

**MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016**

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

**Members**

Mrs A Simpson	Mr D Ristori
Mr E Knight	Mr A Carter
Mr J Fraser	Mr A Johnson
Mr A Wenger	Mr W Spence
Mr S Hay	

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr P Campbell	Cllr M Bell
Cllr C Smith	

**Additional Co-opted Student Members**

Miss Eve Thomson	Mr Tommy Carroll
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**Additional Co-opted Members**

Mrs M Hall	Mr B Johnston
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**In Attendance**

Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mrs A Simpson, Vice Chairman to the Council presided.

11/16/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

11/16/02

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Ms K Fraser, Mr M Peterson, Mr J Anderson, Mr P Coleman, Cllr M Stout, Cllr J Wills and Cllr A Wishart.

Mrs Simpson introduced Mrs Martine Hall and Mr Brian Johnston and welcomed them to become co-opted members of the community council. Members introduced themselves.

11/16/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Mr D Ristori and Mr J Fraser.

11/16/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Carter pointed out that his comment on page 8 about the Shetland Charitable Trust governance review, the word 'mood' should have been 'moot.'

11/16/05 **Police Scotland Monthly Report**

No Police Scotland representative was present.

11/16/06 **Correspondence**

**6.1 Shetland Place Standard Community Forum Information Pack**

Mrs Simpson informed members that they had thought to use this for issues that the community council might take up financially, for things that the community might be keen to have. She said that it was no surprise the highest priority was housing in Lerwick, along with work, the local economy and public transport. This included Bressay and they had had a lot to say about transport.

Mr Wenger asked about feedback form.

Mrs Simpson said that we could ask about that.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**6.2 Lerwick War Memorial – (a) John Mackenzie, Project Manager Senior Management Shetland Amenity Trust (b) Ian Anderson, Estimator, LTM-Group Ltd**

Mrs Simpson said that they had received a quote for over thirteen thousand pounds for work on the War Memorial. This had been out of their price range, but general cleaning had been done by Shetland Amenity Trust. She explained that it was something that they would look into and see if funding was available to do it.

The general cleaning had been done at the cost of about nine hundred pounds. The quote was for doing a lot more work on it.

Mr Spence advised that a War Memorial Trust had been set up by Scottish Government for the likes of this, offering up to seventy five percent grants, but they would require three quotes for the work that needed to be done. He said that it was a pity that this has been done because they look at photographs before.

Mrs Simpson said that this would hopefully not prevent them.

Mr Fraser said that he thought the Royal British Legion, the RAF Association and the Merchant Navy Association would have a very keen interest in contributing towards the War Memorial.

Mrs Simpson said that they could look at all these funding suggestions and see what they could come up with.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**6.3 Appointment of Trustees – Dr Ann Black, Chief Executive, Shetland Charitable Trust**

Noted.

#### **6.4 Shetland Festival of Remembrance – Postponement – Major John Taylor**

Mrs Simpson said that unfortunately this had to be postponed due to a lack of funding. It was to be postponed until November 2018 to coincide with the centenary of War World One. They had already donated to this and presumably would leave that donation there for 2018.

#### **6.5 Promoting Shetland Walks – Jennifer Sjoberg, LEADER Development Officer Shetland**

Mrs Simpson mentioned that the promoting of Shetland Walks was happening on 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Bridge End Hall from 10 until 4pm. She explained that the community council had received an invitation to attend.

The clerk informed members that a few replies had been received from members who were able to attend.

Mrs Simpson thanked members who had responded.

Mr Carter enquired if folk were to reply directly to the organisers or was the clerk to reply on their behalf.

The clerk responded that members were to directly reply and the email address of the organiser was included in the email, but said that she would reply to Jennifer Sjoberg as well.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

#### **6.6 Untreated Sewage Discharge – Mr G Leslie**

Mrs Simpson said that a letter had been received from Mr Leslie and it was a concern that he has had since 2007, with letters going back and forth about it.

Mr Spence suggested that first it should go to SEPA to get them to push something through and also onto the Water Board.

Mrs Simpson agreed that we would write to SEPA and also let Scottish Water know that they had written to SEPA.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**Mr E Knight arrived at 7.15pm.**

#### **6.7 Community Council Representation – Ms Nicki Hammer, Clerk, AHS Parent Council**

Noted.

#### **6.8 Lerwick Caravan & Camping Park – Mr Iain McDiarmid, Executive Manager, Planning, SIC**

Mrs Simpson said that Mr McDiarmid was passing our letter onto to the Development Team for their consideration. She mentioned that following discussion with a member

of the community council, they were interested in exploring the option of Gilbertson Park as a temporary site for caravans. (Some pictures of the park were shown).

Mrs Simpson mentioned that they had caravans sited in Gilbertson Park during the Relay for Life.

Mr Ristori mentioned the Lerwick Gala and the caravans alongside.

Mrs Simpson said that there were facilities and keys could possibly be provided.

Mrs Hall asked if they were open all the time.

Mrs Simpson said no, but the thought was that perhaps Islesburgh could be used to pick up a key from and make use the facilities.

Discussion took place about the possibility of using it for a trial run during the summer for caravans or at least tents. It was mentioned that it was well used at the weekends with the car park often full. Children were dropped off in the mornings and teenagers in the evenings.

Mrs Simpson agreed that if it was being well used, it would be difficult to have caravans in there.

Mr Fraser agreed that certainly at the weekends all summer it was used for youth football and the car park was used on the majority of Saturdays. Also on top of that it was used for the Lerwick Regatta, and the Intercounty, which may present problems if there were caravans there.

Cllr Bell enquired as to who was planning to run this.

Mrs Simpson said they were just exploring it idea at the moment and after hearing that there were cars all the time, it would make it slightly difficult to put caravans there.

Mrs Hall said that they would definitely need something, as it was something that was lacking from Lerwick.

Mr Ristori said that there was space for tents to use the grass.

Cllr Campbell questioned access to showers, if facilities were being used by other groups.

Mr Carter alluded to the facilities that were often found on the continent, where up to six vehicles could park in a town or village parking spaces. Vehicles were usually self-contained. Provision was made for coin operated facilities. He suggested that something similar could be provided and money could be made from that, although it would need initial investment in the self service machines.

Mrs Simpson suggested that that might be a problem as somebody would have to provide that.

Cllr Bell said that when they lost the site at Clickimin, the council worked closely with members of the Caravan Club, to identify a site and he thought that this was one of those sites that they thought could be used as a commercial caravan and campsite. He said it never got off the ground for one reason or another, but said that the council had worked hard with interested parties to identify somewhere that was suitable.

Cllr Bell referred to the reality at the moment and that they were in the middle of reducing budgets and struggling to maintain core services. He suggested that having and running a caravan site would be nice to have, but not an essential core service of the council. He said that this didn't mean that they wouldn't support one.

Mrs Hall thought that one of the benefits would be for people from the isles who were coming down to events in town and not just for tourists.

Mr Carter said that it would be ideal to have a caravan park, but maybe it was possible to look at less than that, perhaps a parking area with coin operated facilities. Some places already had electrical charge points for cars. He thought that it wouldn't take much to do that.

Cllr Bell said that the council would always be prepared to work with groups or individuals to try and identify something suitable. He thought it was not the right time for the council to provide it given the pressure on services.

Mrs Hall said it would be interesting to see how much those things would cost. She said that if vehicles were self contained, as Mr Carter had mentioned, then it took away all the other issues.

Cllr Bell commented that there were some very good caravan sites elsewhere in Shetland.

Mr Carter suggested that the parking facilities he had mentioned could be an income generator for the Islesburgh Community Complex. He felt that they could encourage an attitude of looking at a limited development. He alluded to the feeling in the community that something had gone missing and that this had been sacrificed for the new Anderson High School.

Cllr Bell pointed out the fact that the community council were waiting for a response from development services and suggested they got in touch with development services and spoke to them about it.

Mr Spence asked if perhaps Tourist Scotland or another body would be interested.

Mr Ristori asked if it would be worth writing to the Caravan Club and asking them for any suggestions.

Mrs Simpson replied that she thought it was the lack of ground available in the town to do anything that might be the problem.

Members agreed the way forward was to investigate a parking area with limited facilities for self contained vehicles.

Mrs Simpson suggested contacting the development team, as mentioned by the planning department.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

### **6.9 Beyond the Northlands – Eleanor Rosamund Barraclough (Complimentary copy of book)**

Mrs Simpson informed members that the complimentary book was due to the community council granting copyright permission for the author for use of a picture, featured in the Town Hall Guide Book, published by the community council.

Mrs Simpson said that Mr Anderson had suggested that it be gifted to the library and she asked if members were happy to do that.

Members were in favour of gifting the book to the library.

**(Action: Mrs Simpson)**

### **Additional Agenda Item**

#### **Grant Application – Living Lerwick Winter Christmas Lights**

Mrs Simpson informed members that Living Lerwick had submitted a last minute grant application asking for one thousand pounds toward hanging the Christmas lights around the town.

The grant was approved by Mr Ristori and seconded by Mr Carter.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

Mr Fraser commented that the lights put up along the street, which was obviously the main shopping thoroughfare for Lerwick, provided a Shetland wide benefit, but the responsibility seemed to fall on the Lerwick Community Council. He said that there had been a number of situations like this.

Mr Fraser said that this would enhance the attractiveness of commercial ventures and he wondered if Lerwick Community Council should be involved in commercial ventures and also if the onus should fall on the community council to foot the bill for something that was for the benefit of people the length and breadth of Shetland.

Mrs Simpson replied that it was costing fourteen thousand pounds and the community council were just giving one thousand pounds. They had always contributed and money also came from the shopkeepers.

Mr Hay pointed out that many Lerwegians would go to Scalloway or other places throughout Shetland and would see Christmas decorations, and street decorations that enhanced communities across the islands. He didn't think that it would cross their minds that they should pay.

He commented that there was enough division without adding to that and suggesting that folk in Lerwick were paying for something that everyone should be paying for. He thought that they should support the facilities that were island wide and that we enjoyed.

Mr Fraser replied that he had taken on board what Mr Hay had said and conceded the point.

11/16/07

## **Finance**

### **7.1 Core Funding Financial Report 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

Mr Wenger enquired about the Sea Scouts and if that had been followed up.

The clerk reported that they had been contacted and were to have spent the money by early next year.

### **7.2 Funding & Projects – Sub-group meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Mrs Simpson spoke about the first meeting of the sub-group. Ideas and projects were discussed, such as walks around Lerwick and an ‘app’ with QR (Quick Response) codes so that folk could find their way around using their phone.

Mrs Simpson mentioned the next meeting and said there was a lot to look at, matching funding to projects. They hoped to carry out joint projects with Living Lerwick and perhaps other local groups. She thought the meeting had been good from that point of view. Nothing definite had come up yet, but she informed members that they were welcome to come along to the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

### **Staneyhill Sign**

Mrs Simpson said that this was a project for a sign at Cunningham Way, to erect a signpost. She said that they had previously looked at this and a quote from the council had been received. The quote was one hundred and twenty pounds for the sign and one hundred pounds to install it. The sign directed people to three places, Anderson High School, Clickimin and along Cunningham Way to the Sandy Loch.

Mrs Simpson hoped that they would have more information and how it might look for another time.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

11/16/08

## **Planning Applications**

### **8.1 2016/134/PPF – To install 5m wide x 3m reach electrically operated blue & white striped awning to front (south) elevation – 7 Harrison Square, Esplanade, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0LL – Mrs J Rasul**

No objections.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

### **8.2 2016/140/PPF – To create community garden area and playground (part retrospective) – Park Lane, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0DW – Park Lane Community Garden Group**

(Members were shown some photographs of the garden).

Mr Wenger informed members that everyone could come and help.

Mrs Simpson said that they had had an opening event and it was good to see a small community taking it on board. She said they were hoping for help from organisations and suggested that the community council should approach them and ask if they could do the weeding of a small area.

Members were happy to go along with the suggestion.

Mrs Simpson said that they would write and make the offer and congratulate them on the achievement.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

10/16/09

**Any Other Business**

**Black Out of Car Windows**

Mr Ristori asked about blacked out windows in cars.

Mrs Simpson suggested that it be passed onto the Police.

**Speeding Cars Quoys/Old North Road**

Mr Ristori mentioned that Quoys Road was being used as a rat run. Also the Old North Road was used by traffic and it was just an access only road.

Mrs Simpson suggested that both concerns could be passed on to the Police.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

**Street Lights Westerloch Drive**

Mr Carter noticed that three or four street lights were out along Westerloch Drive. He suggested that due to the new school ready by this time next year, he hoped that there might be a schedule for replacement or repair by that time.

Mr Wenger agreed that it was such a long distance and you could not see the change from the pavement, it was too dark and not safe.

Cllr Smith reported that a programme was in hand to do that and due to start in November. The discussion had been had quite recently.

Mrs Simpson said that we could ask the Roads Department about the programme was for that.

**(Action: Clerk to the council)**

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 7.55pm.

**Minute ends.**

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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