

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

**Members**

Mr J Anderson  
Ms K Fraser  
Mr W Spence  
Mrs K Greaves  
Mr E Knight

Mr A Henry  
Mr A Johnson  
Mrs A Simpson  
Mr M Peterson  
Mr R Leith

**Ex-Officio Councilors**

Cllr J Wills  
Cllr A Wishart

Cllr C Miller **left 8.15**  
Cllr J Henry

**In Attendance**

PS B Gray, Northern Constabulary  
Inspector R MacKillop, Northern Constabulary  
Shetland Times Reporter  
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the council presided.

09/10/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

09/10/02

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Smith, Mr D Ristori, Mr L Angus and Mr W Stove.

09/10/03

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2009 were approved by Mr A Henry and seconded by Mrs A Simpson .

09/10/04

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**09/09/09 – Page 5, paragraph 15**

The Clerk advised Mr D Ristori had emailed to request the minute to be corrected to read 'Garthspool Road' and not 'Grantfield Road'.

**Local Service Deliver Group's – Meeting 23 September 2009**

Ms K Fraser attended the meeting as a representative of Lerwick Community Council.

She stated there was a good turnout with representatives from most Shetland Island Council departments; she thought it would be useful for Lerwick Community Council to maintain a representation.

Ms K Fraser stated there was a lot of discussion on a wide variety of topics but felt it was difficult to see where things were going.

09/06/05

### **Police Report**

PS B Gray noted the following crime analysis September 2008/09 compared with September 2007/08.

Class 1 - Crimes against the person – Remained the same at 8, all detected  
Class 2 - Crimes involving indecency – Down from 13 to 11, with 8 detections  
Class 3 - Crimes of dishonesty – Up from 157 to 199, of which 139 were detected  
Class 4 – Crimes of vandalism – Down from 169 to 136, of which 42 were detected  
Class 5 - General Crimes – Down from 116 to 89, with 88 detections  
Class 6 - Miscellaneous crimes – Down from 319 to 271, with 246 detections  
Class 7 - Traffic Offences – Down from 280 to 268, with 265 detections

### **Traffic Warden**

Inspector R MacKillop stated he was keen in principal to see someone in the role of Traffic Warden and was working with Shetland Islands Council in an attempt to resolve the situation.

The Chairman noted dialogue between Northern Constabulary and Shetland Islands Council regarding the issue was a positive step and asked if there was any indication as to when someone may be appointed to the role.

Inspector R MacKillop replied that discussions were still at an early stage, it was not an easy fix and finances had to be looked at. However, both parties recognised there was a need for a Traffic Warden.

Mrs K Greaves asked if there had been many complaints from the public regarding inconsiderate parking.

Inspector R MacKillop responded that there had not been a significant amount of complaints but there was enough to cause concern.

He affirmed that police officers were actively patrolling the streets and did award fixed penalties to those committing parking and traffic offences.

PS B Gray interjected that on the street eight fixed penalties had been awarded in one hour to drivers committing traffic offences.

The Chairman asked if CCTV, when up and running, could be used retrospectively to "catch" traffic offenders.

PS B Gray stated he was unsure but would not like to see it replacing foot patrols.

Mrs K Greaves asked if there was any word as to when CCTV would be up and running.

Inspector R MacKillop advised there had been technical difficulties in getting the signal relayed to the Police Station and was therefore unsure as to the time scale.

Cllr J Wills stated he hoped some way could be found to finance the services of a Traffic Warden and noted most towns in the UK had one. He advised Lerwick Community Council should offer Northern Constabulary their full support.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr G Greenhill, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services, Shetland Islands Council and fully endorse the proactive approach to securing the services of a Traffic Warden.

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

Ms K Fraser enquired what the Class 4 crimes were.

PS B Gray replied they were crimes of vandalism, coward's crimes. He stated these crimes could often be difficult to detect as there were rarely anyone else involved.

He stressed the importance of members of the public calling with any information, large or small and advised callers could remain anonymous.

He noted that one individual or group could be responsible for umpteen crimes.

Inspector R MacKillop advised that crime patterns were looked at on a monthly basis and hot spots identified for officers to patrol. He noted they had had some success in identifying areas of concern and he too stressed the importance of public support in reporting information.

Mr R Leith asked if any significant change had been noted following the new licensing laws which had now been in place for one month.

Inspector R MacKillop stated there had been no significant change but thought there had been some improvement in youth drinking.

Cllr J Wills asked if the new licensing law covered Port Authority land.

Cllr C Miller stated that at the moment Lerwick Port Authority had its own by-law but a change was coming and things were in the hands of the lawyers.

PS B Gray advised that anyone seen drinking near the water would be spoken to in the interests of their own safety.

The Chairman thanked the PS B Gray and Inspector R MacKillop for giving their report, which concluded at 7.25pm, after which time they left.

09/10/06

**Mrs K Greaves – Report, Learning Journey to Wind Farms, Scottish Mainland**

Mrs K Greaves gave her power point presentation regarding the Learning Journey. She referred to her report, agenda **item 6, 12 October 2009**, Lerwick Community Council.

Mrs K Greaves stated the visit to Wind Farms had been interesting but would have liked to have seen something more comparable to that which was proposed for Shetland.

The Chairman thanked Mrs K Greaves for her very informative report and presentation

Cllr J Wills advised he had been on the same tour and saw that the peat and hills could be reinstated successfully. He noted there may be some problems on a steep gradient but thought they would not be insurmountable. However he acquiesced the Wind Farm at Whitelee, which was closest in size to that proposed for Shetland, was built on a very good hill, better than the hills in Shetland, due to the gradient.

He stated it did not convert him to propose 150 turbines acceptable, but he was less concerned than before.

Cllr J Wills stated he was impressed by the fact that he could talk frankly to engineers at the site without public relations people being present.

Mrs K Greaves stated the mainland Wind Farms seemed to be fine where they were but the turbines proposed for Shetland would be much larger, in a smaller area and more intrusive. She also expressed concern at the cost issue and stated she did not think it was a good idea for Shetland.

09/10/07

Cllr C Miller advised she found the Learning Journey exceptionally worthwhile, particularly the visit to Whitelee. She stated that after speaking to Ian Marchant, Chief Executive, Scottish & Southern Energy she got a real grasp of the finances, had become sold on the idea and was now director of Viking Energy.

### Correspondence

#### **7.1 Jonathan Duncan, Planning Engineer, Infrastructure Services, SIC – Coastal Erosion, Lerwick**

Cllr J Henry stated the walkway at Sands of Sound on the south west corner was a danger, which was becoming worse year by year, and should be diverted.

The Chairman advised that according to Jonathan Duncan's report the walkway was already going to be diverted.

Mr W Spence stated the post and wire fence in the area of concern was almost non-existent and should be replaced without delay.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Jonathan Duncan, noting the safety concerns expressed by Lerwick Community Council and politely request that the damaged fence is reinstated as a matter of urgency.

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

The Chairman asked where Sletts featured in the capital projects.

Cllr A Wishart replied it would be dealt with during the next financial year.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Magnus Malcolmson, Sports & Leisure, SIC and ask again that Shetland Islands Council look favourably on including repair work to the area at the bottom of Sletts road leading to the old slipway.

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

#### **7.2 Jonathan Emptage, Cleansing Service Manager, SIC – 'Welcome to Shetland Sign'**

Noted.

#### **7.3 Jonny Wiseman, Planning Officer, Infrastructure Services, SIC – Home Furnishing, Change of use, part of shop to Café: LCC Request for Litterbin Provision**

Noted.

#### **7.4 Neil Robertson, Network Engineer, Roads Service, SIC – Market Cross**

Noted.

#### **7.5 Laura Fiske, Graduate Placement, SIC – Ferry Terminal Improvement Project**

Cllr J Wills stated the Ferry Terminal Improvement Project was a good idea and should be supported.

The Chairman asked members to forward any ideas to the Clerk of the Council to collate and pass on to Ms Laura Fiske.

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

#### **7.6 Victor Sandison, Sail Training Shetland – Grant Thanks**

Noted.

#### **7.7 Davy Cooper, Communications Officer, Shetland Amenity Trust – Lerwick Interpretive Leaflet**

A number of inaccuracies and omissions were noted on the draft leaflet.

Ms K Fraser advised the Library opening hours were to be from 9.00am, not 9.30am.

Mr M Peterson advised an important monument like Clickimin Broch should have its own heading.

He also noted there was no reference to the gun emplacements at Ness of Sound, Cunningham Way (core walk), no sign to show otters at Clickimin Loch and the icon to depict airports was superfluous.

He also noted a number of spelling mistakes, poor line spacing and missing punctuation.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to contact Mr D Cooper and advise him of noted errors and omissions.

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

**7.8 Ruth Liddicoat, Scottish & Southern Energy – Proposed Shetland HVDC Connection**

Noted

09/10/08 **SIC (AHS)(20 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2009 & Knab Road, Lerwick: Proposed Humps**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Neil Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC and request that Gressy Loan, Twageos Road and Knab Road up to the 'Horses Head' also be included within the proposed 20mph zone.

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

**Cllr C Miller left 8.15pm**

09/10/09 **Financial Report**

Noted

**9.1 Detailed Bi-annual Report**

Noted

09/10/10 **Financial Assistance**

No applications Received

09/10/11 **Planning Applications**

**11.1 2009/282/PCD – To erect new Abattoir, The Mart, Stoney Hill – Shetland Abattoir Co-operative Ltd**

No objections

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

**11.2 2009/258/PCD – Erect dwellinghouse, West Hall Cottage, Lower Sound – D & K Simpson**

No objections

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

**11.2 2009/257/LBC – Erect dwellinghouse, West Hall Cottage, Lower Sound – D & K Simpson**

No objections.

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

The following application arrived too late to be included in the agenda but was discussed at the meeting.

**2009/1291/PCD – Convert existing dwellinghouse in two flats, Jahara, North Ness, Lerwick by Mr P Leask**

No objections

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

09/10/12

**Lerwick Planning Applications – September 2009**

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to request a copy of Planning Application 2009/279/PCD and include it in the November agenda.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

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**Any Other Business**

**Cruden Rebuilds**

Mrs K Greaves commented that the Cruden rebuilds were nothing like the originals and members of the public had advised her of their dismay with the design. She advised she had heard that the occupants were unhappy.

Cllr J Wills opined the builders had done a lovely job on the refurbishment.

Both the Chairman and Cllr J Henry advised they knew occupants who were delighted with the houses.

**Major Hazard Sites Case Study – Meeting 25 August 2009**

Mr E Knight stated his concern at the poor attendance at the meeting and noted no-one from Planning, SIC or any Councillors were there.

He stated that there was no way in his mind that the bun could contain oil if there was an incident.

The clerk stated she had been advised a full report on the study would be sent to her in time for the next meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

**Island Games – Metal Sculpture**

Mr M Peterson asked if anyone knew where the metal sculpture was which depicted the map of Shetland; he was last aware of it displayed at Clickimin during the Island Games.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to try and find out.  
**(Action: Clerk of the Council)**

**Otters Crossing**

Mr M Peterson requested if an otters crossing sign could be erected at Clickimin near Sandy Loch.

Mrs A Simpson advised Lerwick Community Council had written before with the request but had been turned down.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write again to Mr N Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC with the request.

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

**Proposed Knab Viewpoint**

The Chairman advised the revised plans for the proposed Knab Viewpoint were awaiting comment from be Val Turner, Archaeologist, Shetland Amenity Trust before they could progress any further.

**Automatic Speed Sign**

The Chairman stated there had been operational problems with the automatic speed sign on South Road as you come into Lerwick.

Cllr A Wishart advised he would contact Mr I Halcrow, Head of Service, Roads, SIC about the issue.

**(Action: Cllr A Wishart)**

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN

LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL