

**MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2010**

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

**Members**

Mrs A Simpson	Mr J Anderson
Mr W Stove	Mr A Henry
Ms K Fraser	Mr A Johnson
Mr E Knight	Mr D Ristori
Mrs K Greaves	Mr L Angus

**Ex-Officio Councilors**

Cllr J Wills <b>left 8.20</b>	Cllr J Henry
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**Additional Co-opted Members**

Ms Caitlin Watt	Mr Jordan Thomason
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**In Attendance**

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council  
Ms R Griffiths, Shetland Times Reporter

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the council presided.

10/02/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

10/02/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Wishart, Cllr C Miller, Cllr C Smith, Mr W Spence, Mr R Leith and Mr M Peterson.

10/02/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January were held as a true record and approved by Mr L Angus and seconded by Mrs A Simpson.

10/02/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

10/01/08 Mrs K Greaves asked for the minute to be amended from 'Cllr A Wishart stated the allegation given by Mrs K Greaves...' to 'Cllr A Wishart stated the complaint given by Mrs K Greaves....', as she made no allegation, only series of complaints on behalf of members of the public.

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

10/01/07 The Chairman read out the following response from Mr I Halcrow, Head of Roads, SIC which arrived too late to be included in the agenda.

***Yellow Lines - Reply to Lerwick Community Council***

*With respect to yellow lines generally, we aim to replace them following roadworks as soon as possible, although small gaps left after minor works left for a time until there is enough work to make it worthwhile to take out the road markings boiler.*

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Where the roadworks have been undertaken by utilities, it is their responsibility to replace any road markings they remove, although we have a duty to see do so. As far as worn road markings are concerned, we undertake a road markings in the spring or summer each year. The road surface needs to be laid, so it is not practical at this time of year. However, we will be undertaking a programme of road markings later this year when the weather is better.

With regard to the Market Cross and Commercial Street, there is a problem applying road markings to Caithness flagstones, but I am aware that we do need to replace yellow lines that are missing, to help in the enforcement of parking restrictions.

10/02/05 **Police Report**

PS B Gray was not available to give his report but emailed the following figures for inclusion in the minutes.

The following crime analysis IS for January 2009/2010 compared to that of the same time last year.

Class 1 - Crimes against the person – Remained the same at 15, all detected  
Class 2 - Crimes involving indecency – Up from 17 to 31, with 27 detections  
Class 3 - Crimes of dishonesty – Up from 261 to 312, of which 217 were detected  
Class 4 – Crimes of vandalism – Down from 280 to 242, of which 98 were detected  
Class 5 - General Crimes – Down from 185 to 145, all detected  
Class 6 - Miscellaneous crimes – Down from 529 to 401, with 373 detections  
Class 7 - Traffic Offences – Down from 430 to 422, with 416 detections

10/02/06 **Correspondence**

**6.1 106 King Harald Street, Mould Growth on Wall – Kristina Leask, Technical Officer, Housing, SIC**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Steven Cooper, Head of Service, Environment and Building Service, SIC and ask if them to investigate if the growth was anything which may be toxic or could be a concern to members of the public.

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

**6.2 Fence around Christmas Tree, Market Cross – Neil Robertson, Network Engineer, Roads, SIC**

The Chairman asked if any members could think of an alternative solution, ideas could be passed on to Mr Neil Robertson, Network Engineer, SIC for consideration.

**6.3 Parking Concern, North Ness – Craig Nicolson, Senior Project manager, SIC**

Mr L Angus stated he remained concerned that there was inadequate parking provision at North Ness.

He advised that Mr Mike Finnie, Service Manager, Capital Programme Service had stated a two-storey car park had been initially proposed but the proposal was dropped on grounds of cost.

Cllr J Wills agreed with Mr L Angus stating the car parking provided for the Museum was already inadequate. He expressed grave concern at the lack of consideration given to the need for parking places for workers and visitors when the building of Mareel and Council offices were complete.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Mike Finnie, Service Manager, Capital Programme Service and ask for specific details on the car parking provision for the current and proposed buildings in the area and details on why the proposed two storey car park had been planned and then dropped.

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

#### **6.4 Proposed Parking Charge, Sumburgh Airport – Grenville Johnson, Chairman, HIA**

Cllr J Wills stated he took great exception to the tone of the letter and noted Mr Johnson should be reminded Highlands & Islands Airports were providing a public service. He stated they were playing at Capitalism and this was unacceptable.

The Chairman asked if it was not SIC who either partly or wholly funded the car park.

Mr L Angus stated that it was and added that technical assistance was also provided by SIC.

The Chairman advised he would request ASCC to put the item on their next agenda as it was something which affected Shetland as a whole.

**(Action: Chairman)**

#### **6.5 Choked Overflowing Sewer, 6a Burgh Road – Sandy McConnachie, Customer Operations Team Manager, Scottish Water**

Noted

#### **6.6 Litter Issue, Plastic Foam Cups and Trays – Ms Val Hall, Education & Social Care, SIC**

The Chairman stated it was a step in the right direction that an environmentally friendly option for the trays was to be trialed.

Cllr J Wills agreed, noting schools were a major contributor to waste. He stated that it was not just an aesthetic problem as pieces of plastic, once broken down, would get into the digestive tracts of birds and animals and kill them.

Mrs K Greaves asked if there was a lack of litter bins in the area of Anderson High School.

Mr J Thomason replied that there were plenty bins.

Mr E Knight stated there was a bin near his home but for the majority of time it was unused.

Ms C Watt advised litter issues had been discussed by Pupil Councils but as she was not a member she was unsure of the details.

The Chairman asked if Ms C Watt and Mr J Thomason could speak to someone on the Pupil Council and ask for the issue to be highlighted.

**(Action: Ms C Watt and Mr J Thomason)**

Mr L Angus advised that the new canteen accommodation, installed at AHS the weekend, may help alleviate the storage problem.

He stated interviews were currently underway for a new Procurement Officer for SIC and suggested the Clerk of the Council should write to the successful candidate in order to communicate the concerns of Lerwick Community Council.

The Chairman agreed with Mr L Angus' suggestion.

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

#### **6.7 Conservation Grant Scheme, Replacement Windows – Ms Gwenan Hughes, Planning Officer, SIC**

Mrs A Simpson, who had initially voiced concern, stated she was pleased with the outcome.

The Chairman stated that if any member had further comment they could put their concerns to Cllr C Miller or Cllr C Smith, who were both members of the Planning Board.

**6.8 Jonathan Emptage, Cleansing Service Manager, SIC – Wheelie Bins**

Mr D Ristori advised that the owner of R W Bayes did not want the communal bins replaced to the side of his shop due to the possibility of another fire.

Cllr J Wills stated it sounded like the bins needed to be emptied more often and the owner of R W Bays should take the issue up with Environmental Services.

The Chairman agreed and noted that perhaps an additional bin may be required.

**6.9 Response to Presentation Request – Hannah Nelson, Development Plans Manager, SIC**

Mr L Angus noted the general reluctance to engage with and listen to communities and Community Councils was disappointing and not what we should expect from local planners.

Cllr J Wills noted he shared the concerns of Mr L Angus and advised all people wanted to do was discuss where housing might be and what was and was not within the bounds of planning law.

The Chairman agreed the current approach was not at all proactive and asked the Clerk to write to Mr Iain McDiarmid, Head of Planning, SIC and Frank Robertson, Chairman, Planning Board, inviting them to attend a meeting of Lerwick Community Council to discuss members concerns.

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

**6.10 Major Hazards Review Case Study, Lerwick – Minutes of Meeting**

Mr E Knight, who attended the meeting, stated he was surprised Councillors had not been invited to the meeting and seemed unaware that the meeting was scheduled.

Cllr J Wills advised the site seemed unsafe and it might only be a matter of time before there was an accident.

Mr L Angus stated he had representations from Council workers asking if the area was safe.

The Chairman stated concerns could be raised with Mr Iain Mc Diarmid, Head of Planning, SIC when he next attends a meeting of Lerwick Community

Council.

**6.11 Broadband Provision to Highlands & Islands – Peter Peacock MSP, Highland & Islands (Labour)**

The Chairman encouraged members to visit the website and offer their support in an effort to improve broadband provision for the Highland and Islands.

**6.12 Da Soond O' Shetlan' – Grant Acknowledgement and Thanks**

Noted

10/02/07

**Parking Orders**

**7.1 SIC (South Commercial Street, Lerwick) (Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle) Order 2010**

The Chairman stated he was certain there already was a disabled parking bay in the exact same spot. He asked the Clerk of the Council to contact Mr Neil Hutcherson, Engineer, SIC to clarify the situation.

Otherwise, there were no objections to the Parking Order.

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

- 10/02/08      **Financial Report**
- Noted
- 10/02/09      **Financial Assistance**
- 9.1 Shetland Junior Netball Development Group - To Assist Lerwick Group Member to Attend Six Coaching Sessions in Dundee**  
Mrs K Greaves proposed £1,000
- Mr E Knight seconded the proposal
- Mrs K Fraser noted Lerwick Community Council were only being asked to support one member, a Lerwick resident, at a cost of £540.00.
- Mrs K Fraser proposed £500 should be awarded.
- Mr J Wills seconded the proposal to award £500.
- Mrs K Greaves withdrew her proposal.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**
- 9.2 Lerwick Allotments Association – To Provide Allotments, Stoney Hill**  
Mr L Angus proposed £500
- Mr W Stove seconded the proposal.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**
- Mr E Knight suggested the Greenhouses at Tingwall could be subdivided and let to individuals interested in having an allotment.
- Mrs K Greaves stated it was a good idea and she would pass the suggestion on to Lerwick Allotments Association.  
**(Action: Mrs K Greaves)**
- 10/02/10      **Planning Applications**
- 10.1 2010/17/PCD Change of Use of Building from A1 (Retail) to A5 (General Industry) at Lower Blackhill Industrial Estate, Lerwick by T&N Joinery**  
No objections  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**
- 10/02/11      **Proposal - The Association of Shetland Community Councils (ASCC) requests Community Councils for a mandate to allow the ASCC to establish an organisation who will negotiate community benefit with the alternative energy providers.**
- Mr L Angus moved to support the mandate.
- Cllr J Wills seconded the motion.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**
- 10/02/12      **Lerwick Applications January 2010**
- Noted
- 10/02/13      **Any Other Business**
- Shetland Charitable Trust**  
Cllr J Wills stated comments from the public and Community Councils requesting trustees of Shetland Charitable Trust be directly elected to the Trust, entirely

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up from elected members, had been ignored and the proposal was that of Trustees only 8 should be elected and 7 would be appointed by Shetland Islands Council.

He stated that the proposal was unworkable as Council majority on the Trust would be retained and it would be less democratic.

Cllr J Wills advised he would protest loud and long and hoped members of the public would attend the meeting, to be held on Thursday at 10pm, to protest.

#### **Steps at Judane**

Mr D Ristori noted the steps at Judane were falling into disrepair and could be a danger.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Sandra Laurenson, Chief Executive, Lerwick Port Authority and ask for their plans to make the steps safer.

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

#### **Jimmy Col**

Mr D Ristori suggested that the steps near the matchbox house, next to Sletts, should be named 'Jimmy Col's Steps' after the late 'Jimmy Col' who formally owned the house.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Bessie Barron, Planning Officer, SIC, with the proposal.

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

#### **Concern – Dogs Not Under Control**

Mr D Ristori stated that dogs running loose on the path around Clickimin Loch were causing concern and asked if there should not be signs to say that dogs should be on leads.

The Chairman stated that dog owners were responsible for their dogs whether they were on leads or not and asked Mr D Ristori if the dog owners were present.

Mr D Ristori stated they were but there was concern that the dogs may frighten the sheep as they were running up the hill.

Mr E Knight stated an existing fence going all the way along the hill prevented dogs from running up it.

Mr A Johnson stated many people felt uncomfortable when dogs were not on a lead.

The Chairman stated that if there was concern Mr R Geddes, Shetland Recreational Trust should be written to.

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

**Cllr J Wills left, 8.20pm.**

#### **Dog Fouling**

Ms A Simpson raised concern at the amount of dog mess which could be seen at The Knab, Sletts and round Clickimin Loch.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Maggie Dunne, Environmental Health Manager, SIC to advise her of the situation.

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

**Da Vadill**

Mrs A Simpson remarked on the quality of the flats at Da Vadill built by Hjaltland Housing Association.

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The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Bryan Leask, Property Services Manager, Hjaltland Housing Association, thank him for inviting the viewing and commend Hjaltland on Da Vadill's quality of design and

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

**Knab Viewpoint**

Mr L Angus enquired how things were progressing with the viewpoint.

The Chairman advised he was going through the process of securing alternative quotes for the work involved.

**Steps at Matchbox**

Mr L Angus asked if the Chairman was any further forward in arranging for the short row of steps between the upper and lower roads leading down to the Matchbox being reinstated.

The Chairman replied he had yet to firm a meeting time with Gordon Greenhill, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC but would chase things up.

**(Action: Chairman)**

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL