

MONDAY 12 January 2008

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson
Mrs K Greaves
Mr D Ristori
Mr J Anderson

Mr A Johnson
Mr W Stove
Ms K Fraser
Mr R Leith

In Attendance

Shetland Times Reporter
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the council presided.

09/01/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

09/01/02

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from and Mrs M Robertson, Mr E Knight, Mr W Spence, Mr L Angus, Cllr J Wills, Cllr C Miller and Cllr C Smith

09/01/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2008 were approved by Ms K Fraser and seconded by Mrs K Greaves.

09/01/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no further business arising from the minutes.

09/01/05

Police Report

PS B Gray was not present; therefore no police report was available.

09/01/06

Regulation of Bus Services Bill - Consultation

The Chairman suggested that Members respond to the consultation on an individual basis. This was unanimously agreed.

09/01/07

Correspondence

7.1 John Holden, Service Manager, Infrastructure Services, SIC – Proposed Redevelopment Old North Star/Mooneys Wake

The Chairman reminded Members that Council had previously unanimously agreed that it would be remiss to insist that Hjalmland Housing Association include two commercial premises in their planning application.

He reiterated that given the dire need for housing it would be more appropriate if the use was entirely residential.

Ms A Simpson agreed and pointed out that as previously noted **(08/11/06)** Hjalmland Housing Association "were not in the business of providing commercial premises"

7.2 Neil Robertson, SIC – Cement on Handrail, Tod's Steps

Noted

7.3 Neil Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC – Lower Hillhead, Parking Issue

Mrs A Simpson stated the issue needed to be pursued as cars parking on either side of the road caused access problems for larger vehicles.

Ms K Fraser advised it would be helpful if more disabled parking bays could be provided in the area as it would benefit many of the visitors to the Library.

The Chairman asked Ms K Fraser if it would be a benefit to Library staff to have an area marked out for sole use of the Library van.

Ms K Fraser replied that although it would be helpful it would not make optimum use of the space as the space would be left empty for large amounts of time.

Mr B Stove advised keeping an area of road free for the Library van, if it was largely unused, could cause concern.

He noted parking areas in town were limited enough and if the area was restricted workers would just park in more residential areas.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Neil Hutcheson, Roads, Shetland Islands Council and request that more disabled parking bays be provided close to the Library and if these could double up as parking for the Library Van.

He asked that she also enquire when the next Traffic Order will be submitted.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to send a copy of the letter to Ms Silvija Crook, Library and Information Manager, Lerwick.

7.4 Neil Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC – Lane Signage

Noted

7.5 Bertie Cooper, Technical Services Manager, SRT – Street Lighting, Clickimin Loch

Noted

7.6 Islesburgh Pyrotechnics Display Club – Grant Thanks

Noted

7.7 Mr Alan Robertson/Cllr J Wills, Email and Response – Planning Application, Tesco

Noted

7.8 Mr D Ristori – Copy of Correspondence to Mr Bryan Leask, Property Services Manager, Hjaltsland Housing Association

Mr D Ristori advised he had spent some time researching possible future place names which would provide Historical and Geographical reference.

Mr B Stove stated it was good to see a young person taking such an interest and suggested a copy of the letter should be sent to Housing, Shetland Islands Council.

The Chairman advised that the time to suggest place names may best be when planning applications were submitted.

Mrs K Greaves asked if anywhere held a list of place names and their meanings.

Ms A Simpson advised the Archives would have the information.

Mr B Stove suggested plaques could be erected below place names advising the origin of the name.

The Chairman suggested a possible alternative to plaques could be a 'fold out map'.

He stated the idea of the plaques had been raised at previous meetings and was something that should be seriously looked at.

He suggested the subject could be discussed at the next meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

7.9 Mr Jonathan Duncan, Coastal & Flooding Engineer, Infrastructure Services, SIC – Flooding & Coastal Protection

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Jonathan Duncan and advise that Sletts, Sands of Sound and the area below Dennis Coutts' house were all areas which had previously raised concern with Members.

7.10 Mr Gordon Greenhill, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC – Letter of Introduction

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Gordon Greenhill, welcoming him to Shetland and ask for a copy of his remit in his new role.

7.11 Miss S Laurenson, Chief Executive, NHS Shetland – Parking Issues, Gilbert Bain

Mrs A Simpson noted she had counted a total of 40 empty parking spaces at Brevik.

She advised she knew of members of the public with serious mobility problems who had to cancel their appointment because they could not get a parking space at the hospital.

The Chairman stated he found the letter wholly unhelpful.

Mr A Johnson noted it was just an excuse to state that "certain staff have to attend the hospital in emergency situations and could not be prevented from parking at Gilbert Bain Hospital" as in an emergency situation no one would mind where they parked.

The Chairman stated the money spent by NHS Shetland on making the car park at Brevik would be nothing other than a waste of public money if it was not being used to its full potential.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Miss Sandra Laurenson and ask exactly how the staff were being encouraged to park at Brevik.

He asked the Clerk to also write to Betty Fullerton, Chairman, Shetland NHS Board, expressing the Community Council's concerns and enclose a copy of the letter from Miss Laurenson.

7.12 Mr Paul Moar – Building Proposal, Pegasus Place by Hjaltland Housing Association

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to thank Mr Paul Moar for his letter and advise him of the decision taken regarding Hjaltland Housing Association's planning application as it was already on the agenda for discussion.

09/01/08

Financial Report

The clerk of the Council advised an additional £92.88 could be added to the sales of Town Hall Guide figure.

Noted

09/01/09

Financial Assistance

9.1 Petur Petursson – Shetland Amateur Competitive Swimming Club

Mr B Stove proposed £900.00 should be awarded.

This was seconded by Mrs K Greaves

9.2 Maria Scobie – Filskit Riding Club

Ms K Fraser proposed £1,000 should be awarded.

Mrs K Greaves proposed that an offer of £500 would be more appropriate.

Ms K Fraser stated she was happy to retract her proposal and seconded Mrs K Greaves proposal to offer £500.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Maria Scobie and suggest that she apply to Disability Shetland for assistance with the shortfall.

9.3 Mrs Kathleen Hawkins – Da Soond O' Shetlan' Talking Books

Ms K Fraser clarified that the tapes would not be sold but would be made available through Libraries only.

Mr W Stove proposed £500 should be awarded and the applicant advised to seek financial assistance from the Library for the remainder.

The proposal of £500 was seconded by Mrs A Simpson.

9.4 Ingrid Sandison – North Staney Hill Community Association

Mr D Ristori stated the Staney Hill Hall was well used and was in desperate need of funds to smarten it up.

He proposed £1,500 should be awarded.

This was seconded by Mrs K Greaves.

Mrs A Simpson proposed £2,000 should be awarded.

Ms K Fraser stated Staney Hill Hall was the only amenity left in the area and even more housing was being planned. She noted a great effort had been made to improve the hall and this should be encouraged.

Ms K Fraser then proposed an award of £3,000 should be made.

This proposal was seconded by Ms A Simpson.

Mr D Ristori and Mrs K Greaves withdrew their proposals.

Mr W Stove suggested Community Service could be used to assist in renovating the hall. He also suggested Ms June Porter, Community Learning & Development Officer, Shetland Islands Council be contacted.

Ms K Fraser stated she believed Ms Porter was already involved.

09/01/10

Planning Applications

10.1 2008/390/PCD – To erect 12 dwellinghouses, existing housing estate, Pegasus Place, Lerwick, by Hjallland Housing Association

No objections

09/01/11

Any Other Business

Street Lights

Mr D Ristori noted the lights at the Museum looked very attractive and the white light which came from them was much nicer than the orange glow which came from most of Lerwick's street lights.

The Chairman stated that the lights in Ronald Street had just been replaced and that he was quite impressed by them and that they emitted less 'light pollution'

aiding in the Council's would be 'Dark Sky' policy. He suggested that members have a look at them and then the matter could be further discussed.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Infrastructure Services and ask for the cost implications of changing the type of luminars in the street lights to the same as those in the lights at the Museum.

Clickimin Broch Lights

The Chairman advised he had been promised someone would try to identify the problem this week and get the lights back on.

Street Lighting above Pegasus Place

Mrs K Fraser noted pavements had been laid and street lighting installed in the land above Pegasus Place where more housing was planned.

She advised that although, as yet, no buildings were in the area the street lights were burning. She asked if the lighting could be switched off until it was really needed.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Bryan Leask, Properties Manager, Hjaltland Housing Association with Lerwick Community Councils concerns.

CCTV at Clickimin Broch

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Maggie Dunne and ask for an update regarding CCTV at Clickimin Broch.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL