

MONDAY 7 October 2013

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in Main Room, Islesburgh, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

Members

Miss K Fraser	Mr E Knight
Mr D Ristori	Mr W Spence
Mr A Johnson	Mr A Wenger
Mr J Anderson	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell	Cllr M Bell
Cllr M Stout	Cllr J Wills

Anderson High School Representatives 2013-2014

Ms M Nicolson

In Attendance

Mr G Steel, Liaison Manager, SSE
Mr J Laurie, Project Manager, SSE Generation
Mr D Hitchin, Shetland Operations Manager, SHEPD
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

10/13/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

10/13/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Hay, Mr A Carter, Mr M Peterson, Mr S MacMillan, Mr A Henry, Mrs A Simpson, Ms A Westlake, Mrs E Williamson, Cllr C Smith and Cllr A Wishart

10/13/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September were approved on the motion of Mr D Ristori and seconded by Mr A Wenger.

10/13/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Public Toilets – Charitable Trust Proposal

Mr E Knight enquired if Mr J Riise, Executive Manager, Governance & Law, SIC had responded to Lerwick Community Council's letter regarding the suggestion that a Charitable Trust be set up to manage Shetland's public toilets.

The Clerk advised that she had again written to request a response, twice since the September meeting, but was yet to receive a reply.

The Chairman advised that he had discussed the matter with Mr Riise at the recent meeting of ASCC; Mr Riise did not recommend that the Charitable Trust concept.

The Chairman added that the Knab toilets, and two others, were to get 'a stay of execution'. The running of the toilets would be transferred to the gravediggers.

Mr K Knight noted, from information included in the agenda papers, that water costs were the largest part of the running costs for the Knab toilet. He thought that if a Charity did not have to pay these costs, that alone was a good enough reason for LCC to investigate the proposal of a Charitable Trust to manage Shetland's public toilets.

The Chairman replied that there was a possibility the Community Benefit Fund could finance the running of the toilets.

Mr E Knight requested that Mr Riise be asked to respond to the enquiry formally.

The Chairman agreed that he would ask for Mr Riise's written response.

(Action: Chairman)

Halls of Residence - Anderson High School

Mr E Knight enquired if Mrs H Budge, Director, Children's Services, SIC had provided the Clerk with the total number of children currently staying in the Halls or Residence.

The Clerk advised that she had not, but she would contact Mrs Budge and request the information.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Meeting Room

Cllr M Bell advised that in setting its 2013/14 budget, in very challenging circumstances, Councillors had, very properly, set a scale of fees for use of the Town Hall designed to produce a 'break-even' position. This resulted in those wishing to use Town Hall facilities facing charges much higher than had been historically enjoyed.

However, Cllr Bell said that, in common with his fellow town members, he strongly supported, for many reasons, the notion that Lerwick Town Hall was the natural home of Lerwick Community Council. In researching the issue with Council staff he found that rural community councils were permitted use of schools in their respective areas to hold meetings. It seemed only fair that the council should afford a similar facility to

Lerwick Community Council and therefore he was able to advise that, with effect from the next meeting in November, Lerwick Town Hall would be available to Lerwick Community Council, for its monthly meeting, if it so wished.

He further stated that these were difficult times and it was important the Council and Community Council's pulled together for the overall good of the community. In Lerwick, for example, the issue of the Town Hall windows would be one issue where a joint effort would be required to bring about a good and beneficial result.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bell and his Lerwick Councillors for all their hard work and assistance.

He asked the Clerk to formally write a letter of thanks to express Lerwick Community Council's gratitude to the Lerwick Councillors for their support and assistance.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Road Safety-Cyclists

In his capacity as Chairman of the Road Safety Advisory Panel, Cllr M Stout thanked Lerwick Community Council for their letter of support regarding road safety for cyclists.

10/13/05

Update – Replacing Lerwick's Power Station – Mr Gavin Steel, Liaison Manager, Mr Jim Laurie, Project Manager & Mr Darren Hitchin, Operations Manager - Scottish & Southern Energy

The update was facilitated by a power point presentation.

Scottish & Southern Energy (SSE) is in the process of developing proposals for a new power station in Shetland on behalf of Scottish Hydro Electric Distribution (SHEPD).

A plan for Shetland, including the proposed power station, has been submitted to Ofgem and an application for planning consent to build the proposed new power station near Rova Head applied for. Subject to consent and approval it is hoped that work will commence in 2014 to allow the new power station to be fully commissioned during 2017.

Section 36 consent is being sought for a 120MW capacity. The current power station has a 60MW capacity and uses 40-45MW but the additional capacity will allow flexibility to cover supply to Sullom Voe Terminal, possible future developments and ensure that the maximum possible environmental impacts are assessed.

The proposed new power station will have lower emissions and will be located further away from existing commercial and domestic properties, reducing impacts on air quality and visual amenity in the town. Efficiency will be much higher than the existing plant, reducing the carbon footprint associated with electricity generation and will provide security of electricity supply for the next 20-30 years.

The engines will be capable of running initially on light fuel oil, but also on natural gas should a supply be obtained in the future, and a pipeline constructed from Sullom Voe and air-cooled and seawater-cooled options allowed for.

The maximum height of the stack will be 73m, only the top of which will be seen from Lerwick; the colour of the scheme will be part of the consent conditions.

Well attended exhibitions and consultations have been held and, overall, feedback has been positive.

During consultations, of the original plan, concern was expressed with regard to the size of rock required to be cut and transported; therefore the proposed build was moved forward, closer to the sea, reducing the volume of any type of material to be excavated. Part of the Bight of Vatland will now be infilled and some minor realignment to the public road to Dales Voe necessary.

Other concerns taken on board were those relating to light pollution, accommodation for personnel during the build and opportunities for local contractors.

It is anticipated that all large items of plant will be delivered by sea using the existing facilities at Greenhead and/or Dales Voe. There will be traffic increases during the construction period, but these will be minimised and managed via a Traffic Management Plan and noise levels will be monitored during the construction process to ensure they remain within prescribed limits.

An average of 60 personnel will be on site during construction; peak number of 400 direct construction employment opportunities.

Local contractors will be used during the construction period and there will be potential for apprenticeships and training.

Assuming all consents are given, SSE will provide updates on a quarterly basis, either by attending meetings or providing newsletters.

Comments can be submitted to the Scottish Government up to Monday 4 November.

Mr E Knight enquired if any water heat would be made available.

Mr J Laurie replied that heat from jackets would be made available to third parties at the boundary fence.

Ms K Fraser enquired if the Environmental Statement was available on line.

Mr G Steel replied that the document was too large, but copies had been made available to the Library, SIC offices and LCC.

Cllr M Stout expressed disappointment that the gas option was no longer a current alternative, and that it was being developed as a light oil station. He thought it was a pity to ship diesel into Shetland when there will be an abundant supply of gas at Sullom Voe for the foreseeable future.

Mr J Laurie explained that when the project began, proposals were developed in parallel for a gas pipeline from Sullom Voe to provide an option to fuel the proposed new power station on natural gas.

He added that the option remained open for the future, provided for in the proposed power station's design, but they were taking the power station forward on its own with the 'Section 36' planning process and with the energy regulator Ofgem. Therefore, for an initial period, the proposed station would run on light fuel oil.

Mr J Laurie stated that the main reasons for the change were, at this time, issues with securing a suitable gas supply from operators at Sullom Voe, bearing in mind that Total's development is not yet complete, and the need to demonstrate to the regulator whether the gas pipeline is an economic option. He thought it likely that the pipeline's construction would only be economic if the proposed subsea cable to the UK mainland was not expected to go ahead.

Cllr J Wills asked if there was any likelihood a pipeline could be laid from the power station to a gas bottling plant so that gas could be cleaned and bottled locally.

Mr J Laurie replied that gas flows can vary and likely any contract would be on an interruptive basis; gas was not available 24/7 and would primarily be there for the power station.

Cllr J Wills asked what effect the Viking Energy delay would have.

Mr J Laurie replied that it would have no effect at all.

Cllr J Wills enquired as to the cost of the project and what would happen to the old power station.

Mr J Laurie replied that the project would cost over 100 million. The old power station would be kept for one year to eighteen months; thereafter it would be taken down and land remediated. Space would be kept for a hot water tank and the remainder of the site disposed of; the works would be an additional cost.

Mr E Knight asked if medium speed diesels had been considered.

Mr J Laurie replied that it was looked at, but it was an option that did not seem to work as well as lighter fuels, which were better both financially and environmentally.

The Chairman asked how quick the change could be from gas to fuel.

Mr J Laurie replied that it was seamless.

Miss K Fraser enquired what accommodation would be provided for workers during the construction phase.

Mr J Laurie advised that it was something they still had to look at.

The Chairman thanked Mr G Steel, Mr J Laurie & Mr D Hitchin for attending the meeting and providing their informative presentation.

The presentation ended and they left at 8.10pm.

10/13/06 **Consultation on Local Policing Plan Priorities & Multi Member Ward Policing Plan Issues**

The Chairman stated that at the recent ASCC meeting, members were provided with a questionnaire relating to the consultation. He asked the Clerk to obtain a copy of the questionnaire and distribute it to all members.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10/13/07 **Festivity Proposal – New Year 2014 – Working with Living Lerwick**

7.1 Minute Extracts January & March 2013

Noted

7.2 Archived Letter – New Year 2014, LivingLerwick

Noted

7.3 Winter Festival – Ms Leigh-Ann McGinty, Admin Officer, LivingLerwick

It was generally agreed that a live musical event would be a festive and well received way to bring in the New Year at the Market Cross.

Miss K Fraser hoped that LivingLerwick could persuade businesses, primarily restaurants and pubs, to stay open late on New Year's Eve, perhaps until around 1am.

She added that it may be helpful if business owners could be encouraged to ensure that they all give their planters a good level of care.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10/13/08 **Request for Comments- Interpretive Leaflet, Lerwick – Mr D Cooper, Shetland Amenity Trust**

8.1 For Information - Copy of Current Leaflet

Miss K Fraser asked if the Library opening times could be removed from the brochure; instead it should just note that the Library is open from Monday-Saturday. Also, it should be noted that the Library has Wi-Fi and internet access.

In addition, Ms K Fraser asked if a mention could be made of the Library's attractive stained glass windows.

Mr A Wenger suggested that reference to the Camping and caravan site should be removed from under the Clickimin heading.

Mr W Spence noted that the name Sandwater Loch, should be changed to Sandy Loch, at the bottom of the section headed The Knab to Ness of Sound.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10/13/09

Correspondence

9.1 Grant Thanks – Replacement Safety Boat, Lerwick Boating Club

Noted

9.2 Grant Thanks – Repair of Road, Lower Sound – Mr & Mrs Ramsay

Noted

9.3 Cycling, Core Path along Sletts – Mr K Serginson, Outdoor Access Officer, SIC

Noted

9.4 Cleaning of Lerwick's Lanes Grass Cutting-Northern Marsh Orchid – Mr J Emptage, Team Leader, Cleansing, Grounds & Burial Services

Cllr P Campbell was saddened to see that the protected Northern Marsh Orchid's were mown down; he added that it would take two years before so many grew back again.

The Chairman was reassured, by the letter from Mr Emptage, that there would not be a reoccurrence of the incident.

9.5 Knab Toilets – Mr J Emptage, Team Leader, Cleansing, Grounds & Burial Services

Discussed during Business Arising.

9.6 Damaged Gateway to Lerwick Sign (North) – Mr Paul Moar, Lerwick Resident

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC to request that they repair the damaged sign.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

9.7 Summary, Community Development Fund – Mr Michael Duncan, Grants Co-ordinator, SIC

The Chairman noted that he was surprised to see that not all Community Council's applied for funding.

Miss K Fraser asked what progress had been made with the Interpretive Panels.

The Chairman replied that planning permission for the project was needed to proceed with the Awards For All funding application. He hoped to meet up with Ms E Brooke-Freeman, Shetland Amenity Trust to take the three panel project forward to the point that planning permission could be applied for.

Mr D Ristori asked if the project could include the Information Boards for Queens Lane, Lodberries, Tollbooth and foot of Back Charlotte Street.

The Chairman replied that, as the funding had been applied for that specific project, unfortunately it could not.

He hoped that Lerwick Community Council would be in a position to fund the Information Boards in the next financial year.

10/13/10

Detailed Financial Report as at 1 October 2013

Noted

10.1 Main Annual Running Costs 2012-2013

The Chairman advised members that office costs had been pared down to a bare minimum and there were noticeable saving compared to that of previous years.

10.2 Annual Grants & Projects

Noted

10.3 Grants & Projects

Noted

10/13/11

Applications for Financial Assistance

11.1 Winter Festival - Living Lerwick

The Chairman proposed a grant offer of the full funding requested of £456 for the replacement Christmas Trees and 50%, £500, for Santa's Grotto.

Mr E Knight seconded the proposal.

The proposal was carried.

10/13/12

Proposed Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle

12.1 Sletts

No objection

12.1 Outside 12 Leog, Twageos Road

No objection

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

Burgh Road, Lerwick (at frontage of No 58)

No objection

St Olaf Street, Lerwick (at frontage of No 6)

No objection

St Olaf Street, Lerwick (at frontage of No 41)

No objection

Bruce Crescent, Lerwick (opposite the frontage of No 2)

No objection

Cllr P Campbell noted an interest as a member of the Licencing Board and Planning Board for the next four agenda items.

10/13/13

Application for Premises Licence

13.1 Sans Vitesse, Mairs Quay, Holmsgarth, Lerwick

No objection

13.2 Monty's Bistro, 5 Monthooly Street, Lerwick

No objection

10/13/14

Proposed New House

14.1 Information, Proposed New House at Ness of Sound – Mr A Mackay, Lerwick Resident

Noted

14.2 Location Plan

Noted

14.3 Site Plan

Noted

14.4 Sketch Views

Noted

The Chairman advised that Cllr A Wishart, close neighbour to the proposed build, supported the project.

Miss K Fraser thought that the proposal looked as though it was well planned, would not detract from the area and would be an asset.

The Chairman expressed some concern regarding discharge into Breiwick bay but acquiesced that a septic tank may resolve the issue.

Cllr J Wills stated that it would be up to the authorities to object to the plans, if they wished to do so come the time.

10/13/15

Planning Applications

15.1 2013/298/PPF Peat workings reinstatement – phase 2, Gremista - Lerwick Port Authority

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

15.2 2013/311/PPF Erect Dwellinghouse, Adjacent to 19 Ackrigarth, Lerwick - Mr Dennis Arthur

Mr A Johnston expressed concern that the footpath from the Old Waterworks to Longland would be affected.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Planning and object to the application as a public right of way will be affected.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

15.3 2013/329/PPF Erect dwellinghouse and attached garage, Plot 3, Sands Of Sound, Lerwick - Mr & Mrs Robert Manson

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

09/13/12

Lerwick Planning Applications – September 2013

Noted

09/13/13

Any Other Business

Speed Limit – Loch of Trebister

Mr D Ristori raised concern for the safety of road users and pedestrians crossing the section of road between the north Gulberwick junction and Sandy Loch Drive. He suggested that the 40 mile speed limit could be extended to start at the north Gulberwick junction as opposed to the current location at Sandy Loch Drive.

The Chairman agreed and asked the Clerk to write to Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC with the suggestion.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Gilbert Bain Hospital

Mr D Ristori suggested that if the accommodation block on Gilbertson Road was not used to full capacity, perhaps the NHS could offer space for use of hospital patients, when needed, as a gesture of goodwill.

The Chairman advised that the building was fully occupied with offices.

Ramps – Clickimin

Mr D Ristori advised that he had received a few complaints about the blind ramps at Clickimin Leisure Centre; people had not noticed the change from flat to gradient surface and tripped. He suggested that the area would benefit from yellow markings to make people aware of the hazard.

The Chairman advised that he would visit the area to see for himself.

(Action: Chairman)

Tesco Extension

Mr D Ristori informed members that in the eyes of some Lerwick shop owners, Lerwick Community Council had not 'done any favours' by not objecting to Tesco's recent application to extend.

The Chairman responded that the application was purely to extend the warehouse.

He suggested that some shop owners may be able to help themselves by ensuring an improved and more helpful attitude towards customers.

Strategy for Secondary Education

The Chairman reminded members how important it was to make time to attend the forthcoming meeting to discuss the Strategy for Secondary Education, Thursday 10 October from 7.00pm-9.00pm, Anderson High School.

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

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman.....

Date.....