 2016

Mrs Simpson suggested this was just for noting, as it was nothing this community council had been involved in. She said no response was necessary.

7.8 Briefing Note Employment Land Audit

Noted.

7.9 Sandveien Playpark

Mrs Simpson commented that Mr Malcolmson had replied stating that the playpark was not deemed a health and safety risk, but it would take a lot of work to clean up as paint had been thrown all over. It was to be included in their future maintenance work.

7.10 Hand dryer Public Toilets Esplanade

Mrs Simpson noted that parts were on the way.

Mr Ristori informed members that two new hand dryers had now been installed.

7.11 Street Light Scalloway Road Steps

Mrs Simpson informed members that neither the housing service or Roads department were claiming responsibility for the street light at the steps. She commented that perhaps the title deeds to one of the properties would show who owned the light.

Cllr Wishart offered to pursue the issue. He remarked that it would be dark around there and folk would need the light.

(Action: Cllr Wishart)

Mrs Simpson informed members that the financial report was not included as there had been no significant changes from last months report.

Additional Correspondence Items

Tesco Bags of Help – Grant Application – Sletts Pier

Mrs Simpson said that the grant application had been unsuccessful.

Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons

As this item had come late for the agenda Mrs Simpson suggested it be circulated and included in the next agenda.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Participatory Budgeting Event

Mrs Simpson informed members that the first meeting had taken place and the next one was to be held on Wednesday this week at 5pm in the LCC office. Members heard that Mr Wenger had booked the venue, Islesburgh Community Centre, 10am until 1pm on Saturday 21st May. Mrs Simpson commented that there was a lot of work to be done before then.

02/16/08

Grant Applications

8.1 Junior Up Helly Aa – Rent for ground print of peerie galley shed – Mr Ian Spence

Mr Knight proposed that the grant be approved.

Mr Carter seconded the proposal.

The full grant for £81.07 was approved.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

02/16/09

Planning Applications

9.1 2015/446/PPF – Change of use from retail to café/coffee shop – 24 Commercial Street, Lerwick – Mr Malcolm David Arthur

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

9.2 2015/463/PPF – Redevelopment of site to form staff accommodation for adjacent hotel, together with improvements to existing access and provision of additional parking – former Judane Knitwear, Lerwick – Mr Robert Smith, Brudloff Hotels Group

Ms Fraser commented that it looked like a good redevelopment of the site.

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Mrs Pat Christie left 8.00pm

9.3 2016/015/PPF – To site a 40 foot container – Lerwick Fire Station, South Road, Lerwick, ZE1 0RJ – Mr Stephen Davies, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

02/16/10

Any Other Business

New Holmsgarth Pier – Lerwick Port Authority

Mr D Ristori asked about the LPA's new pier to be built at Holmsgarth and if it was going to allow public access. He said that concern had been raised in the hope that it was not going to allow access to everybody.

Mrs Simpson proposed that we write to the LPA and ask.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

Minute ends.

MRS A SIMPSON
VICE CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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