

**MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014**

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

**Members**

Mr E Knight	Ms K Fraser
Mr D Ristori	Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Johnston	Mr A Wenger
Mr J Anderson	Mr W Spence
Mr A Carter	Mr A Henry
Mr S Hay co-opted member	Mrs E Williamson arrived 7.20pm

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr M Stout	Cllr M Bell
Cllr J Wills left 8.00pm	Cllr P Campbell

**In Attendance**

Ms Helen Budge, Director, Children's Services, SIC  
Mr Trevor Smith, Project Manager, Capital Programmes, SIC  
Mr Gordon Murray, Ryder Architects  
Ms Annie Say, Natural Capital  
Ms Annie Nicolson, Clerical Assistant, Children's Services, SIC  
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

02/14/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

02/14/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Ms A Westlake, Cllr C Smith and Cllr A Wishart

02/14/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January were approved on the motion of Mrs A Simpson and seconded by Mr D Ristori.

02/14/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**01/14/04 Public Toilets – Charitable Trust Proposal** The Chairman reassured members that he would obtain a response from Mr J Riise, Executive Manger, Governance & Law, SIC for discussion at the March meeting of Lerwick Community Lerwick Community Council.

**(Action: Chairman)**

**01/14/13 item 13.1 Meeting Invite – Queens Baton Relay – Sanna Aitken, Active Schools Co-ordinator, SIC**

Ms K Fraser advised that she had attended the meeting.

She stated that the Queens Baton Relay would be a big event for Lerwick and that she planned to prepare a report for the Clerk to distribute to members, or for discussion during the March meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

**(Action: Ms K Fraser)**

**Amendment**

**01/14/19** Mr M Peterson previously contacted the Clerk to request that the minute be corrected to state that the beach in question should be referred to as the beach at Tarland. Also, at the January meeting, he had stated that two-thirds of the beach had been regarded, not the whole beach.

02/14/05

**Update – proposed New Anderson High School - Ms Helen Budge, Director, Children’s Services; Mr G Murray, Ryder Architects; Mr Trevor Smith, Project Manager, Capital Programmes; Ms Annie Say, Natural Capital and Ms Annie Nicolson, Clerical Assistant, Children’s Services**

Ms H Budge, Director, Children’s Services expressed her thanks for the opportunity to provide members with a progress report regarding the proposed new Anderson High School.

She hoped that members would be able to see that the feedback from previous meetings, and open meetings, were reflected in the updated drawings and plans. Ms Budge added that that they were still engaging with, and listening to, the public and groups by way of arranging meetings and open events.

She informed members that they were ever closer to submitting a planning application.

Mr G Murray, Ryder Architects, advised that a significant change to the original plans was to bring the car park in closer proximity to the teaching block; cutting it into the hill.

Additionally, in order to assist in maintaining the context of the site, the cycle path and pedestrian route would be maintained.

The plan was for the school itself to be four storey's high, about the height of the playing field floodlights. Sensitive to the historical significance of the Broch, and Cairin's on the hill, care would be taken to keep simplicity of form and ensure that the building did not break the skyline.

Mr Murray stated that they had tried to match the idiom of a traditional building, but break down the mass by using a mix of materials such as concrete, glass and metal, and root the building into the landscape.

**Mrs E Williamson Arrived – 7.20pm**

To assist in breaking down the mass, materials would be fitted horizontally and vertically, on a solid base, taking into consideration the play of light onto the building and the impact of the climate.

In designing the building, consideration had also been given to facilitate future expansion, if needed.

Cllr J Wills thought that the proposed plan looked uncompromisingly modern, when it was the policy of Shetland Island's Council to respect the vernacular.

In addition, he expressed concern at the proposal to excavate part of the hillside to accommodate the car park; he suggested that building the school to the north of the site would negate the need for excavations to accommodate the car par, and leave the current Caravan and Camping site alone.

Cllr Wills stressed that he loved the layout, his concern was with the proportion of the building and where it would sit.

Mr Murray acknowledged that the design was not traditional, and never would be, but reiterated that the careful use of materials would help to break down the mass and link the building with the landscape.

Mr E Knight agreed that further north was a more suitable site for the school, leaving the Caravan Site alone.

The Chairman enquired why tin was chosen, instead of wood, to clad the building; wood was much more sustainable.

Mr Murray replied that the use of wood cladding had not been ruled out, but as it would have to be thick hardwood, there were budget implications.

Mr Knight enquired what would happen with the Helipad.

Ms Budge replied that it would have to be relocated as, although a helicopter could land on a football pitch or play park, it was recognised that it was better to land on hardstanding. The football pitches offered a clear open entry for helicopters and it was hoped that a suitable site could be identified further down from the current site, still close to Gilbert Bain Hospital.

Concern was raised with regard to the access and egress of the proposed school site; Ms Budge was asked if a one way system had been explored.

Ms Budge replied that the question had been raised in the past but Roads, SIC had expressed their apprehension. Instead, an access road to the north of the site was opted for, with the ASN department having their own specific access to the west.

Ms A Say, Natural Capital, affirmed that they were working very closely with Roads, SIC. As part of the environmental statement, traffic impact had to be studied carefully and views of community groups, residents, and the general public all taken on board.

The Chairman noted that there seemed to be no provision in the plans for a space where children could run freely and ‘have a kick about’.

Ms Budge replied that they did have aspirations for an all weather pitch, but a free space for children to run about in had not been built into the plans. They were conscious that there was not a lot of hardstanding; this had also been noted by teaching staff.

Mr S Hay enquired how flexible the classrooms and building would be; had consideration been given to making them future proof and fully adaptable to encompass additional and further education.

Ms Budge replied that they were looking at how senior phase could be delivered, not just for the proposed new Anderson High, but for Shetland Collage and NAFC.

Mr Knight enquired as to the life span of the building.

Ms Budge replied that it would be 60 years.

Concern was again raised with regard to the proposed access and egress to the site, why could the existing road not be used?

Ms Budge replied that Roads, SIC had thought the existing junction was unsuitable.

Cllr Wills again appealed for the proposed school to be sited further to the north, closer to the Halls of Residence. In addition, he expressed concern that classrooms with south facing windows would get very hot, requiring temperature control; he thought it would be more appropriate for classrooms to face east and west.

Ms Say stated that a partnership approach was being taken with regard to the Environmental Impact Assessment, helping to understand the site, and key issues and concerns, in order to mitigate effects.

Feedback was generally positive with regard to the site, although there had been concerns with regard to car parking and road congestion, and it was vital to get it right. The importance of maintaining the walking and cycle paths was clear, and a

high priority, in order to assist in the health and safety of children travelling to and from school.

Ms Say stated that care would have to be taken to ensure that there was no contamination from the landfill site; a peat management plan would be put in place, quality of water in the loch retained, and flood risk assessment undertaken.

As previously discussed, consideration was being given to addressing the concerns of Historic Scotland with regard to the setting of the Clickimin Broch.

Issues relating to the construction of the school, although short term, would be given no less consideration, would be properly controlled, and the proximity of the school to residential space respected.

Ms Say advised members that when the Environmental Impact Assessment was ready, it would be made available to the public.

Mr A Wenger enquired if thought had been given to the removal of sewage.

Mr T Smith replied that a connection would be made to the existing system at Lochside, there was ample capacity, and it was likely to be pumped away.

Ms K Fraser asked what would happen to the paths at Staney Hill and the back of Westerloch.

Ms Budge replied that the path over Staney Hill would be maintained for walkers, and that some form of lighting would be considered. She was aware that there were some concerns that vehicles were using the road, but it was something that could not be prohibited.

She advised that Shetland Islands Council had purchased land to the side of the loch, including the path, and it would be maintained for walkers.

Cllr Wills enquired if the condition of the ground underneath the caravan and campsite had been investigated.

Mr Smith replied that investigations were to begin the following day.

**Cllr Wills left - 8.00pm**

Mr A Carter asked if the facilities at Clickimin Leisure Centre would be shared with the proposed new AHS.

Ms Budge replied that it was their aim to work together and have shared facilities, although some reconfiguration may be required.

The Chairman asked if the existing AHS site was a separate project.

Ms Budge replied that it was; Capital Programmes was looking at the site and assessing how to take it forward.

Noting the flat surface areas, either side of the Halls of Residence on the plans, Cllr P Campbell enquired if it was designed for building on, if required.

Ms Budge replied that it was.

The Chairman thanked Ms Budge and her team for attending the meeting and providing their informative and interesting presentation.

Ms Budge returned her thanks for the opportunity to present to the Council and answer members questions.

The presentation concluded at 8.05 and Ms Budge and her team left the meeting.

02/14/06

**Local Fire & Rescue Plan for Shetland Islands 2014-2017**

Cllr M Stout noted that the closing down of fire control rooms was not even mentioned and questioned the relevance of making any comment at all.

Mr Knight agreed with the sentiment.

Cllr M Bell echoed Cllr Stout's statement, noting that that is what happened when organisations were centralised. He added that communities would rue the day that they had lost their influence.

The Chairman replied that it was better to make savings on administration than front line staff.

Cllr Bell replied that the difficulty was that without administrative support, highly trained, expensive staff would be left doing admin staff jobs; It was not always as simple as just maintaining the frontline staff.

The Chairman conceded that it was a point well made.

02/14/07

**Shetland Policing Plan Priorities (Proposed) 2014-2015**

**7.1 Lerwick North**

Noted

**7.2 Lerwick South**

Noted

Members agreed that a letter should be written to highlight the vexed issue of parking under Road Policies.

Cllr Stout agreed that parking issues should be highlighted.

He informed members that he was Chairman of the Road Advisory Committee and that the issue had come up frequently. He thought that the only way to improve the situation was to recognise the need to change our own attitudes. He noted that social media could be used as a powerful tool in getting people to change their ways.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

02/14/08 **Grotty Buckie Stiles – Scotland’s Paths for All**

Based on the quotes received, the Chairman advised that the total cost of the project would be around £1,700.

Members agreed that an application for funding should be made to assist covering 50% of the costs of the manufacture and installation of four stiles, signposts and boardwalk, with Lerwick Community Council providing match funding.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

02/14/09 **Correspondence**

**9.1 Closure of Shetland Oiled Bird Cleaning Unit – Ms Emma Smith, Communications Officer, Scottish SPCA**

Noted

**9.2 Closure of Shetland Oiled Bird Cleaning Unit – Prof Mike Richardson, Chairman, SOTEAG & WRCC**

Noted

**9.3 Disrepair-Sletts Sea Path – Mr Magnus Malcolmson, Leisure Facilities Officer, SIC**

It was noted that the path had been further damaged but that Mr M Malcolmson, Leisure Facilities Officer, SIC was aware of the issue and would be tending to it.

**9.4 Burgh Road Parking Increase - Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC**

It was with concern that members discussed how both sides of the road, and the Montfield car park, was taken up by parked cars. It was noted that many of the cars appeared to be hire vehicles.

Mr Knight asked if anything could be done to ensure that residents could park outside their own homes.

Cllr Stout replied that the cost of introducing a resident’s permit scheme would be enormous, and that it would have to be applied to the whole of the town.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to BP, enquire how long they would be occupying the building for and politely request if they could please encourage their staff to park in the Gilbertson Park car park.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**9.5 CCTV and Vehicles on Commercial Street – Chief Inspector A MacInnes, Police Scotland**

The Chairman asked anyone interested in viewing CCTV in action to contact the Clerk so she could gather names and arrange a visit at a mutually agreeable time.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**9.6 Mill Lane-Pedestrian Safety – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, SIC**

Noted

**9.7 Pavement Parking Issues-Grantfield Garage & The Red Dragon Takeaway – PS D Livitt, Police Scotland**

Noted

**9.8 Late Hours Catering Extensions – Ms Patti Dinsdale, Environmental Health Officer, SIC**

Cllr Bell expressed concern that allowing the extension would encourage people leaving nightclubs to extend their time spent out on the street rather than drift home.

He thought it would be more appropriate for catering establishments to close before nightclubs.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Police Scotland, requesting their viewpoint and put the item back on the agenda for the March meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**9.9 Path-Westerloch to Clickimin Centre – Ms E Skinley, Road Safety Officer, SIC**

Members agreed that a letter should be written to offer Lerwick Community Councils full support.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**9.10 Ruddy Park SPS Outfall Pipeworks – Mr R Aitken, CID Project Manager (Shetland), Scottish Water**

Mrs A Simpson stated that she thought that the works done by Scottish Water was a good improvement.

Noted

02/14/10 **Financial Report as at 27 January 2014**

Noted

02/14/11 **Application for Grant Funding**

**11.1 Peerie Galley Shed Ground Rent – Junior Up Helly Aa**

Mr A Johnston declared an interest as a Junior Up Helly Aa Committee Member.

Mr Knight proposed that the full amount should be awarded.

This was seconded by Mr Carter.

Mr A Johnston reminded members that a long time ago, it was agreed that the payment of the ground rent would be Lerwick Community Councils contribution to the Fire Festival.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

02/14/12 **Funding Opportunities**

**12.1 Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Gary Leask to enquire if any restoration work was required to be done on the War Memorial at Hillhead.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

02/14/13 **Community Development Fund Review**

**13.1 Community Development Fund Questionnaire**

Mrs Simpson proposed that the Clerk should complete the questionnaire; members agreed to the proposal.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

02/14/14 **Application for Premises Licence**

Cllr P Campbell declared an interest as member of the licensing board for the next two agenda items.

**14.1 Captain Flints – Application for Variance of Premises Licence**

Concern was raised that residents in the area may be affected by the noise of people leaving the establishment during the early hours.

The Chairman argued that having a late license was more controlled rather than people leaving the licensed premises before they were ready to leave, and looking for a party to attend.

He proposed that no objections should be made to the application, provided that no objections were raised by residents in the area.

There was no counter proposal.

To clarify, Cllr Stout advised that the Community Council's stance was being sought as a formality, and any comment made would not necessarily influence a decision, but would theoretically be listened to.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**14.2 Clickimin Leisure Centre – Application for Premises Licence**

No objection

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

02/14/15

**Planning Applications**

**15.2 2014/004/PPF – Demolition of Former Knitwear Factory – Judane (Shetland) Ltd, North Road – Lerwick Port Authority**

No objection

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**15.2 2014/008/PPF – Demolish Existing Front Porch and Erect Extension-6 Greenfield Place – Mr & Mrs A Manson**

No objection

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

02/14/16

**Lerwick Planning Applications – January 2014**

Noted

02/14/17

**Any Other Business**

Mr Carter advised that, as of today, the Caravan and Campsite was closed. He enquired if it would be possible to request an update regarding any progress in made in identifying a new site.

He suggested that the lack of a Lerwick campsite may lead to caravans being parked inappropriately in town.

Cllr Bell responded that although there were no campsites in Lerwick, there were campsites elsewhere in Shetland.

He furthered that finding a replacement Lerwick campsite was important, and they were working on it.

Cllr Stout added that they were still waiting to see how much land would be needed for the New Eric Gray Centre; there may be enough space to accommodate both projects. In addition, Shetland Islands Council was open to negotiate, commercially, with interested parties in opening a campsite.

Mr Carter asked what contingency plans were in place, in the meantime, to accommodate visitors who arrive in Shetland looking for a Lerwick site.

Ms Fraser reminded members that it was not just visitors to the Island who had to be accommodated, but locals too; something basic would suffice for the time being, with toilet facilities.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Gary Leask, Chairman, Shetland Caravan and Camping Development Group to ask how things were progressing with their search for a suitable site.

**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

***Minute ends.***

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Chairman.....**

**Date.....**