

**MONDAY 14 January 2008**

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

**Members**

Mr J Anderson  
Mrs A Simpson  
Mr D Ristori  
Mr M Peterson  
Mr L Angus

Mr E Knight  
Mr W Spence  
Mrs K Fraser  
Mr A Johnson

**Ex-Officio Councillors**

Cllr Cecil Smith

**In Attendance**

PS G McCarthy, Northern Constabulary  
Police Cadet J Mustard  
Shetland Times Reporter  
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the council presided.

08/01/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

08/01/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Miller, Cllr A Wishart, Mrs K Greaves, Mrs M Robertson and Mr R Leith.

08/01/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 december 2007 were approved by Ms K Fraser and seconded by Mr W Spence.

08/01/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no further business arising from the minutes.

The Chairman stated he would like to take the opportunity pass on his condolences to the family of Cllr Cecil Eunson who sadly passed away on Christmas day. He noted Cllr Eunson had been an ex-officio member of Lerwick Community Council since 1986 and wanted to thank his family.

On behalf of the Anderson family the Chairman thanked members of Lerwick Community Council for the presentation of a commemorative shield in respect of his late father's services to Lerwick Community Council.

08/01/05

**Police Report**

PS G McCarthy provided the following details of offences compared to those of the same time last year.

Crimes against the person - down from 27 to 12, of which 11 were detected  
Crimes involving indecency - down from 16 to 13, all detected  
Crimes of dishonesty - down from 210 to 201, of which 128 were detected  
Crimes of vandalism - down from 200 to 194, of which 90 were detected  
Miscellaneous crimes - down from 614 to 586, all detected  
Traffic Offences - down from 519 to 483, all detected

PS G McCarthy reported an overall detection rate of 86.7%, a 7.8% decrease in crimes compared to that of last year.

He noted behavior over the festive period was good with only a minority coming to attention adversely.

Mr M Peterson asked if the figures stated were for Shetland as a whole for 2007.

PS G McCarthy stated the figures given were for Shetland 2007-2008 compared to 2006-2007.

Ms Karen Fraser asked if there was to be any exemption to the alcohol by-law over Up-Helly-Aa.

PS G McCarthy replied that there would be an exemption.

Mr E Knight enquired if the Police had the same rights to remove tobacco products from underage smokers as they did to remove alcohol from underage drinkers.

PS G McCarthy replied that they did and had used these powers earlier this week.

Mr L Angus noted PS McCarthy had not mentioned any drug offences in his report.

PS G McCarthy replied drug offences were included in miscellaneous crimes but stated the Police had shown a lot of success in tackling drug offences.

The Chairman asked if the Traffic Warden was to be replaced.

PS G McCarthy replied yes. He stated the force was undergoing review and in all likelihood the Traffic Warden's position would be renewed. He noted that in the meantime Police Officers were keeping 'an eye out' for offences normally picked up by the Traffic Warden.

The Chairman noted there had been several vacancies within the Police and asked if they were at 'full force'.

PS G McCarthy replied that if not, they were only one or two officers light but vacancies would soon be filled as Shetland seemed to be an attractive place for Police Officers.

The Chairman asked who would be monitoring the CCTV cameras when they were up and running.

PS G McCarthy stated he was unsure but there had been talk of 'Special Constables' taking on the task.

The Chairman thanked both PS G McCarthy and Police Cadet J Mustard for attending the meeting and PS G McCarthy for his report.

They left the meeting at 7.10pm

08/01/06

### **Correspondence**

#### **6.1 SIC Sport & Leisure Services – Knab Footpath**

Noted

The Chairman asked the Clerk to the Council to write to Magnus Malcolmson, Sport and Leisure Services, Shetland Islands Council, to thank him for placing two of the three benches purchased by Lerwick Community Council at Breiwick Road.

He asked the Clerk to find out when the third bench, purchased for North Taing would be put in place.

#### **6.2 Lerwick & Bressay Parish Church – Alteration/Refurbishment**

Noted

#### **6.3 SIC Infrastructure Services – Rights of Ways- Anderson High School**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to hold over the letter for the February meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

#### **6.4 ZetTrans – Study into Transport Link between Bressay & Shetland Mainland**

Noted

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to contact Mr Michael Craigie, Lead Officer, ZetTrans and invite him to make a public presentation of their progress to date.

He asked the Clerk to suggest 7.00pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2007 as a possible meeting date and arrange a venue with Mr Craigie.

#### **6.5 Islesburgh Pyrotechnic Display Club – Grant Thanks**

Noted

08/01/07

### **Financial Report**

The Chairman stated Lerwick Community Council Charitable Trust owed Lerwick Community Council £1,245.50 for accountancy fees paid during 2006.

He noted the payment would show on the next financial report.

08/01/08

### **Financial Assistance**

#### **8.1 Up-Helly-Aa Hosts & Hostesses, Gilbertson Park – To purchase new chairs**

The Chairman stated he was certain Gilbertson Hall had received a grant from Lerwick Community Council in recent years.

He asked the Clerk to the Council to check the records of grants given.

Ms K Fraser asked if the chairs were to be used for events other than Up-Helly-Aa. She stated it would seem a tremendous expense if the chairs were only to be used once a year.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to the Council to write to Mrs Linda Simpson, Hostess/Treasurer and ask for clarification.

08/01/09

### **Planning Applications**

#### **9.1 2007/514/PCD – To convert office to four, two bedroom flats, Staneyhill Hostel**

No objections

#### **9.2 2007/520/PCD – Demolish existing dwellinghouse & outbuildings, Jacmar, Gremista Industrial Estate**

No objections

08/01/10

### **Any Other Business**

Ms K Fraser noted her disappointment that the Flower Park was shut throughout winter.

Ms K Fraser pointed out the park's benches were left sitting inside the tennis court over winter. She stated many people could get enjoyment from the park on a nice winter's day resting on one of the benches if they were left in their usual places.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Magnus Malcolmson, Sport and Leisure Services, Shetland Islands Council and ask if it would be possible for the park to be left open during winter.

Mr L Angus noted it was the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town Hall on 30th July 2008 and asked how Lerwick Community Council would mark the event.

The Chairman stated it was the intention of Lerwick Community Council to have the new 'Town Hall' booklet completed in time for the event.

Mrs A Simpson noted the draft copy of the booklet was on its way and was certain to be completed in good time.

Mr L Angus noted each of the decorative shields had been removed, refurbished and individually photographed for the booklet. He stated little known facts had been revealed about the shields and written in the booklet.

He noted it was known where all of the shields had come from, including one from part of a family tree of Norse Jarls depicted in one of the stained glass windows.

Mrs Averil Simpson stated the Anniversary was a great opportunity to launch the booklet.

Mr M Peterson noted his displeasure at the fact that the 'Cash Machines' at Sound Service Station and Toll Clock Shopping Centre charged customers for taking cash out.

He felt this was unfair on members of the public who had difficulty in getting to the centre of town to use the 'Cash Machines' which offered a free service.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to the Bank of Scotland expressing the concerns of Lerwick Community Council.

He asked her to enquire why they had dispensed with the free service at Sound Service Station and Toll Clock Shopping Centre.

The Chairman stated the amount of tarred areas replacing flagstones on the street was increasing. He asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Dave Coupe, Area Engineer, Roads, Shetland Islands Council and request the tarred areas in the street are replaced with flagstones before summer.

The Chairman noted how pleasant it had been walking through Commercial Street when it was closed to traffic during Christmas. He suggested Commercial Street should be closed to traffic 24 hours a day, solving the problem damaged flagstones.

He requested that this be put on a later agenda for discussion.

Mr M Peterson noted the mess chewing gum made of the flagstones. He stated a retailer had advised him he would stop selling chewing gum if other retailers did likewise.

At Mr Peterson's request the Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr L Smith, Town Centre Association and put forward the suggestion.

The following planning application arrived too late to be included in the agenda and was read out by the Chairman.

**2008/1/PCD – Change of use os store/workshop to one bedroom apartment, 2 Brentham Court, Harbour street.**

No objections

The Chairman read out a letter from David MacNae, Roads, Shetland Islands Council.

The letter referred to Lerwick Community Councils recommendation to call the lane between Harry's and the Fort Takeaway 'Todd's Steps'.

Mr M Peterson pointed out the spelling was historically incorrect and should read 'Tod's steps'.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Neil Hutcheson. Roads, Shetland Islands Council with the correction.

**07/11/11** The Chairman read out a letter from Magnus Malcolmson, Sport and Leisure services regarding the Swings at Twageos.

The letter stated the Twageos play area was in line for complete refurbishment during 2009/2010, if Capital funding is granted. In the meantime remedial work would be undertaken to keep the area safe for use by the public.

The Chairman read out an email from Morag Gerrard, ASCC offering funding to Community Council Clerks and Councilors for the ECDL course run by Support Training.

No member expressed an interest in the course.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL