

MONDAY 13 JULY 2009

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

Members

Mrs A Simpson
Mr W Stove
Mr D Ristori
Mrs M Robertson
Mr L Angus

Mrs K Greaves
Mr A Henry
Mr A Johnson
Ms K Fraser

Ex-Officio Councilors

Cllr J Wills

Cllr J Henry

In Attendance

Ryan Taylor, Shetland Times Reporter
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mrs A Simpson, Vice Chairman to the council presided.

09/07/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

09/07/02

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Anderson, Cllr C Smith, Mr W Spence and PS B Gray.

09/07/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2009 were approved by Mrs M Robertson and seconded by Mr D Ristori.

09/07/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

09/06/04 Proposed new Anderson High School

Cllr J Wills stated he was unable to prevent the special meeting of the Planning Board from taking place.

He advised he had written to the Planning Minister with all objections gathered.

09/05/06 CCTV Posts

Cllr J Wills asked if any headway had been made regarding the replacement of the posts with the correct ones.

The Clerk stated Mr G Greenhill, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services Department, SIC had advised that despite haven given the correct specifications to Community Safety, the wrong posts had been ordered.

As the error was theirs, costs to replace would be met by Community Safety who had originally received a government grant for the project.

The prospect of returning the posts for refund would be investigated.

Mr B Stove advised the post sited at the bottom of Harbour Street at the end of Commercial Street had been replaced.

09/07/05

Police Report

PS B Gray was unavailable to make his report but emailed the following statistics.

Crime analysis for June 2009/2010 compared to that of the same time last year.

Class 1 - Crimes against the person – Remained the same at 5, all detected
Class 2 - Crimes involving indecency – Up from 4 to 10, with 7 detections
Class 3 - Crimes of dishonesty – Up from 64 to 148, of which 116 were detected
Class 4 – Crimes of vandalism – Down from 101 to 66, of which 17 were detected
Class 5 - General Crimes – Down from 53 to 49, all detected
Class 6 - Miscellaneous crimes – Up from 151 to 165, with 146 detections
Class 7 - Traffic Offences – Down from 153 to 125, with 121 detections

09/07/06

Report – From Public meeting held 23 June 2009 regarding proposed New Anderson High School

Mrs K Greaves noted she was surprised at the variety of opposition and again raised concern to the possible disruption to funerals.

Cllr J Wills stated the turnout was astonishing; he noted the range of opposition was proof the opinion of the public had not been taken into consideration.

Mr B Stove reminded members that all objections have to be on planning conditions although other points would be taken into consideration.

Mr L Angus advised the review had nothing to do with planning conditions; he reminded members about the forthcoming meeting, 22 July 2009, to discuss the proposed new Anderson High School.

He stated there was considerable interest in the issue and that it was important for a Lerwick Community Council presence to be at the meeting.

Mr L Angus advised the review process had already begun and key individuals were in place.

Mrs A Simpson asked if it was likely the review would be completed by September.

Mr L Angus stated that it was hoped so.

Cllr J Wills noted it was not his intention to delay progress but things had to be done properly, even if it meant a delay.

Mrs M Robertson advised she attended the meeting and was glad to see democracy at work. However, she expressed surprise that despite plans being under way for several years members of the public were only raising issues now.

She also expressed disappointment that no new issues were raised at the meeting and she felt the debate was one sided.

09/07/07

Proposal to make representation to Scottish Government, in line with 'Planning Circular 3/09: Notification of Planning Applications', requesting that they investigate the application as it demonstrates a significant departure from the Councils Development Plan

Cllr J Wills read out a summary of the content of the letter.

With the exception of Mr W Stove, all members of Lerwick Community Council agreed that the letter should be sent.

Ms K Fraser stated she hoped Lerwick Community Council would continue to support sustainable transport by encouraging walking and cycling to school, better bus facilities and minimise parking spaces available.

09/07/08

Correspondence

8.1 Response - Cllr A Duncan, Public Meeting 23 June 2009, Proposed New AHS

Noted

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

Mrs K Greaves advised she visited the hospital every day and found the parking problem much improved; she thought the signs to advise members of the public that parking was available at Brevik was a great benefit.

Cllrs' Jim Henry and J Wills agreed with Mrs Greaves.

Mrs A Simpson asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Miss S Laurenson to voice the appreciation of Lerwick Community Council.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

8.3 Email from Mr K Learmouth, Vice Chair, Sustainable Shetland to Shetland Islands Councillors and response from Cllr J Wills.

Noted

8.4 Mr A Priest, Project Manager, Viking Energy – Viking Energy Wind Farm Application for Consent - Dialogue with Community Councils

Mrs A Simpson reminded members a Special Meeting of Lerwick Community Council was to be held 23 July 2009 to solely discuss the proposed Viking Energy Wind Farm.

Spokesmen from Viking Energy and Sustainable Shetland would be given the opportunity to each give a presentation followed by question and answer sessions.

8.5 Email from Mr D Ristori, LCC Member to Mr N Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC and response

Noted

8.6 Mrs M Gemmill, Shetland Hospice Group – Proposed questionnaire, to be considered by Lerwick Community Council

Mrs A Simpson noted it was difficult to comment on the questionnaire without further information; she asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mrs Gemmill for more details.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Mr L Angus stated there was a need for Hospice type care but voiced concern regarding a "stand alone" project as it may not be clinically or financially viable.

He advised he was aware that as part of ongoing dialogue, NHS Shetland, through refurbishment, hoped to make space available at Gilbert Bain Hospital for this type of care.

Mrs A Simpson asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Miss Sandra Laurenson, Chief Executive, NHS Shetland and ask to be informed of their proposals.
(Action: Clerk of the Council)

8.7 Email to and response from Mr G Greenhill, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC

Mrs A Simpson reminded members that the issue regarding the CCTV posts were discussed during business arising.

She advised the prospect of funding a Traffic Warden was still under review by Shetland Islands Council.

8.8 Mr R Beardsley, Roads Service Manager, SIC – Assessment of the Roads Service

Mrs A Simpson stated members could complete the form as individuals if they wished to.

09/07/09 **Request by Clerk, LCC to Amanda Hughes, Finance, SIC for guidance regarding proposal to rescind funding offer to Shetland Anglers Association and request they re-apply.**
Noted

09/07/10 **Financial Report**
Noted

09/07/11 **Financial Assistance**
No applications received

09/07/12 **Planning Applications**
No applications received

09/07/13 **Lerwick Applications June 2009**
Noted

09/07/14 **Any Other Business**
Knab Viewpoint Information Boards
Members thought the content of the proposed information boards were excellent and reflected the history of the site well.

Cllr J Wills noted he had some points which he would collate and hand in.

Cycle Racks

Ms K Fraser suggested it would be a benefit if more cycle racks were installed in Lerwick.

Mr D Ristori noted that as a member of Lerwick Old Town Development Association he could advise Cycle Racks were on their way.

The Cycle Racks were to be installed throughout the town Centre where they could easily be seen.

Flight of Stone Steps Near Matchbox House

09/05/06 Mr L Angus asked if the steps were to be reinstated.

The Clerk replied Mr G Greenhill, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC and Mr J Anderson, Chairman, Lerwick Community Council were to meet in the area so Mr Greenhill could fully understand where the steps were.

The Clerk stated she was unaware if the meeting had taken place but would find out.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

The Vice Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

MRS A SIMPSON
VICE CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL