

MONDAY 5 MAY 2014

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

Members

Ms K Fraser	Mr E Knight
Mr D Ristori	Mrs A Simpson
Mr A Johnston	Mr A Wenger
Mr M Peterson	Mr A Carter

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell	Cllr M Stout
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In Attendance

Ms S Laurenson, Chief Executive, Lerwick Port Authority
Captain C Grains, Harbourmaster, Lerwick Port Authority
Mr H Jamieson, Chairman, Lerwick Port Authority
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mrs A Simpson, Vice Chairman to the Council presided.

05/14/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

05/14/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Anderson, Mr S Hay, Mr W Spence, Mr A Henry, Ms A Westlake, Mrs E Williamson, Cllr A Wishart, Cllr J Wills, Cllr M Bell and Cllr C Smith

05/14/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April were approved on the motion of Mr D Ristori and seconded by Ms K Fraser.

05/14/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

April Apologies - Mr Knight stated that Mrs Williamson's apologies had not been noted in the minute as requested.

Parking Issues – Mr Knight noted that the areas of poor parking that he had issues with were on Twageos Road and at Bains Beach.

The Clerk advised that she had noted these areas in her letter to PS D Livitt.

Da Voar Redd Up – Ms Fraser thanked members who helped her in her Redd Up of Hoofields, Cunningham Way, Clickimin Road and field opposite Unicorn View. Their effort was well worthwhile as 25 bags of rubbish had been collected.

Undeveloped Land at Longland – The Vice Chairman advised that, to date, no comments had been received from either ‘Sound Choices’ or Sound Primary School with regard to suggestions for use of the undeveloped land at Longland.

Charitable Trust Proposal for Public Toilets – The Vice Chairman advised that she was not aware of a response from Mr J Riise, Executive Manager, Governance & Law, SIC.

05/14/05

Presentation-Update, Lerwick Port Authority – Ms S Laurensen, Chief Executive, LPA, Captain Calum Grains, Harbormaster and Mr H Jamieson, Chairman, LPA

The Vice Chairman warmly welcomed Ms Laurensen, Captain Grains and Mr Jamieson to the meeting.

A power point presentation commenced providing details on new investments under consideration, and proposed projects in Lerwick Port Authority’s Capital Programme.

Five projects have recently been brought to the LPA Board; two of these projects, the North Holmsgarth Jetty and Dales Voe quay extension are being developed in the short term, and HIE are being engaged with for funding.

The plans are to extend the Dales Voe Quay from 50m to 70-75m and dredge to 12.5m depth allowing any of the large ships to be berthed.

Dredged material will be pumped into landfill and not dumped.

The design for the 270m long L-shaped Holmsgarth Jetty is complete and out for tender and it is hoped that a contractor will be on site by September. The Dales Voe project still requires consent and is a few months behind the Holmsgarth project, but it is hoped that both could be built at the same time. Once the Holmsgarth Jetty is done, LPA could then look to developing the new Fish Market.

In the medium to long term Arlanda, Point of Scatland and Alexandra Wharf will all be developed and improved.

It was also hoped that the Kebister and the harbour radar system could be replaced within the next few years.

Mr Carter paid tribute to Lerwick Port Authority’s excellent portfolio and presentation; he enquired as to what extent of LPA’s success was down to its business model.

Ms Laurenson replied that the Trust Port model was the right one; common in Scotland it focused on being commercial, which was key to reinvesting.

Mr Peterson enquired if there was any possibility that the Port could be privatised.

Ms Laurenson replied that the Scottish Government had no aspirations to do so and may bring in legislation to ensure that Trust Ports cannot be compulsory purchased.

Referring to the Nigg Bay development in Aberdeen, Mr Ristori enquired if LPA had any thoughts or input for the proposed use of the port, including a possible solution for the North Boats in future, and asked if it would be a good idea to involve Shetland as a whole to add support to the project.

Ms Laurenson replied that they would soon be commencing a series of meetings with ZetTrans and the idea could be raised there.

Mr Ristori enquired how many years would it be before Alexander Wharf was developed.

Captain Grains replied that he was unsure, the income from the Wharf was not significant on its own and needs and customer requirements had to be tended to first.

Mr Carter asked what LPA's position was with regard to fixed links to Bressay.

Ms Laurenson replied that they would welcome a tunnel; it was by far the cheaper option. She explained that the span and height that would be required for a bridge made it a significantly dearer option. LPA had preserved a tunnel portal on the Lerwick side, and land which they owned at Heogan could also be developed, should the tunnel option become a reality.

Mr Carter enquired what use could be made of Alexander Wharf for contingency parking.

Ms Laurenson replied that their main focus was for Port customers and it was not uncommon for vehicles to park with part of the car hanging over the pier, prohibiting ships from parking alongside. In addition, it caused difficulties for fishermen wishing to lay out their nets.

Mr Carter enquired if there was any possibility that the Norrona could come back to Shetland.

Ms Laurenson replied that Smyril Line focused on the routes which made money and unfortunately it did not prove profitable for them to operate in Shetland.

Mr Peterson suggested that perhaps some discretion could be used, regarding harbor dues, to encourage Smyril Line to try again.

Ms Laurenson responded that it was a sensitive issue, consideration had to be given to the airline; the market was very small and it would only take a gentle nudge to lose it.

Mr Jamieson, Chairman, Lerwick Port Authority expressed his thanks to members for giving LPA the opportunity to present at their meeting.

The presentation concluded at 8.10pm.

The Vice Chairman thanked Ms Laurenson, Captain Grains and Mr Jamieson for attending the meeting and providing their very interesting and informative presentation.

05/14/06 **Draft Road Safety leaflet – Cycling in Shetland**

Mr Wenger advised members that he hoped that the draft leaflet would be ready to view at the June meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

05/14/07 **Name Suggestions – Proposed New Flats – Malcolmson's, Commercial Road**

Members agreed that 'Joe Gray's Place' would be good choice of name for the proposed flats.

The Vice Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to the property developer, Mr L Irvine, with the LCC's suggestion and ask that consent is requested from Joe Gray's family prior to the name being used.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

05/14/08 **Correspondence**

8.1 Railings and Steps at Hillhead – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC
Noted

8.2 Use of Former Campsite during Relay for Life Event – Mr James Johnston, General Manager, SRT

Mr Peterson enquired why the site had to be closed to campers now, rather than wait until autumn.

Cllr Stout replied that clear access to the site was required for test drilling and that the site now belonged to Shetland Islands Council.

8.3 Temporary Campsite Provision Request – Mr Magnus Malcolmson, Team Leader, Leisure Facilities, SIC

Mr Carter raised concern at the possibility of Campervans randomly parking around the town due to the loss of a suitable site in Lerwick.

Mr Peterson suggested that Historic Scotland could be approached and asked if Fort Charlotte could be made available.

There was general concern that access to Fort Charlotte could prove too difficult for caravans and campervans to access, but Mr Peterson was resolute that access could be gained via the lower entrance.

Mr Carter thought that, during the summer holidays, the multicourt behind Anderson High School may be a suitable option.

The Vice Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Ms S Thompson, Executive Manager, Schools, with regard to the suggestion.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Cllr Stout advised members that the setting up and running of a Campsite was a business opportunity and one which Shetland Islands Council would hope to support.

He reminded members that there was a choice of excellent campsites, with facilities, out with the town that campers could choose to go to.

8.4 Vandalism to 'Fat Little Pony', Commercial Street & Parking Issues – PS D Livitt, Police Scotland

Mr M Peterson stated that he believed that the shop owner had identified the culprit but the Police did not appear to be taking things forward.

Noted

8.5 Uneven Road Surfaces, Verges – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC

Mr Wenger identified additional areas of uneven road at verges on the A970 above Gulberwick.

8.6 Place Name – Fort Road, Flats Phase 2 – Mr Paul Leask, Property Services Manager, HHA

The Vice Chairman expressed concern that having two addresses, Excelsior Place and Lyndhurst Place, for one building, may cause confusion.

Noted.

8.7 Clickimin Paths Upgrade-Successful Bid - Ms E Skinley, Road Safety Officer, SIC

Cllr Stout stated that the successful bid for funding was very good news as it involved a significant sum of money.

8.8 Salvation Army Food Parcels – Envoy Angela Nunn, Corps Officer, Lerwick Salvation Army

The Vice Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write a letter of thanks to Envoy A Nunn for her informative letter.

She asked the Clerk to make a note to write to Envoy Nunn, early on in the New Year to request an update.

(Action Clerk to the Council)

05/14/09

Financial Reports

9.1 Core Funding Financial Report as at 29 April 2014

Noted

9.2 CDF Funding Financial Report as at 29 April 2014

Noted

9.3 Main Annual Running Costs 2014-15 & Comparison Figures 2013-14

Noted

9.4 Annual Grants and Projects 2014-15 & Comparison Figures 2013-14

The Clerk clarified that the figure of £2,000 set aside for fireworks was only there as historically the Lerwick Fireworks Display had been supported by Lerwick Community Council. However, the money did not have to be spent on fireworks, there was no fireworks display in 2013 and the money had been used elsewhere.

Mr Peterson proposed that the money should be 'put back in the pot' and used elsewhere, if needed.

Mr A Wenger seconded the proposal.

There being no counter proposal, the motion was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.5 Grants & Projects 2014-15 & Comparison Figures 2013-14

Noted

05/14/10

Application for Grant Funding

10.1 Large Print Shetland Directory

Cllr Stout enquired if consideration had been given to charging for the directory.

Ms Fraser replied that they decided against charging as the directories were distributed via Health Centres and shops. Charging was not impossible, but it would be less easy to distribute the directories to those who needed them.

Mr Wenger enquired if a smaller quantity of the directories could be printed.

Ms Fraser replied that they could, but the price difference would be minimal.

Mr Ristori proposed a funding offer of £500.

Mr Knight moved that the full amount of £1,000 should be granted.

Mr Carter seconded Mr Knight's proposal of £1,000.

M D Ristori withdrew his proposal and the motion to award £1,000 was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

The following item arrived too late to be included in the agenda but was brought to the meeting for discussion.

Application for Funding - Summer Scheme-Living Lerwick

Members were pleased with the proposals for Living Lerwick's 2014 Summer Scheme and fully approved the application for funding.

Mr D Ristori moved that the full £1,000 requested should be awarded.

Ms K Fraser seconded the motion.

There being no counter proposal, the motion was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

05/14/11

Parking Orders

11.1 Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle – Frontage of 1 Sandveien

No objection

05/14/12

Planning Applications

12.1 2014/110/PPF – Erect Dwellinghouse (Planning Permission in Principal) – Wasterhus, Upper Sound – Mr & Mrs Stansbury

No objection

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

The following Planning Application arrived too late to be included in the agenda but was brought to the meeting for discussion:-

2014/117/PPF- Erect New High School and Halls of Residence – Shetland Islands Council

Cllr Stout stated that to provide any meaningful input, a presentation should accompany the Planning Application.

Mr Carter was reluctant to procrastinate but recalled a concern with regard to the use of steel cladding during a pre application presentation given by Mrs Budge, Director, Children's Services and her colleagues in February.

Cllr Stout advised that wooden cladding was now being looked at, although expensive, this was balanced off by the fact that steel cladding would have to be washed annually to get rid of the corrosive effects of salt.

Mr A Johnston left - 9.00pm

Mr Peterson suggested that it may be worthwhile considering organising an extraordinary meeting to accommodate a presentation to go with the planning application.

Mr Carter again voiced his reluctance at holding up proceedings.

Cllr Campbell suggested a caveat that steel could not be used as cladding material.

Cllr Stout stated the use of metal cladding was not the only concern to be raised.

Mr Carter suggested that the application should be approved, provided that steel is not used to clad the proposed new AHS.

The Vice Chairman noted that the main points of concern raised at the February meeting were the use of metal cladding; classrooms with south facing windows getting too hot; no free space for children to run about; part of the hillside would have to be excavated to accommodate car park and concerns regarding the access and egress road to the proposed school.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

05/14/13 **Lerwick Planning Applications – April 2014**

Noted

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

Disrepair – Shop Premises

Mr Ristori noted that the exterior of the premises formally known as The Spinning wheel was in very poor condition and that the gable end of SpecSavers was in need of a coat of paint.

Mr Peterson suggested that it was something that Living Lerwick could deal with.

The Vice Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Living Lerwick with regard to the issues.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Minority Status Within the UK

Mr Peterson advised that the Cornish had received minority status within the UK affording them the same status under the European Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and opening up avenues of funding.

He suggested that Shetland could also apply for minority status.

Cllr Stout stated it was a legitimate enquiry and one worthwhile putting forward.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Shetland Integrated Plan - Proposed New Power Station

Cllr Stout raised concern as to why Ofgem appeared to have found legitimate reasons why the proposed new power station could not go ahead.

In addition he stated that questions should be asked as to why we were being charged more than on the mainland, why was there not a uniform tariff.

The Vice Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to SSE with the enquiries.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Promotion of LCC

The Vice Chairman suggested that more should be done to promote LCC and the fact that funding was available. She asked the Clerk to draw up a poster which could be distributed to various places such as Youth Clubs, Sports Centres and halls to advertise the fact that LCC could be approached for funding.

She also suggested that much more could be done to promote LCC on Facebook, including uploading the agenda each month to make the general public more aware of issues currently under discussion.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

Minute ends.

MRS V SIMPSON
VICE CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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