

MONDAY 4 JUNE 2012

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

Members

Mr J Anderson	Miss K Fraser
Mr A Henry	Mr A Johnson
Mr L Angus	Mr E Knight
Mr W Spence	Mr A Carter
Mrs E Williamson	Mr A McMillan

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr P Campbell	Cllr M Stout left 8.20pm
Cllr M Bell arrived 7.05pm	

In Attendance

Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

12/06/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

12/06/02

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Simpson, Cllr C Smith, Cllr J Wills, Mr S Hay, Mr J Stewart, Mr D Ristori and Ms A Westlake.

12/06/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May were approved by Mr A Henry and seconded by Mr A Carter.

Cllr M Bell arrived 7.05pm

12/06/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

12/05/06 (page 5 of 8) Refresh of the Blueprint for Education - Mrs A Simpson emailed to request that the minute be corrected to note that she would be opposed to the removal of primary teacher input in nurseries.

12/05/12 AOCB – Traffic Lights Between Shetland Hotel & Holmsgarth Terminal – The Chairman advised that the same issue had been discussed during AOCB, item 08/10/13, during the October 2008 meeting of Lerwick Community Council. At that meeting it was suggested that the pedestrian crossing, further down near the Co-op could be used.

Referring to the October 2008 Minute Miss K Fraser stated that although the Co-op crossing was not far away, it was a fair distance to walk, if carrying luggage and people were more likely to risk crossing the extremely busy road.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC to enquire what could be done to assist pedestrians to safely cross the road from the Ferry Terminal to the Shetland Hotel.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

12/06/05

Area Commanders Monthly Report – May 2012

Mr A Carter enquired if the same crime was recorded, more than once, under different incident headings.

Cllr M Bell replied that each crime was recorded once, under whichever heading was most appropriate.

12/06/06

Additional Services for Community Councils

6.2 Community Councils Savings Review

Noted

6.2 Survey of Community Councils on Community Councils Review

Noted

6.3 LCC Suggestions – Additional Services

Mr A Carter asked if Lerwick Community Council could provide funding for the Floral Baskets which were usually on display in the town centre during the summer.

The Chairman advised that, for many years, Lerwick Community Council had assisted in funding the purchase and maintenance of the floral baskets; however no approach had been made for funding for 2012. He furthered that Lerwick Community Council had always looked favourably on Lerwick Town Centre's application and indeed set aside funds each year for the project. He was unsure why Lerwick Town Centre had not put in an application as usual.

Mr L Angus stated that Lerwick Community Council, very successfully, ran the 'shopping bus', until the service was taken over by Shetland Islands Council.

He thought that this may be something which could again be run successfully, and cheaper, by Lerwick Community Council.

Mr L Angus also suggested that perhaps Lerwick Community Council could assist in the continuation of the service at Freefield; possibly as a joint approach with VAS.

Mr A Carter supported the proposal by Mr L Angus with regard to Lerwick Community Council running the 'shopping bus'. He suggested that 'significant retailers' could be approached to ascertain if they would assist with funding.

The Chairman thought Mr Carter's suggestion would be worthwhile pursuing. He asked the Clerk of the Council to request a breakdown of how much Shetland Islands Council spent annually on the service.

(Clerk of the Council)

With regard to the cleaning and upkeep of public toilets, Mr E Knight enquired if current costs were known.

The Chairman replied that if the items on the list were agreed to go forward, it was then that cost would be looked at in detail.

Mr E Knight thought that dog waste issues were more of a police matter.

Cllr M Stout noted that there was a need for more community involvement in getting over that it was unacceptable not to clear up after your dog.

Mr L Angus advised that Lerwick Community Council had been very proactive in highlighting the issue in various ways, including being instrumental in the provision of dog litter bins. He added that it was a significant issue and would always be until those responsible were systematically fined.

The Chairman reminded members that at this time, Community Councils were only asked to provide a list of specific items, to be forwarded to ASCC by 23rd June, for more detailed discussion.

The Chairman stated that there was very little visibility with regard the costs for ASCC and that whilst Community Councils had their budgets reduced, the ASCC did not.

Mr L Angus advised that the figures were freely available through SIC.

The Chairman also commented that he felt the town centre had been overlooked when it came to funding assistance, whereas North Road had received £20,000 and Sound £10,000 in financial support.

12/06/07

Correspondence

7.1 Bains Beach, Copelands Pier & Stouts Pier Signs – Neil Hutcheson, Roads, SIC

Mrs E Williamson advised that the sign at Bains Beach was still to be replaced.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to again write to Mr N Hutcheson, Engineer, Roads, SIC if the signs had not been erected by the middle of the month.

(Clerk of the Council)

7.2 Repair and Use of Town Hall – Alistair Buchan, Chief Executive, SIC

Mr L Angus stated that he was puzzled by the letter. A comprehensive report on the stonework revealed that stonework restored in the 80's was a cause for concern, it was weathering badly and consideration needed to be given to it being replaced. Some of the windows had become damaged, in particular the Norway window, and the issue needed to be addressed with some urgency.

He added that if the Town Hall was kept well maintained it would save it from being forced to be closed for an extended period of repairs.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write back to Mr A Buchan, Chief Executive, SIC, thank him for his letter and advise him of members concerns.

(Clerk of the Council)

Miss K Fraser enquired what would be done with the space vacated by SIC and suggested that savings may be made if Lerwick Community Council had an office in the Town Hall.

Mr L Angus suggested that Lerwick Community Council could take over the management of the Town Hall and open it up to visitors.

Cllr M Bell stated that he would look into the benefits of the Lerwick Community Council office being relocated.

(Action: Cllr M Bell)

7.3 Condition of Clickimin Path – James Johnston, General Manager, Clickimin Leisure Complex

The Chairman advised that there was often standing water on the portion of path located behind Bruce Crescent and that it was, historically, prone to flooding. He suggested that the north of the loch be ditched out in order to make the area safer.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr M Malcolmson, Leisure facilities Officer, SIC with the request.

(Clerk of the Council)

7.4 Dog DNA Database & Glass-Sandveien Play Area – Maggie Dunne, Executive Manager, Environmental Health and Trading Standards, SIC

Noted

7.5 2012-122-PPF – Flooding Risk re Shetland Amenity Trust Planning Application – Jonny Wiseman, Planning Officer, SIC

Noted

7.6 Smiley Face Vehicle Activated Signs – Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC

Mr E Knight noted that the signs were used extensively in the Caithness, Thurso and Wick areas and that they seemed to have a good effect on motorists.

Cllr M Bell confirmed that evidence showed that smiley face vehicle activated signs had more impact if moved regularly.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services and request if a copy of the report gathered by the traffic counters on Church Road and the Esplanade could be made available once the data has been processed.
(Action: Clerk of the Council)

12/06/08

Financial Report

Noted

12/06/09

Financial Assistance

9.1 Repair of Access Road – Vagar, Lower Sound

After a discussion with regard to the exact location of the road, it was agreed that the Chairman would request some additional information and the application would be held over until the July meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

12/06/10

Traffic Order

10.1 SIC (Staneyhill, Lerwick) (Parking Place for Disabled Persons Vehicle) Order 2012

No objections

12/06/11

Replacing Lerwick's Power Station – Public Meeting Information

Noted

12/06/12

Lerwick Planning Applications – May 2012

Noted

12/06/13

Any Other Business

Parking – Twageos Road

Mr Knight advised that residents in Twageos Road were concerned that double yellow lines were to be painted on one side of the road.

The Chairman referred to a letter from Lerwick Community Council's May agenda in which it confirmed that double yellow lines were planned for the east side of Twageos Road from number 9 to Gressay Loan.

Mr L Angus noted that he had no strong feelings, provided that the road was wide enough for the emergency services to pass through.

The Chairman stated that if there were any concerns, now was the time to make them known. He asked the Clerk of the Council to write to Mr P Crossland, Director, Infrastructure Services, SIC requesting that before any decision is implemented, there should be full consultation with Twageos Road residents and Lerwick Community Council further consulted on the draft proposals.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Community Council Wards

Mr E Knight suggested that it may be a benefit if Community Councillors were given specific areas of Lerwick to be responsible for.

The Chairman thought that the proposal could be discussed in more detail at the July meeting of Lerwick Community Council.

He further suggested that once areas were agreed, the details could be added to the Lerwick Community Council website which was currently under construction.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Proposed New Anderson High School

Mr L Angus advised that he had heard that there had been some developments with regard to the proposed new Anderson High School.

The Chairman responded that he would contact Ms H Budge, Director, Children's Services, SIC and make enquiries.

(Action: Chairman)

Road Safety Concern

Mrs E Williamson informed members that she had been approached by a resident in Baila who raised concern that in order to access the only play parks provided in the area, children had to cross an extremely busy road.

The Chairman understood the concern and asked the Clerk to add the issue to the letter regarding the road crossing issues between Holmsgarth Terminal and The Shetland Hotel.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Cllr M Stout left 8.20

Infrastructure Services Review

Reading from a letter, which arrived too late to be included in the agenda, the Chairman advised members that Infrastructure Services, SIC were undertaking a review to identify efficiencies and cost cutting measures.

The letter included a consultation programme detailing when and where the consultations would take place.

He asked the Clerk to email the details to all members as soon as possible.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman..... Date.....