

MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015

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

Members

Mr J Anderson	Mr S Hay
Mrs A Simpson	Mr A Carter
Mr A Wenger	Mr A Johnson
Mr E Knight	Mr P Coleman
Mr D Ristori	Mrs A Garrick-Wright
Ms G White	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Stout, Cllr M Bell, Cllr C Smith and Cllr P Campbell

In Attendance

Constable Bryant, Police Scotland
Constable Stephens, Police Scotland
Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

Vice Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

06/15/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

06/15/02 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wishart, Cllr Wills and Mr W Spence and Mr M Peterson.

06/15/03 **Minutes**

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

06/15/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

06/15/05 **Police Scotland**

Constable Bryant reported that no monthly report was available, as very little had changed. They were concentrating on Road Traffic and Drug Misuse. Last month they

were pro-active on misuse of drugs and results had shown they were fourteen incidents up, compared to last years figures. Also starting this month was a Drink/Drive and Road Safety Campaign.

Mr Anderson queried what the numbers for last year were, since they were up by fourteen this year.

Constable Bryant said that he didn't have the figures for last year, but he would come back with them.

Mr Anderson asked about the Road Safety Campaign and if it would be the length and breathe of Shetland.

Constable Bryant said that it would be alongside the drink/drive campaign and available resources.

Mr D Ristori acknowledged that spot checks had been done out at Gremista and asked if this could be continued. He said that the speed of the traffic was a problem, especially at the corner near Hughson Brothers.

Constable Bryant said that he would highlight that and asked about the time when incidents occurred.

Mr D Ristori informed the Constable that lunchtimes and mornings were a problem.

Constable Bryant mentioned that the drugs campaign had been successful due to the public lifting the phone. Crimes came their way. The issue with Gilbertson Road would need the same if they were to catch the culprits and deal with it.

Mr Anderson mentioned the excellent leaflet produced by pupils from Bell's Brae School and the difficulty in parking around Bells Brae Primary School.

Constable Bryant said that he had been off dealing with other issues and not had to deal with the problem. He was not sure what the situation was at moment.

06/15/06

Proposed Ward Changes

Mr Anderson informed members that last month's agenda had included the ward changes. Cllr Wills had shown some concern over the plans.

Mr Simpson mentioned that Cllr Wills had expressed concern regarding the proposed changes to Lerwick South ward with Gulberwick becoming part of Shetland Central, which included Scalloway, Burra and Tronda.

Mr Anderson had spoken to the Chair of the Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh Community Council to gage his opinion. His opinion was that they be included in Shetland South or Lerwick South, due to the A970 which fed through and offered public transport links. No such transport linked existed with Scalloway, Burra and Tronda.

Cllr Stout informed members that the council had sent a letter to the boundaries commissioner expressing concerns. He said that community councils reserve the right to make a case for better representation. He suggested making comment, prior to the second consultation.

Mr Anderson asked when this would be.

Cllr Bell said that there would be a 12 week formal consultation period.

Mr Carter asked what the criteria was for the formation of ward boundaries.

Cllr Bell informed members that it was around 800 of population per councillor. There was time to go before commission changes.

Mr Carter read that the figures were 890 for Lerwick South and 677 for Shetland West.

Cllr Stout said that the letter sent commented on existing problems suffered due to multi-member wards.

Mr Anderson commented that due to having no impact on the Lerwick Community Council, they would just note it.

06/15/07

7.1 SHEPD Resilient Communities Fund – To Improve Local Resilience

Mr Anderson bids were to improve local resilience. Items such as generators for halls or something else equally suitable could be applied for.

Mr Coleman suggested it might be worth letting people know about this.

Mr Anderson agreed and thought that it would have been circulated around. He noted the closing date was the end of July and suggested members think on it and include on next month's agenda with time to discuss at the next meeting.

Ms Garrick-Wright enquired as to information on storms effecting Lerwick and what typical power loss times were.

Mr Anderson suggested writing to the Hydro to ask them. He said that a couple of hours was the usual before the generator was mobilized and power back on. Lerwick was lucky due to the Hydro been based there.

Ms Garrick-Wright pointed out about possible help for vulnerable people.

Mr Anderson said that in the Lerwick area power loss was for a short period of time. Not limited, just blankets etc.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.2 Heritage Lottery Fund – Parks for People

Mr Anderson pointed out the generous 100k to 5m available to support parks and cemeteries. He suggested that it be forwarded onto Mr Spence highlighting gravestones in the lower kirkyard.

Mrs Simpson mentioned the old cemetery, but thought that it didn't fit in to the category.

Cllr Stout proposed that it be forwarded on to Shetland Amenity Trust and Shetland Arts Development Agency, if they not already seen it.

Mr Anderson suggested circulating to them. As the deadline was not until 1st September any suggestions could be forwarded onto the clerk, if anything came to mind. It could also be included in next month's agenda.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.3 New Westerloch Path

Mr Anderson noted that a reply had been received which had mentioned that plenty of wet areas for frogs were elsewhere. He commented that the two paths were excellent and being very well used and encouraged folk to get out and make use of them.

7.4 Big Wheelie Bins

Mr Anderson noted that the letter received from Mr Spence mentioned that due to fly-tipping in the area, additional collections had taken place for some weeks. He suggested that he may have side stepped the issue of height of the bins, following Mr Coleman's concerns due to access for disabled or less able folk.

Discussion ensued about the sighting and height of the bins. It was suggested that lower bins and extra bins would be better than the extra collections or covering bins with nets.

Cllr Stout informed members about future recycling collections that might help the situation. Problems were due to certain behaviour. A pilot scheme would be running shortly, which had been agreed in principle. Changes in legislation would be coming into force and result in recycle collections.

Mr Anderson commented that there would still be a need to buy wheelie bins.

7.5 Sinclair Thomson House – Hjaltland Housing

Noted.

7.6 Street Names

Mr Anderson pointed out that following a visit to Norway, Paul Moar, had written suggesting using Norwegian place names for street names or housing developments.

Mr Ristori agreed with what he had said. Suggesting we invite him along to a meeting.

Mr Anderson replied that he had been invited in the past. He suggested we keep the letter on file and bring it out next time a name is needed for a new road.

7.7 Invitation – 19th Global Classroom Conference

Mr Anderson informed members that Mrs Simpson would be attending on behalf of Lerwick Community Council. He thanked Cllr Bell for the invitation.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

7.8 Shetland Emergency Planning Forum Meeting

Mr Anderson asked if any of the members would like to attend, as both he and Mrs Simpson were unable to.

Ms Garrick-Wright enquired as to how long the meeting would last.

Mr Anderson replied that it would only be a couple of hours.

Ms Garrick-Wright said she would check with work and email the clerk if unable to attend.

Mr Anderson thanked Ms Garrick-Wright and asked if members had any questions or comments for the meeting, to feed them through.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

06/15/08

Financial Reports

Mrs Anderson reported that funding for the year had been received and thanked the Council. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Noted.

06/15/09

Planning Applications

9.1 2015/151/PPF – To erect dwelling house and install air source heat pump, adjacent to Huddins, Lower Sound, Lerwick – Annette Priest

Cllr Campbell declared an interest as member of the planning committee.

Members had a brief discussion as to whereabouts of the site.

No comments or concerns were noted.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

9.2 2015/155/PPF – Change of use to bus depot (retrospective application) Lerwick Observatory, South Road, Lerwick – J & DS Halcrow

Mr Johnson declared an interest as his name was on the application.

No concerns or comments were raised.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

9.3 2015/179/PPF – Change of use from hardstanding area to bus depot; site a portacabin for office/welfare facilities – Gremista Yard, Gremista, Lerwick – R. Robertson & Son

Mr Anderson remarked that the Roads department might make a comment on visibility.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Addition Agenda Item

100th Anniversary – Departure of the SS Cambria on 13th June 1915

Members were shown the email and pictures that had been received, although these had been circulated.

Mr Anderson hoped that it would be a fine night for marking the centenary.

06/15/10

Any Other Business

Freefield Centre

Mr Ristori enquired as to the Freefield Centre and if it was still available.

Mr Anderson replied that he was quite sure it had been handed back to Hay & Co.

Mr Ristori wondered if we could check on folks behalf.

Mr Anderson suggested we write to Mr Robert Sinclair and check on the situation.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Chapel Place

Mr Ristori pointed out that Chapel Place had been in a bad way for the last three to four years and called it a 'midden'.

Mr Anderson said that we would contact the council and ask them to look into it.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Flower Garden Hillhead

Mr Ristori mentioned that flower garden at the Hillhead was in need of attention.

Mr Anderson suggested the staff from the flower park may be able to look after that area. He agreed that we contact Mr Magnus Malcolmson.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Knab Wall

Cllr Stout just wanted to give a verbal update reporting that it was in hand and a formal response was forthcoming.

Dog/Waste Bin, Sands of Sound

Mr Knight had been informed by members of the public that no waste bin was available at the Sands of Sound. He had driven to the beach that day and seen that the beach was clean and tidy, but as far as he could see there was no waste bin.

Discussion ensued regarding nearest available waste bins and parking in the area.

Cllr Stout pointed out that it was a private road, in towards the beach.

Cllr Smith informed members that the situation was on-going with the landowner regarding the sighting of waste bins and also the same with parking.

Mr Anderson surmised that as the beach was clean, waste was being taken home. He queried who the landowner maybe and remembered that the community council had granted funds for road work in the area. He suggested we look back through our files to see what grant had been awarded and try and establish where the issue with access was.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman.....

Date.....