

MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014

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

Members

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| Ms K Fraser | Mr S Hay |
| Mr D Ristori | Mrs A Simpson |
| Mr A Johnston | Mr A Wenger |
| Mr J Anderson | Mr W Spence |
| Mr A Carter | |

Ex-Officio Councillors

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| Cllr M Bell | Cllr P Campbell |
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In Attendance

Mr A Farningham, Director, Framingham Planning Ltd
Ms S Groat, Chairman, SLAP
Mr B Manson, Director, SLAP
Mr N Riddle,
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

03/14/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

03/14/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Mr E Knight, Mr A Henry, Mrs E Williamson, Ms A Westlake, Cllr C Smith, Cllr A Wishart and Cllr M Stout

03/14/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February were approved on the motion of Mr D Ristori and seconded by Mrs A Simpson.

03/14/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Chairman advised that no updates had been received with regard to the Trust Proposal for Public Toilets or a Lerwick campsite; he hoped that the information would be in place for Lerwick Community Councils April meeting.

03/14/05

Proposal of Planning Application – North Staney Hill – Mr Alan Farningham, Farningham Planning

The Chairman welcomed Mr A Farningham, Ms S Groat, Mr B Manson and Mr N Riddle to the meeting.

Mr A Farningham, Farningham Planning explained that Farningham Planning had been appointed by Sheltland Leasing and Property Developments (SLAP) to submit a planning application in principal for housing at North Staney Hill. SLAP had agreed in principal to sell the land to Hjaltdland Housing Association (HHA) with the intention of submitting the application in joint names. It was their hope that the outline planning application could be submitted early in May.

A public consultation event has been arranged from 10.00am-9.00pm on 12 March. All comments recorded, via questionnaires or orally will be summarised and fed into a report for submission along with the planning application.

Mr A Farningham clarified that as it was a planning application in principal, there was no details to the plans, simply an outline of the site and principal access. At the public consultation, ariel photographs would be on display to show the site in context with the rest of Lerwick.

An environmental impact assessment would be undertaken and findings submitted as part of the application.

The Chairman declared a non pecuniary interest as member of the HHA management committee.

Cllr P Campell enquired how the access to the proposed site would affect the access to the proposed new Anderson High School.

Ms S Groat replied that it was the same access road; SIC would build the road and adopt it.

Mr A Farningham clarified that Roads, SIC has said that the access route was the most appropriate.

Mr D Ristori enquired as to when building would commence, if everything went to plan.

Ms S Groat, Chairman, SLAP replied that it was too early to say, HHA would be taking the project forward.

Mr A Farningham added that there was a strong commitment to go ahead with the development. Their aim was to have everything in place for the SIC committee meeting in September and he was confident his team would deliver on that.

The site could accommodate a few hundred houses, and the plan was be to build up the site in phases.

Mr W Spence asked if there were any alternative access roads; he was concerned that the access for the proposed new AHS would be extremely busy.

Ms S Groat replied that the access route would be addressed through process, but there were other possible routes.

Mr A Farningham added that transportation access and egress to the site would come within the Transport Network Assessment.

Mr W Spence enquired if any facilities would be worked into the plans.

Mr B Manson, Director, SLAP replied that that level of detail was down to HHA.

Ms K Fraser advised that Lerwick Community Council had previously fed into the Local Plan, the importance of preserving paths and viewpoints. She did not want to inhibit housing, but though it was still important to protect viewpoints and well used paths.

Mr A Farningham thanked Ms Fraser for her comment, noting that it was 'good to get that kind of detail'. He added that the setting of the Broch would itself have an impact on the plans, and it would all be fed into the report. He reminded members that it was still very early on in the process and made assurances that all comments would be taken on board.

Ms K Fraser asked if there would be a need for blasting on the site.

Mr A Farningham replied that he was unsure, there were no detailed boreholes; he imagined that some blasting may be required but the same job may be replaced by alternative process.

The Chairman asked if the Environmental Impact Assessment might be dovetailed with the one being done for the proposed new Anderson High School.

Mr A Farningham replied that he planned to look into the possibility, perhaps sharing other information to ensure consistency.

The Chairman enquired if anyone had up to date figures with regard to the waiting list for housing.

Mr B Leask, Chief Executive, Hjaltland Housing Association, who attended the meeting to watch proceedings, replied that Hjaltland's waiting list for houses in Shetland stood at 650, with 350-380 waiting for houses in Lerwick.

Mr A Farnigham appealed for Lerwick Community Council to make a written representation including as many details as possible. He added that representations would be welcomed from individuals as well as Lerwick Community Council as a whole.

The Chairman thanked Mr A Farningham and his associates for taking the time to attend the meeting and answer the questions put forward.

Mr A Farnighman and his associates left the meeting at 7.25pm.

03/14/06 **Shetland Leader Programme 2014-2020**

The Chairman, Mrs A Simpson and Mr S Hay agreed to attend the Leader Programme Workshop in Stoney Hill Hall.

03/14/07 **Request for Comment – Cycling in Shetland-Road Safety Advisory Panel - Cycling In Shetland**

Several concerns were raised with regard to the wording and top tips noted in the draft Cycling leaflet.

It was particularly felt that the tone of the leaflet came over as quite negative and the use of 'loud text' a bit off putting. It was also noted that no mention had been made of off road cycling or cycling for pleasure.

Mr A Wenger offered to meet with Mrs E Skinley, Road Safety Officer, SIC to discuss the issues further.

(Action: Mr A Wenger)

Cllr M Bell agreed that the leaflet could be improved. He did, however, note that the leaflet made a serious point, cycling can be dangerous.

He thought that Mrs Skinley did a good job, and that it was important to be supportive.

The Chairman proposed that it may be useful for a letter to be written to the Road Safety Advisory Panel requesting that they contact firms such as TOTAL and HubCo to request that their drivers pay particular consideration to cyclists and pedestrians.

Mr A Wenger responded that rather than professional drivers, it was the more general motorist who caused the most concern to cyclists.

The Chairman withdrew his proposal.

03/14/08 **Community Council By-election 2014**

The Chairman suggested that someone co-opted on to the Community Council now, may be encouraged to stand as a full member at the next election in November.

Mr D Ristori suggested that Mr Paul Moar may consider the option, if approached again.

The Chairman agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Moar to ascertain if he would be interested in the vacancy.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

03/14/09

Correspondence

9.1 Comment re Late Hours Catering Extensions – PS Douglas Livitt, Police Scotland
Members' comments concurred with those of Police Scotland.

Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Ms P Dinsdale, Environmental Health Officer, SIC to advise her that it was the preference of Lerwick Community Council that catering establishments close at the usual time of 3am.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.2 Local Policing Plan Priorities – PS A MacInnes, Police Scotland

Noted

CCTV Visit – Mr W Spence advised that the visit to the Police Station to view CCTV in operation was extremely interesting. There were fourteen cameras in total and, last year, evidence from the cameras was used 53 times. He informed members that the Police Constable had pointed out that the cameras had filmed a lost child within minutes of it running away.

Mr Wenger added that the data was stored for 28 days and that although cameras could zoom in if an officer could see something was going on, scenes could not be zoomed in on after filming.

Unless manned at the time, the cameras could not be used to prevent an incident; however, if an incident was reported, the films would be looked at and all the information pooled together.

Cllr M Bell replied that it would be difficult to say whether or not the presence of the cameras prevented incidents, but they may act as a deterrent.

9.3 Notification for Review - Planning Application 2013/376/PPF Bankfield, Lower Sound, Lerwick – Mr & Mrs A McKay

Cllr P Campbell and Cllr M Bell declared an interest as members of the Planning Board.

The Chairman stated that it was his understanding that Lerwick Community Council had no objection to the application and had not received any representations; he was not aware of any member of the public being against the application.

He proposed that, as previously noted at the November meeting of Lerwick Community Council, minute Ref 10/13/12, item 12.3 the agreement not to object to the application should be upheld.

Mr D Ristori seconded the motion.

There being no counter proposal, the motion was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.4 Community Council Core Funding – Mr M Duncan, Grants Officer, Shetland Islands Council

Noted

03/14/10

Financial Report as at 25 February 2014

10.1 Core Funding Financial Report as at 25 February 2014

Noted

The Chairman advised that the funds committed for the Local Paths Local People project would be carried over into the new financial year.

10.2 CDF Funding Financial Report as at 25 February 2014

Noted

03/14/11

Application for Grant Funding Opportunity

11.1 Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland

The Chairman asked members for their thoughts on any projects which may be worthwhile seeking funding for via Lloyds TSB Foundation.

Mr A Carter suggested considering a small gesture of assistance to the Salvation Army to support their foodbank initiative.

The Chairman suggested that a letter be written to the Salvation Army to enquire as to what extent the foodbank was being utilised.

Mr S Hay agreed that it was important to communicate with the Salvation Army to identify what use was being made of the foodbank; every local authority had one, therefore consideration would have to be given as the way funds were applied for, such as, to fund someone to co-ordinate the poverty which exists.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

The Chairman appealed to members to discuss any additional ideas.

He advised that the planning application for information boards in Harrison Square was for five boards, and suggested that funding could be sought to provide an additional two boards; possibly resurrecting the project, started by LOTDA, for the information boards for Lodberries, Queens Lane, Back Charlotte Street and Tolbooth.

Mr D Ristori agreed that the project was well worthwhile taking forward.

03/14/12

Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle – Order 2014

12.1 Cruester View

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

03/14/13 **Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle – Revocation No.1 – Order 2014**

13.1 Kanterstead Road, Lerwick (at frontage of No 17 Sandveien)

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

03/14/14 **Planning Applications**

14.12014/003/PPF – Erect Workshop/Store, North Ness – Mr Michael Stewart

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

14.2 2014/048/PPF – North of Mavine Cottage, Lower Sound, Lerwick – Mr & Mrs S Paul

Members agreed to support the comments made by Mr K Serginson, Outdoor Access Officer, SIC; namely that the application should be objected to unless the right of way is of suitable width, and fenced off, in order to protect the privacy of the residents and of the people using the right of way.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

03/14/15 **Lerwick Planning Applications – February 2014**

Noted

03/14/16 **Any Other Business**

Railings and Steps at Hillhead - Mr Ristori raised concern at the poor condition of the railings and concrete surrounding the embankment at Hillhead.

He also noted that the steps in the embankment were in a poor state of repair and were often slippery.

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)

Longland

Mr D Ristori suggested that it may be a benefit to the local community if something could be done with the undeveloped space at Longland. He proposed that Sound Choices could be approached for suggestions, and possibly the children at Sound School involved.

He cited the creation of the 'Peerie Garden' across from Sound Primary School as an example of a good initiative.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mrs J Porter with regard to the suggestion.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Sewage Smell – Mr Ristori noted that there had been a strong smell of sewage on Commercial Road, close to the LESS office, over a two day period.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Scottish Water to request that they investigate the concern.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

20mph Zone – Esplanade – the Chairman informed members that he was soon to attend a meeting to discuss the possible 20mph zone on the Esplanade, he asked if the proposal had Lerwick Community Councils support. He reminded members the reduction of traffic speed made the installation of Zebra crossings more feasible.

There was a brief discussion as to where the 20mph zone might start and end.

The Chairman advised that it was the principal of the idea which was being discussed, not the detail.

Members agreed that the proposal was a positive step forward.

Burgh Road Parking Increase – The Chairman asked the Clerk to request a response from BP for inclusion in the April agenda.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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