

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2013

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in Room16, Islesburgh, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

Members

Miss K Fraser	Mrs A Simpson
Mr D Ristori	Mr W Spence
Mr A Carter	Mr A Johnson
Mr A Henry	Mr J Anderson
Mr A Wenger	Mr S Hay Co-opted Member
Mr E Knight left 8.05pm	

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell	Cllr A Wishart
Cllr M Stout	

Anderson High School Representatives 2013-2014

Ms M Nicolson	Mr G McAlister
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In Attendance

Ms Helen Budge, Director, Children's Services, SIC
Mr Chris Malcolm, Architect, Ryder Architects
Mr Trevor Smith, Project Manager, Capital Programmes, SIC
Mr James Armitage, Client Advisor, Children's Services, SIC
Mr J Edwards, Quality Improvement Officer, SIC
Ms Annie Nicolson, Clerical Assistant, Children's Services
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

09/13/01 **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

09/13/02 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Ms A Westlake, Mrs E Williamson, Cllr M Ball, Cllr J Wills and Cllr C Smith.

09/13/03 **Welcome to Miss Megan Nicolson & Mr Gary McAlister**

The Chairman introduced Anderson High School representatives Miss Megan Nicolson and Mr Gary McAlister and thanked Anderson High School for once again nominating two of their 6th year students to represent their peer group on Lerwick Community Council.

Members were pleased to welcome the students as Anderson High School representatives and accept them as Additional Co-opted Members to the Council following their formal Acceptance of Office.

09/13/04 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July were approved on the motion of Mr D Ristori and seconded by Mr A Henry.

09/13/05 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

07/13/14 Public Toilets

Mr E Knight enquired if a letter had been written to Mr J Riise, Executive Manager, Governance & Law, SIC with regard to his proposal that a Charitable Trust be set up to manage public toilets throughout Shetland.

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been written, and followed up by a reminder, but she had yet to receive a response.

Mr E Knight advised that he had recently read an article in the Press & Journal whereby a Community Council on the west coast of Scotland had initiated the same proposal for their area; their local Council agreed, and made funding available to 'make it happen'.

The Chairman asked Mr Knight if he could provide a copy of the article to the Clerk for forwarding on to Mr Riise.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

09/13/06 **Proposed New AHS Pre Application Presentation Consultation-
Ms Helen Budge, Director, Children's Services; Mr Chris Malcolm, Architect; Mr Trevor Smith, Project Manager, Capital Programmes; Mr James Armitage, Client Advisor, Children's Services and Ms Annie Nicolson, Clerical Assistant, Children's Services**

The Chairman welcomed Ms Helen Budge, Mr Chris Malcolm, Mr Trevor Smith, Mr James Armitage and Ms Annie Nicolson to the meeting.

Ms H Budge thanked Lerwick Community Council for the opportunity to present at the meeting as it was an important part of the Pre-application Consultation.

She advised that the recent public meeting was well attended and that the Consultation had received a very good response in terms of written and verbal comments.

Ms H Budge clarified that they did not have full details of the cost of the proposed project but the figure so far was £42 million; if approved two thirds of the cost would be funded by the Scottish Government leaving the remaining third to be funded by Shetland Islands Council.

The project included a new Anderson High School, planned to be built on the Caravan & Campsite; Halls of Residence, behind the proposed school and alterations to the Clickimin Leisure Complex to provide PE facilities for the school pupils.

Mr C Malcolm, Architect, stressed that the plans for the school were very much a 'work in progress' but the aim was to ensure that the spaces were created for multi use, so that these spaces could be efficiently used throughout the day, and classrooms developed to maximise efficiencies.

The plan was to build the school four storeys high, to accommodate 1180 pupils. The school itself would be the basic exemplar model, a box shape, but given its own sense of identity by taking inspiration from the history and topography of the area, allowing the building to merge and integrate into the landscape to appear less imposing.

In order to make the most of the natural light, the classrooms would be around the periphery, leaving a multi use central atrium.

The proposal was that the atrium would include a stage area, which would be open to the public, with the capacity to accommodate the entire school role.

Mr C Malcolm added that there would be three points of entrance, the main entrance to the east, ASN entrance to the west and plant & services entrance to the rear.

Their team was working with Roads, SIC to develop a pick up and drop off strategy and part of the project Clickimin Leisure Complex would be refurbished and extended, to accommodate school pupils, whilst keeping a large section still open to the public.

Mrs H Budge advised that once their application was submitted, HubCo had twenty days to decide if they would take the project on. If HubCo did, they would start from stage 1 and would have six months to develop the design.

She advised members that the views of residents, bus drivers and Roads regarding the road system, were being taken on board and carefully discussed.

She stated that parts of Clickimin Leisure Complex would be zoned for school use during school days. In order to make the complex effective for combined use, alterations and extensions would be necessary and come under the new Anderson High School project and budget, with future maintenance being carried out by SRT.

Mrs H Budge stated that the current APEX suite was not suitably positioned for its required location in the public zone so would be replaced, along with some of the toilets and changing rooms, and an additional multi use gymnasium for school use added.

She added that it was their aspiration to have an astro turf pitch, which would go on the existing football pitch, immediately south.

Ms H Budge expressed concern for the loss of the Caravan and Campsite but added that there was a possibility of a proposal being considered regarding a new Caravan & Campsite, but they would just have to see how things progressed.

She furthered that Shetland Amenity Trust had offered to remove, store and replant the trees when appropriate and that their offer had been accepted.

Referring to the loss of the Caravan and Campsite, Mr E Knight expressed concern and enquired as to who were the landowners.

Mrs H Budge replied that it was currently SRT, but added that SRT and SIC were in the process of exchanging missives.

Mr E Knight stated that he believed that the land could only be sold to another Trust.

The Chairman clarified that funds received from the sale of the land had to be used for charitable purposes.

Mr E Knight remained concerned and thought that the sale of the land could be challenged. He asked when the application would be submitted to Planning.

Mrs H Budge explained that as part of the Pre Application Consultation, everything had to be analysed before submitting a planning application; she hoped that this would be around Christmas time.

Mr E Knight noted his unease that the heavy use of Clickimin Leisure Complex by the new Anderson High may impinge on public use.

Mrs H Budge noted that the school already made use of the Complex but made her assurances that they would be as flexible as possible. She pointed out that the school would not be making use of the Complex in the evenings or at weekends.

The Chairman asked what plans there were for the existing games hall, refurbished six years previous, and recently re-harled.

Mrs H Budge replied that she was focusing on the new Anderson High School project but Capital Programmes, led by Mr R Sinclair was looking at the whole of the Knab site.

Mr E Knight challenged the necessity for a Halls of Residence and enquired if the need for one had been looked at thoroughly.

Mrs H Budge advised that the Halls of Residence was needed for secondary 1-4 pupils from Fair Isle, Foula and Fetlar and for older students from the larger islands. She thought that the total number of children currently staying in the Halls of Residence, including seniors, was 64 but she would check and get the information for the Clerk of the Council.

Mr E Knight enquired as to why the children could not be accommodated in private lodgings.

Mrs H Budge explained that nowadays checks and standards had to be followed and the Care Commission preferred children to be accommodated in a Halls of Residence.

Mrs A Simpson asked if there were to be any changes to Staney Hill Road.

Mr J Armitage, Client Advisor, replied that the bottom of the road would have to be re-routed, but only by ten yards.

Mrs H Budge informed members that during the Consultation, some parents had indicated that their children would use the Staney Hill road to walk home and enquired if lighting would be considered.

Safety concern was raised due to the perceived increase of vehicles using the road and there being no pavements.

Mr J Armitage stated that by law, vehicles could use the road but they were working with Roads to 'stop it up'.

Mr S Hay noted that he was impressed with the work that had been done to date.

He stressed that the design had to be visionary, equitable, reflect the best of what Shetland can do and move forward.

Cllr P Campbell expressed concern at the segregation of ASN pupils.

Mrs H Budge was quick to clarify that the ASN entrance was reserved for pupils with severe and complex difficulties. These students needed, and welcomed, a different type of space and it would be a better experience for these children to enter the school calmly, avoiding the hustle and bustle. Other ASN pupils would be integrated into the school, as usual.

On behalf of residents, Cllr A Wishart expressed concern at the loss of parking due to the proposed new roundabout off Lochside.

Mr J Armitage noted the concern and advised that he would consult with residents.

The Chairman asked what would happen if HubCo did not take the project on.

Mrs H Budge responded that the project would not progress. They had done all they could to meet the criteria and worked closely with HubCo to ensure the project would be accepted, but would not know for twenty days following the submission of their application.

The Chairman asked what would be done to ensure and assist the safety of the majority of children who walk or cycle to and from school.

Mrs H Budge replied that they hoped to purchase a strip of land around the back of Clickimin Loch for pupils to use; cycle paths would be looked into.

Mr J Armitage added that there was a lot of Policy to look at, depending on traffic, local preferences, footpaths, cycle paths or combined.

The Chairman hoped that they would ensure that the application conformed to; Scottish Planning Policy 17; Planning Advice Note 75; and Shetland Structural Plan 2001-2016, Chapter 12, unlike the previous application which was objected to by Lerwick Community Council in that the site did not constitute a sustainable transport accessible site. **(Agenda Item 09/04/07, 7.1)**

Mrs H Budge concluded that they were a few months away from the detail and that it was all just concepts at the moment. They wanted the building to be innovative and forward thinking for the 21st century with a flexible approach allowing teaching to spill out into the social and surrounding areas.

The Chairman thanked Mrs H Budge and her team for attending the meeting and giving their presentation.

The presentation concluded at 8.05pm and Ms Helen Budge, Mr Chris Malcolm, Mr Trevor Smith, Mr James Armitage and Ms Annie Nicolson left the meeting.

Mr E Knight left the meeting, 8.05pm.

09/13/07

Variable Muster Modes – Serco/NorthLink

The Chairman stated that he had travelled on the Ferry twice after having flights cancelled; he thought that Serco had coped well with the sudden swell of passengers.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to check if Mr L Angus, who had requested the issue to be further discussed at a later meeting, would like the issue put on the October agenda.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

09/13/08

Correspondence

8.1 Verge Reinstatement, Dales Voe Road – Mr D Coupe, Executive Manager, Roads, SIC

Noted

8.2 Suspected Raw Sewage, Sea Road – Ms M Sandison, Executive Manager, Environmental Health, SIC

Noted

8.3 Mareel Lighting Concern – Mr G Gibbons, Director, Shetland Arts Development Agency

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to SLAP and request a response to their letter.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

8.4 Japanese Knotweed – Mrs M Sandison, Executive Manager, Environmental Health, SIC

Noted

8.5 Sheep Roaming Free, North Road area – Mr T Nicolson

Noted

8.6 Sheep Roaming Free – Mr A Johnson

Noted

Although not everyone who had been written to had responded, the problem seemed to have eased. The Chairman asked Members to make it known if the issue occurred again.

8.7 Pegasus Place Sign – Mr A Robertson, Garriock Bros. Ltd

Noted

8.8 Conservation Area Funding – Mr R MacNeill, Planning Officer, SIC

Noted

8.9 Trolleys, Refuse, Car Park Lighting – Mr P Clelland, Manager, Tesco Lerwick

Noted

8.10 Victoria Pier Car Parking, Accommodation Barges & Fish Market – Ms S Laurensen, Chief Executive, Lerwick Port Authority

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to extend an invitation to Ms S Laurensen, Chief Executive, Lerwick Port Authority, or a member of her team to attend a future meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

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

Concern was raised for the safety of both cyclists and walkers, if cyclists were to be encouraged to cycle on the Sletts path.

It was agreed that the path was too narrow and had several blind bends.

As Chairman of the Road Safety Group, Cllr M Stout stated that the perception was that Shetland was not bike friendly. One conclusion was that it was less about cycle paths and signs, but more about attitude.

Generally the message should be spread round the community to look out for, and give consideration to, cyclists. He thought that it was more about public information than anything else.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to email Cllr M Stout in his capacity as Chairman of the Road Safety Group to offer the support of Lerwick Community Council.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

8.12 Review-Traffic Warden Provision, Public Service & Opening Hours – J Innes, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland

Noted

8.13 Request early release of grant - Ms K Williamson, Treasurer, Shetland Skatepark Association

The Chairman stated that he was sympathetic to the situation but expressed concern that releasing the funding before the project was completed would set a precedent.

Members agreed to the Chairman's suggestion that Finance, SIC should be written to and asked if they would, on this occasion, give approval to Lerwick Community Council releasing the funds early.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

09/13/09

Financial Report as at 28 August 2013

Noted

The Chairman was pleased to inform members that Lerwick Community Councils grant applications for Community Development Project and Distribution funds had both been successful.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to write a letter of thanks to Ms V Simpson, Community Planning & Development.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to advise Ms J Porter, Community Work Officer, that applications may now be made to Lerwick Community Council for funding, and to arrange for the information to go on the LCC website.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

09/13/10

Planning Applications

10.1 2013/222/PPF To continue quarrying activity and associated development and deepening of existing working quarry area, Ladies Drive – Mr B Anderson

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10.2 2013/278/PPF Erect extension to west elevation, 8 Thorfinn Street – Mr & Mrs Johnston

Members agreed to object to the application on the grounds that the windows in the extension overlook the sitting room and kitchen windows of the neighbouring property, the plans do not show the extent of the underbuilding and loss of daylight to the neighbouring property.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10.3 2013/283/PPF Demolish existing building and erect new building comprising of a shop on the ground floor and 14 no. flats on the three floors above, 74 Commercial Road – Irvine Contractors

Members agreed that the proposals would provide much needed accommodation in Lerwick which is currently suffering from a chronic housing shortage.

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

09/13/11 **Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle**

11.1 Haldane Burgess Crescent

No objections

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

Noted

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

Policies for Adoption by LCC - The Chairman displayed the following policies for Lerwick Community Councils approval and adoption.

Child & Adult Protection Policy

Approved and adopted on the motion of Mrs A Simpson.

Seconded by Mr A Carter.

Code of Conduct – Groups Working with Children

Approved and adopted on the motion of Mr A Henry.

Seconded by Mr D Ristori.

Child and Adult Protection Procedures

Approved and adopted on the motion of Mr D Ristori.

Seconded by Mrs A Simpson.

Equal Opportunities Policy

Approved and adopted on the motion of Mr A Carter

Seconded by Mr S Hay.

Meeting Venue - There was some concern that Islesburgh was not proving to be entirely suitable as a meeting venue.

Cllr A Wishart suggested that the Clerk of the Council write to the Lerwick Councillors requesting positive action to allow meetings to again take place in the Town Hall.

The Chairman agreed, and asked the Clerk to write as suggested.
(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Abattoir Tour - Ms K Fraser asked for a letter to be written to Mr R Eunson, Shetland Livestock Marketing Group, to thank him for providing such an interesting and informative tour of the abattoir.
(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Lighting, Co-op Car Park - Mr D Ristori noted that the lights in the Co-op's overspill car park flickered on and off; he thought that it may be a safety concern.

The Chairman advised that Mr Jim Shanks, Manager, Co-op would be attending a future meeting of Lerwick Community Council to give a presentation and suggested that Mr D Ristori raise the issue directly, at that meeting.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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