

**MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2013**

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

**Members**

Miss K Fraser  
Mr D Ristori  
Mr A Johnston  
Mr J Anderson  
Mr A Henry

Mr E Knight  
Mrs A Simpson  
Mr A Wenger  
Mr A Carter

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr P Campbell

Cllr A Wishart

**In Attendance**

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

11/13/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

11/13/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Hay, Cllr M Bell, Mr M Peterson, Ms M Nicolson, Mrs E Williamson, Cllr C Smith and Cllr J Wills

The attending Shetland Times reporter asked if there would be any objections to his proposal to tape record the meetings' proceedings.

There were no objections to the proposal.

11/13/03

**Minutes**

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

11/13/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

**09/13/13 Gilbert Bain Hospital**

Mr D Ristori proposed that the building at the foot of Gilbertson Road, adjoining Gilbert Bain Hospital, may be better put to use as additional space to accommodate patients, as opposed to the current admin offices.

He asked if NHS Shetland could be written to with the suggestion that the offices are decanted to free up the building for that purpose.

The Chairman did not think that the building was appropriate for hospital patients; however, he asked the Clerk of the Council to write to NHS Shetland to enquire how the building is being utilised and if they have any alternative future plans for it.

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

**10/13/05 Update-replacing Lerwick's Power Station**

Mr E Knight asked for the minute to be corrected from 'Mr E Knight asked if medium speed diesels had been considered' to 'Mr E Knight asked if heavy fuels were considered when using medium speed diesels'.

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

**10/13/04 Public Toilets – Charitable Trust Proposal**

The Chairman advised that he had not heard back from Mr Riise, who was considering three or four different options. He hoped to have the information in time for the December meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

11/13/05 **Strategy for Secondary Education in Shetland**

Members were satisfied with the content and tone of the letter and endorsed its distribution to all Shetlands Councillors.

Ms K Fraser added that the letter was very good; it brought the points together well and finished positively.

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

11/13/06 **Consultation-Review of Polling Districts & Places**

The Chairman clarified that the Review did not impact directly on Lerwick Community Council. He furthered that if the proposal went through, the downside was that there would be no protection for smaller ward seats.

Noted

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

11/13/07 **Revised Community Council Election Process**

Members were content to approve the revised nomination paper and local election rules.

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

11/13/08

**Benches-Cunningham Way/Staney Hill**

**8.1 Suggested Bench Positions & Land Ownership**

Ms K Fraser clarified that the suggested bench positions, marked A and B on the map were chosen as they were good places to stop and rest on the popular walk; one viewpoint was over Sandy Loch, and the other over the North Mouth.

Position C would be a good alternative if necessary.

**8.2 SRT & SIC Boundary**

Noted

**8.3 Installation & Quotation - SIC**

Noted

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to proceed with the purchase of the benches, following permission from the landowners.

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

11/13/09

**Correspondence**

**9.1 Damaged Gateway to Lerwick Sign – Mr Neil Hutcheson, Engineer, SIC**

Noted

**9.2 Repositioning of 40mph Signs, A970, South – Mr C Gair, Engineer, Roads, SIC**

Mr D Ristori advised that Gulberwick Together would be discussing the issue at their next meeting; he hoped that they would help to support the extension to the speed limit.

**9.3 Street Lighting Review: Lighting Reduction Options – Mr Neil Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC**

Members had no objections to the proposal for the street lights to be switched off between midnight and 6am at the Upper Gremista Road, Lower Gremista Road and North Industrial Estate access Road.

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

**9.4 Request for Comments & Representations - Section 36-Application for Replacement Power Station – Mrs Claire Summers, Support Officer, Development Management, SIC**

No further comments were added to those which were discussed at the October meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

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

**9.5 Queen Baton Relay – Baton bearers Nominations for Shetland – Mr Neil Watt, Executive Manager, Sport & Leisure, SIC**

The Chairman proposed that Mr Tommy Sinclair, former caretaker at the Flower Park would be a worthwhile candidate for nomination.

It was agreed that Mr T Sinclair had key role in making King George V Flower Park what it was today and that he had made a significant contribution to the local community.

Mr D Ristori suggested that Bill Adams may also be a suitable candidate.

Ms K Fraser seconded the Chairman's proposal.

Mr D Ristori withdrew his nomination. He agreed that Mr T Sinclair should first have the opportunity to accept, or otherwise, the nomination but asked that Mr B Adams be considered should Mr T Sinclair not wish to take up the opportunity.

The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Sinclair.

**(Action: Chairman)**

**9.6 Da Voar Redd Up 2013 – Confirmation of Collections**

The Chairman was pleased to note the success of Da Voar Redd Up 2013.

He expressed his hope that members of Lerwick Community Council would give up a few hours of their time to assist in the 2014 Redd Up.

Ms K Fraser noted that the Holmsgarth Road verges could often be seen strewn with litter; she suggested that it may be an area LCC members might wish to consider taking on at the next Voar Redd Up.

11/13/10 **Financial Report as at 29 October 2013**

The Chairman advised that as there was to be no organised Fireworks display by Islesburgh Pyrotechnics, £2,000 could be added to LCC's estimated free funds figure.

Noted

11/13/11 **Applications for Premises Licence**

Cllr P Campbell declared an interest as a member of the Licensing Board.

**11.1 Sans Vitesse, Victoria Pier, Lerwick**

No objections

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

10/13/12

**Planning Applications**

Cllr P Campbell declared an interest as a member of the Planning Board.

**12.1 2013/311/PPF Amended - Erect Dwellinghouse, Adjacent to 19 Ackrigarth, Lerwick - Mr Dennis Arthur**

Following the amendment, members agreed to remove their former objection to the application.

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

**12.2 2013/374/PPF demolish existing offices and erect 12 no. one bedroom flats, Fort Road, Lerwick – Hjaltland Housing Association**

Mr A Carter thought that the development was commendable but expressed unease with regard to any further pressure on parking in the area.

The Chairman countered that parking requirements differed throughout the day and the need for spaces would balance out. He also pointed out that there was a large car park, close by, at Market Green.

Mr A Carter stressed that his comment was an observation, not an argument for not building. He added that parking provision should be a consideration in any future build.

It was agreed that the proposed build was a welcome addition to much needed accommodation.

No objection

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

**12.3 2013/376/PPF Erect dwellinghouse & garage and create new access track – Bankfield, Lower Sound – Mr & Mrs McKay**

No objection

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

**The following applications arrived too late to be included in the agenda but were brought to the meeting for discussion.**

**12.4 2013/372/PPF – Convert disused storage shed into one bed dwelling-5 Anderson Place, Mr Peter Nield**

No objection

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

**12.4 2013/372/PPF – Erect dwellinghouse with access track, parking & turning area garden shed – Garden of Craigielea – Mrs & Mrs Finnie**

No objection

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

09/13/12 **Lerwick Planning Applications – October 2013**

Noted

09/13/13 **Any Other Business**

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

**Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle - Bruce Crescent**

No objections

**Judane Knitwear Factory** – Mr D Ristori was pleased to note that, according to reports, the disused and deteriorating Judane Knitwear factory was to be torn down.

He stated that residents in the area were happy with the plan and they hoped that nothing would be put in its place.

Residents had also advised him that the building was infested with rats; he hoped that the issue would be dealt with prior to demolition.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Ms M Sandison, Director of Infrastructure Services, with regard to the issue.

Mr D Ristori added that it would be beneficial to the local community for Lerwick Community Council to actively encourage owners to restore or demolish deteriorating buildings.

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

**Viking Bus Station** – Mr D Ristori stated that he had learned Viking Bus Station had been sold; he suggested that a mini travel service may be a good business proposal for the building.

Cllr A Wishart corrected that it had not been sold, but was going through the process. He recommended that no one be approached until after the sale had gone through, thereafter any suggestions for use should be directed to the new owner.

**Zebra Crossings** – Mr D Ristori related a near accident he saw at the Pelican Crossing across from Bolts, North Road, when the lights were out of order. He asked if it was really out of the question for Pelican Crossings to be replaced with Zebra Crossings.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC with regard to the request and refer back to previous correspondence.

Cllr A Wishart agreed that it would be helpful to write. He reminded members that consideration was underway for some roads to be imposed with a 20mph speed limit; much more feasible for Zebra Crossings.

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

**Breiwick Road Streetlighting** – Mr D Ristori enquired if street lights, which require to be renewed, would be replaced with the same lights as those on Breiwick Road.

Cllr A Wishart replied that they would.

**Traffic Warden** - Mr A Henry noted that the Police would no longer fund Traffic Wardens and asked if the Council intended to.

Cllr A Wishart replied that the Police were trying to decriminalise parking offences in order to hand over the responsibility of Traffic Warden duties to local authorities to take care of. However, Shetland Islands Council was not comfortable with the prospect and there were ongoing discussions; it was viable in large places, cities, but not in smaller places where it was likely to be a financial burden.

Members noted an apparent increase in the number of vehicles, without a blue badge, driving through Commercial Street during restricted hours, many parking inappropriately.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Police Scotland and request that they increase Police presence on the street whenever possible.

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

**CCTV** – The chairman wondered why, when CCTV was in operation, there appeared to be no record as to how the monument in Market Cross was damaged; he asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Chief Inspector A MacInnes with the enquiry.

The Chairman also asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Police Scotland and enquire if the invite was still open for members of LCC to attend a controlled visit to view CCTV in operation at the Police Station .

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

**Shetland Skatepark** – Mr E Knight noted that there appeared to be no litter bins near the skatepark.

Cllr A Wishart replied that there was one just inside the wall by the gate.

Members were pleased to note that the skatepark appeared to be getting well used.

**Silted Gulley's** – Members noted that some gulley's had silted up, preventing rainwater from effectively flowing away.

A particular problem was at the head of Mounthooly Street where, during the recent heavy rain, a large quantity of standing water had gathered on Hillhead, opposite Ronald Street, against the wall.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, to request that he arrange to have the gully's/drainage ways cleared at his earliest opportunity.

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

**SSE- Standing Charge for Key Meters**

Mr A Wenger expressed concern at SSE's newly introduced 'Standing Charge' of £100 for key meters. He thought that the charge unfairly targeted people who were on a tight budget and those who used very little electricity.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to gather more information and write to Alistair Carmichael MP, with regard to the issue, copying in Tavish Scott MSP.

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

**Knab Drainage** – The Chairman noted that, once again, there was an issue of surface water running over the Knab footpath. It appeared that the drains were disrupted when the new paths were laid.

**Sletts Footpath Drainage** – Mr D Ristori advised that there was standing water on Sletts Sea Path at the foot of 21 South Road's garden.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the council to write to Mr M Malcolmson, Leisure Facilities Officer, with regard to the drainage issues.

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

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.40pm.

***Minute ends.***

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Chairman.....**

**Date.....**