

**MONDAY 6 MAY 2013**

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

**Members**

Mr A Henry  
Mr A Johnson  
Mrs A Simpson  
Mr A Wenger  
Mr S MacMillan  
Mr E Knight

Mr J Anderson  
Mr Spence  
Mr S Hay **Co-opted**  
Mr D Ristori  
Mr A Carter

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr M Bell  
Cllr A Wishart

Cllr J Wills **arrived 7.10pm, left 8.10pm**

**In Attendance**

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council  
PC A Card, Police Scotland

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

05/13/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

05/13/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Ms K Fraser, Ms A Westlake, Mrs E Williamson, Cllr M Stout and Cllr C Smith.

05/13/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 April were approved on the motion of Mrs A Simpson and seconded by Mr S Hay.

05/13/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no further business arising.

Although it was not on the Agenda, PC Andrew Card attended the meeting; the Chairman welcomed him and invited him to give his report.

PC A Card advised that he would email a breakdown of the monthly crime figures for the Clerk of the Council to forward on to members.

He went on to state that intelligence led detection was the way forward. Information would be taken on board, graded and resources directed; information would then be fed back into the community.

He advised that he would provide the Clerk of the Council with his email address so that any issues or queries could be emailed directly, and that he would reply as soon as possible.

When asked if the 11.30-5.30 driving ban was being controlled on Commercial Street, PC A Card replied that the Police had presence on the street and that there had been no prosecutions. He added that there were no problems or issues regarding parking at the Fort following the installation of bollards at Clydesdale Bank.

He reassured members that drivers with disabled badges could still access the street at any time.

Mr A Henry noted much of the yellow lines on the street were deteriorating and could cause confusion.

PC A Card responded that he would email Shetlands Islands Council with regard to the issue but was aware that there was a 'push' to repaint yellow lines when the weather improved.

He reminded members that the Police Station was open from 8am-6pm, 7 days per week. In addition, anyone requiring assistance could press the intercom system at the Police Station door and the nearest Police officer would attend.

The Chairman thanked PC A Card for attending the meeting.

PC A Card left the meeting at 7.10pm.

05/13/05

**Meeting Venue – Lerwick Community Council**

Cllr A Wishart expressed concern that, due to the cost of the hire of the Town Hall Chamber, Lerwick Community Council had decided to hold their meetings elsewhere. He hoped to discuss the issue with Lerwick's other Councillors to see if anything could be done to assist in reinstating Town Hall Chambers as Lerwick Community Councils meeting venue.

Cllr M Bell had sympathy with the concern; he advised that Councillors had approved the new charging regime but stressed that there was no profit. He was hopeful that a resolution could be found, perhaps by accessing an accommodation allowance.

Cllr J Wills suggested that Lystina House may be an option worth considering, Councillors had a key and it would negate the need for a steward.

Mr E Knight thought that the situation was a disgrace and he hoped that there would be a way forward.

The Chairman reminded members that there was very little money to distribute; he thought that it seemed a shame that any of it should go back to Shetland Islands Council, to pay for a meeting venue, rather than benefiting the community.

05/13/06

### **Community Development Fund - Grant Scheme Consultation**

#### **6.1 Community Development Fund Consultation – Ms V Simpson, Executive Manager, Community Planning & Development, SIC**

Discussed during item 6.3

#### **6.2 Community Development Fund Grant Application Guidelines**

Discussed during item 6.3

#### **6.3 Community Development Fund – Summary of Grant Scheme**

All three documents were discussed together.

The Chairman raised concern that Community Development Companies were eligible to apply for funding. He thought that it was possible their applications may be more successful simply because they had much more experience at filling in grant application forms.

He asked if anyone had any other comments on the draft scheme.

Mr E Knight suggested that it may be worth looking into accessing funding in order to keep the Knab toilets open.

The Chairman responded that the first thing was to gather any comments on the draft scheme in order the scheme can be agreed and put in place; he added that there was no guarantee that it would exist after the current financial year.

Cllr M Bell advised that the scheme was brought in as an alternative to losing all the money and as an attempt to keep the money in the community. He stated that the document brought to the meeting was the second or third draft, as initial concerns and issues raised had been listened to.

He added that if a Development Company made an application, it had to be endorsed by its Community Council and it was a way of bringing Development Companies and the community together.

The Chairman pointed out that Community Councils and Community Development Companies were subject to a proposed total maximum of £3,000 grant funding in any one year. If every Development Group applied for the maximum funding the majority

of the Community Development Fund would be spent leaving very little to be shared amongst the eighteen Community Councils.

The Chairman advised that a workshop was planned for 18<sup>th</sup> May and thereafter a further meeting of the Joint Liaison Group would be convened to review and consider the feedback received.

He asked members to email himself, or the Clerk with any concerns or suggestions with regard to the draft proposals.

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

05/13/07

### **Proposed New AHS Communal Space Options**

#### **7.1 For Information – Plans, Eastwood High School, East Renfrewshire**

The Chairman asked members if they had any suggestions with regard to the use of the central atrium space within the proposed new Anderson High School.

Ms A Simpson suggested that, being aware of how long it takes to serve in the region of 1,000 children, it may be worth considering three separate eating areas for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils.

She added that she did not feel that there was not enough detail to make an informed decision.

Mr S Hay stated that it would be a shame to reserve the area solely for eating & socialising when it offered such potential for learning and technology. He thought that the key theme should relate the space to meaningful learning.

Mr A Carter proposed that the area should be designed with flexibility in mind; he thought that it was not productive to tie the area down for a specific purpose at this time.

Cllr J Wills agreed that the area could be used for eating, but not solely. He suggested that seating and tables which could be quickly and easily stacked away would assist in making the space flexible allowing for a variety of uses, including artistic.

Mr A Wenger thought that it may be worth incorporating a theatre or stage for drama into the space.

#### **Campsite**

The Chairman informed members that he had had a meeting with Mr James Johnson General Manager, Shetland Recreational Trust and Dr Ann Black, Chief Executive, Shetland Charitable Trust. He learned that the sale of the campsite was no other than the sellers' liability; it was outside the core activity (charitable) of the Shetland Recreational Trust. The sum in question was not large and any monies from the sale would be used for charitable purposes within their core activity.

He clarified that SRT had intimated that they would not be looking to develop another campsite as it was not part of their core activity.

Cllr J Wills argued that providing young backpackers with the option of cheap accommodation when travelling was clearly charitable and therefore a core activity.

He stressed that there had to be a solution, and it didn't have to be expensive. He thought that the obvious choice was Seafield; a toilet and shower block was already there.

Cllr J Wills stated that it was a moral responsibility to see that an alternative campsite was sought and appealed to the Councillors for their support.

He informed members that he had discussed the situation with Ms H Budge, Chief Executive, Children's Services, SIC and that they were looking at various options.

Cllr A Wishart stated that he would like to see an analysis done of backpackers compared to caravan owners.

Mr E Knight informed members that SRT were making a profit from the campsite and that this was noted in their annual report.

The Chairman noted that if all interested parties could get together, the cost of providing a campsite need not be a big financial burden on any one group.

Cllr M Bell advised that the campsite was chosen as the best site for the new school for a number of reasons, including time and cost implications and proximity to the Leisure Centre. He didn't like to say too much but there had been discussion with the Caravan Club, a number of irons were in the fire and they were working actively to assist progress.

With regard to the proposed new Anderson High School Mr D Ristori put forward the request for consideration to be given for a parking or drop off lay by for school buses on the main South/North Lochside Road.

The Chairman asked when progress would be made with regard to the new school.

Cllr M Bell replied that Hub Co would come to Shetland following the purchase of the land. He hoped that detailed design work on the plan would begin by the end of summer.

05/13/08

**Amendments to Clickimin Broch Floodlighting Agreement – Ms A O'Farrell, Assistant Factor, Historic Scotland**

Noted

**8.1 Revised Clickimin Broch Floodlighting Agreement for Approval**

Mrs A Simpson thought that Historic Scotland's proposal to reduce the termination of the Floodlighting Agreement from 12 months to six months was a good compromise.

There being no objections to the proposal, he asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Ms O'Farrell, Assistant Factor, Historic Scotland to advise her that Lerwick Community Council had approved the revised draft Clickimin Broch Floodlighting Agreement.

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

## **8.2 Revised Clickimin Broch Floodlighting Plan for Information**

Noted

05/13/09

## **Correspondence**

### **9.1 Redundant Road Markings – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC**

Noted

### **9.2 Broch Visitor Centre – Mr G Douglas, Regional Works Manager, Historic Scotland**

Noted

### **9.3 Pricing and Service Changes – Mr J A Linklater, Customer Care Manager, Serco Northlink**

The Chairman advised that representations should be made to ZetTrans and the Government to request that Serco NorthLink be run as it was historically, rather than to the letter of the contract.

Mr E Knight agreed that the historical status quo should prevail.

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

### **9.4 Pricing and Service Changes, Serco NorthLink – cc from Tavish Scott, MSP to Mr S Garrett, Managing Director, Serco Northlink**

Noted

### **9.5 Knab Toilets, Possible Closure – Mr J Emptage, Team Leader, Cleansing, Ground & Burial Service, SIC**

Mr E Knight speculated if the legislation which brought in public toilets was still in place.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr J Riise to enquire.

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

The Chairman voiced concern that if Lerwick Community Council secured funds to run the Knab toilets, would they also be expected to take on the responsibility for the building and any related risks.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to hold the item over for the June meeting of Lerwick Community Council, once the costs, promised by Mr J Emptage, were made available.

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

**Cllr J Wills left 8.20pm**

Mr D Ristori noted that the toilets at Grantfield had been closed for four years. He asked if enquiries could be made as to if there were any plans to take the building away.

**9.6 Surface Dressing & Re-surfacing Programme – Mr N Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC**

The Chairman enquired if there were still plans to rebuild Knab Road.

Cllr A Wishart responded that it had been decided to wait until a decision had been made with regard to the siting of the new Anderson High School.

He advised the Chairman that he would find out what the current plans were for Knab Road.

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

**9.7 Bollards at Clydesdale Bank – cc letters to Cllr J Wills & Cllr C Smith**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to the concerned member of the public and advise her that blue badge holders have unrestricted access to drive on the street at any time.

**9.8 Streetlighting Review, Lighting Reduction Options – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads**

Noted

**9.9 Review of the Registration Service in Shetland – Mr J Riise, Executive Manager, Governance & Law, SIC**

Noted

05/13/10

**Financial Report as at 30 April 2013**

Noted

**10.1 Financial report as at 31 March 2013**

Noted

**10.2 Main Annual Running Costs Budget Forecast 2013-2014 & Comparison Figures 2012-2013**

Noted

**10.3 Annual Grants & Projects 2013-2014 & Comparison Figures 2012-2013**

Noted

05/13/11

**Application for rant Assistance**

**11.1 Summer Event – Summer Bunting & re-usable Planters 2012-2013**

The Chairman asked members to be mindful of Lerwick Community Councils limited available funds.

Mr D Ristori proposed that the full amount requested, of £927.75 should be awarded.

Mr A Carter seconded the motion.

There being no counter proposal, the motion was carried.

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

05/13/12

**Planning Application**

**12.1 2013/140/PPF – Erect Dwellinghouse, 14 Reform Lane, Lerwick – Mr L Irvine**

No objection

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

05/13/13

**Lerwick Planning Applications – April 2013**

Noted

05/13/14

**Any Other Business**

**Old Archives**

Mr D Ristori suggested that it may be worth considering turning the Old Archives into a temporary car park.

The Chairman advised that the site of the Old Archives was diarised for discussion at the June meeting of Lerwick Community Council. He asked Mr D Ristori to raise his suggestion at that meeting.

**Stile – Sands of Sound Beach**

Mr D Ristori noted that the stile on the path between the old kirk yard and Gospel Hall, a well used access route to Sands of Sound beach, was in a very poor state of repair. He suggested that it may be a benefit to the public if consideration could be given to the stile being replaced by a swing gate.

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

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr J Duncan, Outdoor Access Officer, Planning, SIC

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

**Co-op Loading Bay**

Mr D Ristori reminded members that the Co-op received planning permission in July 2006 for a new goods delivery access from the Lerwick Port Authority's link road, but delivery trucks were still causing problems to pedestrians by reversing off the road and parking on the pavement.

He enquired if it would be possible to write to the new manager of the Scottish Co-op and enquire if he had any plans to move the delivery access from the current position.

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

**Double Glazing – Lanes**

Ms A Simpson asked if enquiries could be made as to the current situation regarding grants for double glazing in conservation areas.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Ms G Hughes, Planning Officer, Conservation, SIC with the enquiry.

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

**Sletts**

The Chairman expressed concern and disappointment that a portakabin site hut was removed from Sletts but four boulders, rope and surplus spoli was left behind.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Shetland Islands Council to request that the area be cleaned up as soon as possible.

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

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

***Minute ends.***

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Chairman.....**

**Date.....**