

MONDAY 7 June 2010

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
Ms K Fraser
Mr W Spence
Mr G McGhee

Mr J Anderson
Mr E Knight
Mr A Johnson
Mr R Leith
Mr D Ristori

Ex-Officio Councilors

Cllr A Wishart

Additional Co-opted Members

Ms Caitlin Watt

In Attendance

Shetland Times Reporter
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council
Mrs C Carter, Pupil Support, Anderson High School
Ms F Dally, Project Manager, Tall Ships Races 2011

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the council presided.

10/06/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

10/06/02

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from PS B Gray, Mr W Stove, Cllr J Wills, Mr J Henry, Cllr C Smith and Mr A Henry.

10/06/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2010 were approved by Mrs A Simpson and seconded by Mr E Knight.

10/06/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Knab Viewpoint

The Chairman advised he was confident Shetland Amenity Trust would progress with the re-drafts of the Interpretive Panels.

He stated Tom Jamieson was trying to source stone for the project and it was hoped the viewpoint would be built by the end of this year.

Restricted Parking – Knab Road

Ms A Simpson asked if any response had been received regarding Lerwick Community Council's second letter of objection.

The Clerk replied she had spoken to Mr N Hutcheson, Roads, SIC, prior to compiling the agenda and was advised the period of receipt for comments was still open. Mr N Hutcheson stated a response would be sent in time for the July meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

Main Issues Report

Ms K Fraser advised she had attended the meeting at the Sound Hall and noted she found the small group discussions useful.

She stated it was important for people to make their views known and expressed disappointment at the low attendance.

comments Mrs K Greaves suggested that perhaps people may be putting forward their views on-line instead. She stated that she intended to and would add her before the end of the consultation period.

Trees at Clickimin

Mr E Knight advised that lack of finance was the issue behind the lack of progress with planting trees at Clickimin.

He suggested Shetland Amenity Trust may benefit from further support from Lerwick Community members with the project.

10/06/05 **Co-option – Mr George McGhee**

The Chairman welcomed Mr George McGhee as a fully co-opted member of Lerwick Community Council.

10/06/06 **Area Commanders Monthly Reports – April & May 2010**

Noted

10/06/07 **Police Report**

PS B Gray was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following crime analysis for May 2010 compared to that of the same time last year.

- Class 1 - Crimes against the person – Remained the same at 4, all detected
- Class 2 - Crimes involving indecency – Down from 5 to 3, with 1 detections
- Class 3 - Crimes of dishonesty – Down from 92 to 63, of which 34 were detected
- Class 4 – Crimes of vandalism – Down from 50 to 42, of which 26 were detected
- Class 5 - General Crimes – Down from 36 to 27, 26 detected
- Class 6 - Miscellaneous crimes – Down from 119 to 64, with 56 detections
- Class 7 - Traffic Offences – Up from 63 to 92, with 87 detections

10/06/08 **Club XL – Working rip to New York – A learning Opportunity**

encouraging personal Club XL is an initiative of the Prince's Trust which aims to re-engage young people whose interest in mainstream education has waned by supporting and them in an appropriate environment to assist them achieving their own goals.

Islands The students travelled to New York City to learn about the events of 9/11 first hand after a 10-week work experience and citizenship course with Highlands and Fire Service as volunteers.

done Their preparation for the trip involved planning and raising funds through making and selling cakes, running a Fair Trade tuck shop and bag packing. The work assisted the students' learning in enterprise and planning skills and other skills such as team working; additional funding was also received from external organisations.

There day of 9/11 The group made a visit to Engine Co 10, the fire station situated right next to the World Trade Centre site which was the first to respond on the day of 9/11. they met and interviewed a fireman who was a first hand witness on the and played a major part in directing rescue operations.

co- The students were humbled and saddened by his account of the attacks. What he saw firsthand and his recount of the experience of losing six of his fellow workers when the towers finally collapsed.

One highlight of the trip for many was the visit to Ground Zero where the group made a stop at the 9/11 Memorial Preview Site and learned about the day of 9/11 from an interactive set of displays.

Another highlight of the trip was the visit to Ridgewood High and getting to witness the performances of the school's Asian Festival, held every year by the Asian students who number about 15 per cent of the school population.

Cllr A Wishart enquired as to how many pupils went on the trip.

Mrs C Carter replied that there were ten.

Cllr A Wishart asked the students to describe the difference between hearing about 9/11 and actually being at the site.

One student replied that they did not feel effected by the event until they had spoken to the Firefighters who recounted the events and showed graphic photographs.

Ms K Greaves asked how long their visit was to the school.

School, Mrs C Carter advised the visit to the school was for one day. She stated the trip was partly organised in co-operation and dialogue with Ridgewood High Ridgewood, New Jersey, a partner school of Anderson High within the Classroom Partnership, and so part of the trip involved spending a day at Ridgewood High.
Global

She stated that two Club XL students planned to go back, one to study and one for employment.

Cllr A Wishart praised the initiative; he recognised the hard work and organisation involved and complimented all involved.

Mrs C Carter thanked Lerwick Community Council for their support.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Carter and the students for their presentation, which concluded at 7.20pm.

10/06/09 **Tall Ships Races 2011 – Fiona Dally, Project Manager**

Mrs F Dally advised preparations were well underway for The Tall Ships Races 2011, which was expected to attract ships and spectators from all over the world.

visitors During the non-competitive Cruise in Company, where the ships will cruise north from Greenock to Lerwick at their leisure between 12 and 21 July, locals and will get a chance to see the visiting ships and get involved in planned events.

destination. Lerwick will welcome the fleet of The Tall Ships Races over four days from 21 to 24 July; hosting such a world class event will establish Shetland as a sailing destination.

She advised it was anticipated the 2011 event would attract 110 ships, 8,000 trainees, 3 million visitors and 500 media representatives.

Funds Ms F Dally stated that as part of the vision' Sail Training Shetland was formed with charitable status, to provide sail training opportunities to 15-25 year olds. had been raised to support 14 trainees for the 2011 event.

Financially the aim was to secure £400,000 host port sponsorship with an aim to securing a £3,000,000 local economic return for Shetland.

Mr D Ristori asked what had been done to secure accommodation for visitors during the event.

Mrs F Dally replied she had already booked Islesburgh, the AHS Hostel and she hoped to encourage locals to offer their homes as temporary B & B's or self catering accommodation.

She advised she would not be keen to go down the route of using Halls or Schools.

Mr R Leith enquired what the criteria was for becoming a trainee.

Ms F Dally replied age was the basic criteria and the chance would be given to those who would get the most out of the opportunity in terms of personal development.

it, She further explained individuals went through the application process whereby they were asked why they wanted to take part, what they would get out of personal achievements, etc.

Ms K Fraser asked Ms F Dally to explain how the finances were sourced.

Tall she was Ms F Dally stated the delivery costs were 1.6 million; 1.2 million had been committed by the council and the remainder was seen as a reasonable amount to be raised from the private or other sector. She advised the figure was based on other Ships Races and The Island Games but it would be a harder sell. However, confident the funding would be raised.

Ms K Fraser enquired how the finances coming in would be calculated.

media Mrs F Dally replied Event Scotland had tendered for an economic impact assessment. She advised that a large amount of economic value was in return and it was all part of building up the tourism sector.

The Chairman enquired if local businesses would be invited to tender for the catering.

Mrs F Dally replied the entire catering database had been invited to tender, there had been good interest but she understood it would be a difficult balance.

She hoped a good solution could be found to satisfy customers and local businesses alike.

The Chairman thanked Ms F Dally for her presentation which concluded at 7.45pm.

10/06/10 **Traffic Concern –Staney Hill Road**

the Ms K Fraser raised concern at the number of vehicles which was using the road to drive on when it was really only suitable for walkers. She also remarked on unsafe speed of the vehicles.

Cllr A Wishart agreed the concerns were legitimate and stated the road was not suitable for heavy traffic.

He advised he would try to get the issue discussed by the infrastructure Committee and request a report to be put into the Council system outlining the concerns of Lerwick Community Council.

(Action: Cllr A Wishart)

There was some uncertainty over whether the road was a private or public road.

of The Chairman advised he would contact Mr Jeff Goddard, the Financial Controller SLAP, which had recently purchased 72 acres of land in the Staney Hill area, to see if he could shed any light on the ownership of the road.

(Action: Chairman)

The Chairman stated it should just be a question of getting the road closed to vehicles as it was really unsuitable for anything other than walkers.

Mr R Leith raised concern that closing the road off to all vehicles would mean the loss of an amenity to those who were unable to actually walk to the top of Staney hill to enjoy the view.

access, in unbound The Chairman stated that he took Mr R Leith's views on board but stressed that the road was never meant to accommodate vehicles. He advised that money had been spent on improving the road over two years ago, solely for pedestrian order to bring to an end the continuing maintenance required to the surface.

Ms A Simpson stressed the issue of cars on the road had to be dealt with now.

The Chairman advised he would contact Mr I Halcrow, Head of Roads, SIC with regard to the issue.

(Action: Chairman)

10/06/11

Correspondence

11.1 Confirmation of Support for Club XL – Mrs Valerie Nicolson, Head Teacher, Anderson High School

Noted

11.2 Main Issues Report (Issue C) – Land at Knab – Hannah Nelson, Development Plans Manager, Planning, SIC

Noted

11.3 Proposed Museum Closures October to the end of March – Mr James Moncrieff, General Manager, Shetland Amenity Trust

Noted

11.4 Response to letter of appreciation for presentation – Mr Jeff Goddard, Financial Controller, Shetland Charitable Trust

Noted

11.5 Grant Thanks – Lerwick Boating Club

Noted

11.6 Litter Issue, Plastic Foam Cups & Trays – Mr Robert Sinclair, Procurement Officer, Capital Programme Service, SIC

Mrs A Simpson stated she would like to know if the cost of cleaning up the resulting litter had been factored into the equation.

The Chairman noted it would be wise to wait for further comment as promised in the email.

10/06/12

Applications for Premises License

12.1 Application for Variation of Premises License – Baroc, Lerwick

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10/06/13

Traffic & Parking Orders

13.1 SIC (Knab Road, Lerwick) (Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle) Order 2010

Mrs K Greaves raised concern that the proposed disabled parking space may cause difficulties to other vehicles maneuvering and noted there was plenty garden space to accommodate a parking bay.

The Chairman stated the costs involved in taking down the wall and making the ground suitable for parking would likely be financially prohibitive to most.

Mr G McGhee noted the increased loss of parking area to accommodate the necessary visibility splay may cause more of a problem.

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

13.2 SIC (Brevik Cottages, Burgh Road, Lerwick) (Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle) Order 2010

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10/06/14

Financial Report

Noted

10/06/15

Financial Assistance

15.1 Request for Loan – Community Benefit Organisation - ASCC

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

CLlr L Wishart declared an interest and left the room.

The Chairman explained the Community Benefit Organisation was intended to assist all communities affected by any future renewable energy projects. However, in the case of the proposed Viking Energy project those nearest the wind turbines, and therefore most affected, would receive greater benefit.

The meeting agreed to loan £100 to ASCC in order to assist the establishment of the Community Benefit Organisation.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Applications Traditionally Supported on an Annual Basis

15.2 Lerwick Fireworks Display – Islesburgh Pyrotechnics Display Club

The Chairman declared an interest.

It was agreed that following the 40% funding cut from Shetland Islands Council to Lerwick Community, a reduced offer of funding should be made to applicants traditionally funded on an annual basis.

applicants

Mr D Ristori proposed a grant of £1,000.00.

Mr A Johnson seconded the motion.

Mrs K Greaves, concerned that the funding reduction was so much less than the previous year, proposed a grant of £1,500.

Ms K Fraser seconded the proposal stating cutting funding by 50% may cause the display to be cancelled.

Both proposals were put to the vote.

Proposal to offer £1,500 – 3 votes
Proposal to offer £1,000 – 5 votes

The motion to offer £1,000 was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

15.3 Lerwick Bunting & Banner Scheme – Lerwick Town Centre Association

Mrs K Greaves noted the bunting enhanced the whole of Lerwick and stated it would be a sad day if the bunting was not put up.

She proposed a grant of £500 towards the scheme.

There was no seconder to the proposal.

Mr G McGhee stated the funding cuts should follow a pattern of reduction.

He proposed a grant of £250.

Mr R Leith seconded the motion and the meeting agreed.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

15.4 Lerwick Floral Basket Scheme – Lerwick Town Centre Association

Mrs K Greaves proposed a grant of £1,000 towards the scheme.

Mr E Knight seconded the motion.

Mr R Leith proposed funding of £500.00

Mr D Ristori seconded the motion.

Both proposals were put to the vote.

Proposal to offer £1,000 – 3 votes
Proposal to offer £500 – 6 votes

The motion to offer £500 was carried.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

General Applications

15.5 Trip for intensive Training - Filsket Riding Club

Mrs A Simpson declared an interest.

Ms K Fraser proposed a grant of £250 to Filsket Riding Club.

Mr E Knight seconded the motion and the meeting agreed.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

15.6 Memorial - Shetland Ex-Whalers Association

Mr D Ristori proposed a grant of £1,000 towards the Memorial.

The Chairman suggested a funding offer could be made from Lerwick Community Council Charitable Trust.

Mrs K Fraser proposed grant funding of £1,000 from Lerwick Community Council and £1,000 from Lerwick Community Council Charitable Trust.

Mr R Leith seconded the proposal and the meeting agreed.

The Chairman stated the funding offer of £1,000 would need to be ratified at the next meeting of Lerwick Community Council Charitable Trust in July.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

15.7 Sailing Campaign – Kirsten Napier

It was agreed that financial support should not be given to an individual.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Ms K Napier, wish her all the best and explain that as Lerwick Community Council did not support individuals they were not in a position to offer funding on this occasion.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Cllr A Wishart returned to the meeting.

10/06/16

Planning Applications

16.1 2010/179/PCD - Enlargement, partial resurfacing and installation of fenced section and fenced storage compound, to provide use as motorcycle testing facility, Anderson High School, Lerwick

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

10/06/17

Lerwick Applications May 2010

Noted

10/06/18

Any Other Business

Bench Request – Outside Esplanade Toilets

Mr D Ristori advised several members of the community requesting that a bench be sited outside the Esplanade toilets had approached him.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Paul Wishart, Secretary, Lerwick Old Town Development Association and request that any one of the new benches, being provided by SIC, be sited outside the toilets.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Blueprint for Education

Ms K Fraser expressed concern that the prospect of one single primary school for Lerwick was being looked at.

She stated such a large school would be frightening for young children and would increase travelling distance for many.

The Chairman stated he would not support the idea of a single primary school for Lerwick.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mrs Helen Budge, Head of Service, Schools, SIC for clarification and to voice the concerns of Lerwick Community Council.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Esplanade Toilets

During a visit to the toilets, Mrs K Greaves noted that the main doors to both the Ladies and Gents toilets had been fastened open and part of the room seen; she also raised concern that the glass in the doors was not

could be
opaque.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr Jonathan Emptage, Cleansing Service Manager, SIC with the concerns and ask for an explanation as to why the doors were left open.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Dog Fouling

Mrs K Greaves stated there was a large amount of dog mess between Ladies Drive and the Hostel and also on King Haakon Street.

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

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Chairs & Tables on Commercial Street

Mr R Leith raised concern at the problem caused to drivers on the street having to negotiate round tables and chairs set outside business premises.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr I Halcrow, Roads, SIC and ask if this was a lawful act.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Traffic Safety

Mr R Leith made an observation that there was a steep drop on Breiwick Road near The Knab; he wondered if a safety barrier should be erected.

The Chairman stated he had never looked at the area as a point of concern but noted Mr R Leith's observation.

Lizzie's Lodestar Café

The Chairman advised he received an email from Cllr J Wills regarding the unceremonious demolition of Lizzie's Lodestar Café, latterly known as 'Last Ditchology'.

Cllr J Wills raised concern that the building was demolished without consultation.

Cllr A Wishart explained the action was taken by the Harbour Trust who have their own planning powers.

He stated the building was completely rotten and should have been demolished some time ago.

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL