

MONDAY 3 June 2013

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the Conference Room, Market House, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

Members

Miss K Fraser
Mr D Ristori
Mr A Carter
Mr A Henry
Mr A Wenger

Mrs A Simpson
Mrs E Williamson
Mr A Johnson
Mr J Anderson
Mr M Peterson **arrived 8.25pm**

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr M Bell

Cllr P Campbell

In Attendance

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

06/13/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

06/13/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S MacMillan, Mr S Hay, Mr E Knight, Mr L Angus, Ms A Westlake, Cllr C Smith, Cllr J Wills, Cllr A Wishart and Cllr M Stout.

06/13/03 **Minutes**

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

06/13/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Cllr P Campbell requested the minute to be corrected to note that he had attended the May meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

05/13/14 – Double Glazing-Lanes

Mrs A Simpson asked the minute to be amended to note that she had enquired if it was correct that double glazing could not be fitted to homes in conservation areas, only single glazing.

She stressed that it was not she who had brought up the subject of the conservation grant for replacement windows.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write and enquire what the position was with regard to the fitting of double glazed windows in conservation areas.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

05/13/04 Meeting Venue – Lerwick Community Council

Cllr M Bell stated that he, and the other Lerwick Councillors, would like to see Lerwick Community Council's meetings being held back in the Town Hall. However, he reiterated that Councillors had approved the new charging regime and that it was basically cost neutral; it was an unintended consequence that Lerwick Community Council could no longer hold their meetings in the Town Hall Chamber as a result of the increased charges.

He advised that two options were being considered; the prospect of meetings being held in Lystina House, but a Councillor would have to be present both before, and after, the meeting. The other option was to make an exception and reinstate the 50% discount rate, without causing issues with other bodies.

Cllr P Campbell agreed with Cllr Bell's comments and hoped that the situation could be satisfactory resolved in time.

Caravan and Campsite

The Chairman stated that he had no new information; he hoped to be updated at the meeting of the Stakeholder Group, scheduled for the following week.

Mrs A Simpson stressed how popular the site was and that she had recently counted 22 caravans and 2 or 3 tents on the campsite.

The Chairman speculated that there was a planning regulation whereby it was incumbent on the applicant to arrange to replace a resource or amenity displaced by their application.

Cllr P Campbell was certain that if that was the case, Planning would remind the applicant of the regulation.

06/13/05

Blueprint for Education in Shetland – Statutory Consultation – Mrs H Budge, Director of Children's Education, SIC

5.1 To discontinue education at Skerries School secondary department, with proposed transfer of pupils to Anderson High School

Members agreed that the transfer of pupils from Skerries School would not have a great impact on the Anderson High School role.

Ms K Fraser added that the Anderson High School was well set up to welcome and sensitively integrate the pupils into the school.

The Chairman stated that that without the savings made by discontinuing education at Skerries School secondary department, even more financial pressure would be put on schools throughout Shetland, which were already feeling the impact of unsustainable schools being kept open.

Referring to the percentage of pupils receiving more awards at Level 5 in Junior High Schools compared to those at Anderson High, Mr A Carter suggested that there was an argument for keeping Junior High Schools open.

The Chairman countered that, conversely, it showed that monies spent on Junior High Schools were depriving Anderson High School pupils of the same level of education.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

5.2 Proposed Closure of Skerries School Secondary Department Response Form
Noted

06/13/06

Proposed Restructure of SIC Youth Services

6.1 Restructure of SIC Youth Services/Youth Work Provision – Ms J Henry, Youth Worker, Islesburgh

Mrs E Williamson declared an interest as a friend of Ms Henry.

Mrs A Simpson thought that the concerns in the document were well presented.

Members wholly agreed that although the necessity to make cuts and savings was understood, it was essential that a plan was put in place for the delivery of the service going forward. The plan should ensure that the needs of all Shetland's Youths were catered for, not just those deemed 'vulnerable'.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write a letter of support for Cllr M Bell to take to SIC's meeting of the full Council on Wednesday 12 June.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

06/13/07

Scotland Rural development Programme 2014-20 Stage 1 Consultation

7.1 Consultation on Scotland Rural Development Programme – Mr B McKenzie, SDRP Programme Manager

Noted

7.2 Consultation on SRDP Programme 2014-2020 - Stage 1; Initial Proposals

Noted

7.3 Consultation on SRDP Programme 2014-2020 - Respondent Information Form

Members made no specific response to the Consultation.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to forward the documents on to Kate Massie, Administrative Assistant, ASCC so that comments from all Shetland Community Councils could be pooled and one collective response sent.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

06/13/08

Community Development Fund

8.1 Community Development Fund Grant Application Guidelines – Draft

The Chairman advised that the Community Development Fund was further discussed at a meeting of the Joint Liaison Group in May; agreements were made to make amendments to the draft document, due to be discussed at a meeting of the full Council on 12 June.

He advised that if the document was ratified, Community Councils could immediately apply for £3,000 funding on the basis that it would be distributed according to the scheme.

In addition, each Community Council would be eligible to apply for up to £1,000 to assist in administrative costs.

Cllr M Bell explained that the Community Benefit Fund was a way of keeping the money in the Community and encouraging development groups and Community Councils to work together; it was worth giving the scheme a chance.

8.2 Community Development Fund – Summary of Grant Scheme

Noted

06/13/09

Welfare Reform Act

Cllr M Bell informed members that it was with concern that he discussed the Welfare Reform Act with Alastair Carmichael, MSP.

Cllr M Bell explained that that there was simply not enough housing stock in Shetland to allow people to move to smaller homes, even if they wanted to, and because of the housing debt there was no money to build more homes.

Although Mr Carmichael defended the principal, he equally understood the consequences for Shetland. He promised to lobby for Shetland and requested statistics; these were subsequently obtained from both Hjaltland Housing Association and Shetland Islands Council and forwarded on.

Mr Carmichael also agreed to look into the housing debt issue.

Cllr M Bell advised that another meeting was scheduled, with Mr Carmichael, and he hoped to have further information in time for the July meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

06/13/10

Correspondence

10.1 Sletts, Road Department Debris – Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services

Noted

10.2 Conservation Grant, Windows – Mr A Taylor, Team Leader, Planning, SIC

Discussed during Business Arising.

10.3 LCC Meeting at Market House – Ms K Massie, Admin Assistant, ASCC

Members agreed that no one had said anything detrimental about the meeting room at Market House, but the desire to revert back to holding meetings at the Town Hall was supported.

10.4 Campsite-Shetland Local Development Plan – Mr A Taylor, Team Leader, Development Plans & Heritage, SIC

Noted

10.5 Proposed Humps-North Road & Staney Hill Housing Scheme – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC

Mr D Ristori Raised concern that the current humps were higher than necessary, he suggested that their height should be checked to see if they complied with current regulations.

Cllr M Bell informed members that whilst canvassing in the area he learned that residents were 50/50 for and against the humps.

Members discussed and agreed that the introduction of a 20mph speed limit, in addition to the humps, would be a benefit.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mr C Gair, Engineer, Roads and advise that Lerwick Community Council agreed to raise no objection to the proposed road humps, provided that their height was in line with national guidelines.

He also asked if a request could be made to consider imposing a 20mph speed limit throughout the area.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10.6 Pricing & Service Charges – Copy email from Mr S Garrett, Managing Director, Serco Northlink to Mr T Scott MSP

Noted

10.7 Changes to Concessionary Rate, Serco – Copy Letter from Mr T Scott MSP to Mr K Brown, MSP

Noted

10.8 Serco Northlink Pricing - Mr A Mowat, Ferries, Policy and Contracts-Scottish Government

Noted

10.9 Procedure-Planning Application Consultations – Mr J Holden, Team Leader, Development Management, Planning, SIC

Noted

06/13/11

Financial Report as at 29 May 2013

Noted

11.1 Annual Grants & Projects 2013-2014

Noted

11.2 Grants & Projects 2013-2014

Noted

11.3 Main Annual Running Costs 2013-2014

Noted

Mr M Peterson arrived, 8.20pm

06/13/12

Application for Grant Assistance

12.1 Access Road, Lower Sound – Mrs A Ramsay

Ms K Fraser proposed that grant funding should be awarded, in line with the formulae, to a maximum of £800.

Members agreed to the proposal, on the condition that the road was upgraded and topped with at least 75mm Bitumen Tarmacadam and that Lerwick Community Council would not consider further grant funding towards upgrading or repairs to the road for the following 12 years

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

06/13/13

Application for Premises Licence

13.1 Chevalier Kalmar Accommodation Barge, Albert Dock

No objections.

06/13/14

Planning Applications

14.1 2013/117/PPF Erect dwellinghouse, 11 Law Lane, Lerwick - Fred & Magdalena Gibson

No objection.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Planning to ask them to be mindful of the Lanes Conservation Area Policy.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.2 2013/150/PPF Change of use, public toilet to community hub - Public Toilets, Clickimin, Lochside, Lerwick - Shetland Telecom

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.3 2013/151/PPF Change of use, public toilet to community hub - Public Toilets, Grantfield, North Road, Lerwick - Shetland Telecom

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.4 2013/163/PPF – To erect single storey building to provide café bar facility – Mr Dennis Leask

While Mr M Peterson welcomed the application, he expressed concern that the build impinged on existing parking spaces. He thought it was important for the public not to lose access to the parking spaces, and to continue to enjoy the viewpoint.

With member's agreement, the Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to raise no objection to the application, provided that there was no loss of parking spaces to the public and the pedestrian right of way along the sea road was preserved.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.5 2013/108/PPF – Extend Workshop, Staney Hill Industrial Estate

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.6 2013/182/PPF – Change of use from office space to nursery and form new entrance, Old Infants School – Mr J Molloy

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.7 2013/140/PPF – Erect Dwellinghouse, 14 Reform Lane – Mr L Irvine

Members agreed to stand by the decision not to object to the application.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Planning to ask them to ensure that the application complied with the Lanes Conservation Area Policy.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

19.7a Concerns re Application 2013/140/PPF – Neighbour 1

Noted

19.7b Concerns re Application 2013/140/PPF – Neighbour 2

Noted

14.8 2013/019/PPF – Proposed Change of use from class 8 residential institutions to class 7 hotels and hostel, boarding & guest house -Leog House

As concern regarding car parking had been addressed, members agreed to withdraw their objection.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

06/13/15

Lerwick Planning Applications – May 2013

Noted

05/13/14 **Any Other Business**

Abattoir

Mr M Peterson noted that the site of the community abattoir, across from the Shetland Marts had not been graded or grassed

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to the relevant body and request when the ground works was expected to be completed.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Mr M Peterson informed members that the resurfacing of the road at Greenhead Base was complete but chips had been laid at the side of the road, instead of quarry dressing and dust, resulting in stone chips being spread across the road.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, with regard to the concern.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Date.....