

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the Town Hall Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick

Present

Mr J Anderson	Mr R Leith (arrived 7.05pm)
Mr R Anderson	Mr M Peterson
Mr L Bissett (arrived 7.10pm)	Ms M Robertson
Ms K Fraser	Mrs A Simpson
Cllr J Henry	Mr W Spence
Mr A Johnston	Cllr W Stove
Cllr E Knight	

Additional Co-opted Members

Mr A Goudie	Mr D Ristori
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In Attendance

Ms R Griffiths, Shetland Times reporter
Miss C Duncan, Clerk to the Council

06/12/01 **Circular**

The Clerk opened the meeting and the circular calling the meeting was held as read.

She apologised for failing to include the election of a new Chairman and Vice Chairman on the agenda. As it had not been included, this item could not be dealt with at this meeting and so would have to be held over until the January meeting.

She asked for nominations for a Chairman pro-tems. Mrs A Simpson proposed Mr J Anderson, seconded by Cllr E Knight, and so Mr Anderson took the chair.

06/12/02 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs K Greaves and PS G McCarthy.

06/12/03 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2006 were approved by Mrs A Simpson and seconded by Mr R Anderson.

06/12/04 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Forums

Mr R Anderson noted that it had been agreed at the last meeting to appoint new representatives to the various forums attended by Lerwick Community Council and that this should be included on the agenda.

Co-Opted Members

Ms K Fraser noted that it had also been agreed at the last meeting to look at co-opting the three existing co-opted members to the new Council until further elections were held in January, and they agreed they were willing for this to happen.

Introductions

Mr R Anderson felt it would be beneficial to new members for everyone to introduce themselves and so this was done.

SYIS Window

Cllr E Knight noted that members had been encouraged to look for themselves at the Shetland Youth Information Service's window at the Market Cross. It was generally felt that the members did not find it offensive or inappropriate.

06/12/05 **Police Report**

As PS G McCarthy was not present, no police report was available.

06/12/06 **SIC (Tarland, Uppersound) (Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle) Order 2006**

The Chairman noted that the parking place had been moved 7m nearer to the junction and was no longer blocking the existing parking space. He felt if it had been approved by SIC Roads Department it must be appropriate. There were no objections.

06/12/07 **Correspondence**

7.1 SIC - Shetland Local Plan: Housing Plan Review

The Chairman asked that the Planning Department be asked to supply maps, including plans with 5m contour detailed on it, as had been agreed at a previous meeting so that the Housing Plan Review could be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

7.2 SIC - Handbook for Prospective Candidates Noted

7.3 Shetland Line (1984) Ltd - Securing Property Noted

06/12/08 **Financial Report**

The financial report was noted.

Mr R Anderson noted that there was currently a balance of £17,000 which had to be spent before the end of the financial year or it would be reclaimed by Shetland Islands Council.

He noted that there had been two ideas suggested in the past by Lerwick Community Council which he felt should be pursued further. The first was a plaque to be erected at the Market Green to inform people of the history of the site. The other plan involved plaques in the Lerwick lanes area indicating sites and buildings of interest.

He had discussed the matter with Mr A Hamilton of SIC who was to contact Mr A Blain of Shetland Amenity Trust to progress further. Mr Anderson felt it was necessary to get a ball-park figure so that funds could be committed for the implementation of these schemes.

He noted there was many different materials these plaques could be made of but the best would be cast bronze or brass, although these were also the most expensive options.

The Chairman noted they had also expressed interest in displaying an information board at the Horse's Head area of the Knab, and it was agreed to wait for Mr Blain's report before progressing further.

06/12/09

Planning Applications

9.1 Excavate Unused Ground - DH Marine, 24 Gremista Industrial Estate

No objections

9.2 Relocation of Fuel Facility - Highland Fuels, Bod Compound, Gremista

The Chairman noted that this site was the old Harbour Trust compound to the rear of the boating club shed. He thought that the site would be used for filling tankers.

Mr W Spence noted that there was increased security at the Greenhead base due to the decommissioning work so it was becoming more difficult for Highland Fuels to access their existing site 24 hours a day.

Mr M Peterson asked if there was a danger of creating a new storage facility at this place but Cllr E Knight noted that there were no tanks planned.

Mr W Spence stated that this site would be used for the refueling of vehicles rather than tanks.

Mr R Anderson said that if there was any doubt about the purpose of the site, they should contact SIC Planning for clarification.

Mr M Peterson moved that this should be done, seconded by Mrs A Simpson.

06/12/10

Any Other Business

10.1 Securing Bins in Town

Mr R Leith noted that he had recently come across a large public bin in the middle of the Esplanade road in the middle of the night, and noted that he could easily have struck this with his car. He asked if there was any way that they could be secured so that they could not be moved or overturned by vandals.

The Chairman noted that the bins were the responsibility of Shetland Islands Council and so they should be contacted and asked to secure them.

Cllr E Knight noted that this had been a problem in the Bain's Beach area and the bins had eventually been removed.

10.2 Knab Dyke

Mr R Anderson noted that these improvements had been ongoing for some time now and it was not a good situation. There was little information as to when the work would be completed and he suggested writing to ask Shetland Islands Council in which year or years the funding for repairing the dykes lay.

10.3 Resignation of Clerk

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Clerk, giving notice of her resignation due to other work commitments, with her last day of employment being 31 January 2007. He noted his thanks to her and that she would be in attendance at the next meeting. She had prepared the advert for the Shetland Times and it was agreed for this to go ahead.

Ms K Fraser asked who would interview prospective candidates as there was no chairman, and it was agreed that this would happen after the next meeting when a chairman had been appointed.

10.4 Islesburgh Pyrotechnic Display Club

The Chairman noted that the display had been unable to take place in November or on any of the subsequent proposed dates due to the adverse weather conditions. He stated that it was the intention of the Islesburgh Pyrotechnic Display Club to stage their display on Saturday 6 January 2007, which is also Old Christmas.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN (PRO-TEMS)
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL