

MONDAY 4 JULY 2011

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

Members

Mr J Anderson
Mr A Henry
Mr D Ristori
Ms K Fraser
Mrs K Greaves

Mr A Johnson
Mr S Hay
Mr E Knight
Mrs A Simpson
Mr S McMillan

Ex-Officio Councillors

None present

Additional Co-opted Members

None Present

In Attendance

Mr N Riddell, Shetland Times Reporter
Mrs K Semple, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

11/07/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

11/07/02

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from PS B Gray, Mr J Stewart, Mr W Spence, Mr M Peterson and Miss J Sim.

New Member

The Chairman welcomed Mr Stewart Hay, new Lerwick Community Council member, to the meeting.

11/07/03

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2011 were approved on the motion of Mrs A Simpson and seconded by Mr A Henry.

11/07/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Item 11/06/04 – Knab Viewpoint

The Chairman informed members that the Knab Viewpoint was now complete.

Mr D Ristori commented that it was a pleasure to see so many people making good use of the viewpoint already and he had heard many complimentary comments.

The Chairman stated that unfortunately he was aware of one negative remark but he too had heard many positive comments.

11/07/05

Area Commanders Report – June 2011

The Chairman advised members that it would be the last report from Chief Inspector David Bushell as he was moving on.

Noted

Police Officers on Bicycles

Mrs K Greaves asked if any members had seen any Police officers patrolling the town on bicycles.

Mr S Hay stated that he had seen a Police officer patrolling on his bike the previous Friday.

The Chairman remarked that the idea was excellent and a positive approach to policing.

11/07/06

Police Report

PS B Gray was unable to attend the meeting.

11/07/07

Footpath between Fogralea & Murrayston – Safety Concern

The Chairman informed members that concern had been raised by a resident with regard to the safety of the footpath between Fogralea and Murrayston as it had become very overgrown. He asked if members would be happy for letter to be written requesting that the footpath be reinstated.

Members were in agreement to the Chair's proposal.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

The Chairman asked the Vice Chairman, Mrs A Simpson, to continue with the meeting whilst he prepared for Agenda item 11/07/08, Land Development Sites – Submitted Site Allocations for Lerwick, which would now be discussed later on in the meeting than scheduled.

11/07/08

Co-operative for the Benefit of the Community – Interim Management Board – Request for Representative to be nominated from Community Council or Community Council Area

The Vice Chairman brought members attention to the fact that the appointment would, as noted in the letter, be time consuming.

No members present at the meeting expressed an interest in the position as representative.

The Vice Chairman asked members to pass on to the Clerk of the Council, the details of anyone in the Lerwick Community Council area who may be interested in the position.

She reiterated that a response was needed on or before 15 July 2011.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

11/07/09

Correspondence

9.1 Mareel, Provisional Premises Licence Application – Mr B Hill, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, SIC

Ms K Greaves noted that the outdoor drinking area was next to the coastal walk. She asked if it would be possible to ask for a plan with regard to where the walk was in relation to Mareel.

The Vice Chairman asked what Mrs K Greaves concern was.

Mrs K Greaves stated that her concern was that people drinking too alcohol much may fall into the sea.

Mr E Knight retorted that many drinking establishments in Lerwick were situated close to the sea and he had never known anyone to fall into the water after drinking too much alcohol.

The Chairman commented that the applicant had to satisfy the Licensing Board and it is incumbent on them to ensure all aspects of public safety are considered.

Mrs K Greaves advised she would write herself to ask for copy of the plan.

Having prepared the viewing equipment, the Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for standing in and he chaired the remainder of the meeting.

11/07/10

Land Development Sites – Submitted Site Allocations for Lerwick

In order to assist members to make their comment the Chairman displayed, on a large viewing screen, each site submitted as a proposed development site.

Mr A Johnson declared a financial interest.

Site Number 007

Location of Site – Decca Station

No objections

Site Number 011

Location of Site - Clickimin

Objection

To be protected from development as noted in the Lerwick Community Council Area Statement

Site Number 114f

Location of Site – Dales Voe

No objections

Site Number 013

Location of Site – Tagdale

No objections

Site Number 029a

Location of Site – Blackhill Industrial Estate

No objections

Site Number 029b

Location of Site – Gremista Industrial Estate

No objections

Site Number 029c

Location of Site – Gremista Industrial Estate

No objections

Site Number 029d

Location of Site – Rova Head

No objections

Site Number 029e

Location of Site – Blackhill Industrial Estate

No objections

Ms K Fraser asked if it would be relevant at this point to note that part of the area would be ideal for a park and ride car park.

The Chairman agreed and asked the clerk to write separately to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC with the suggestion.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Site Number 029f

Location of Site – Port Business Park

No objections

Site Number 031s

Location of Site – Staney Hill

No objections

Site Number 031t
Location of Site – Staney Hill
No objections

Ms K Fraser asked if it could be reiterated that any proposed housing should be carefully planned to include footpaths and viewpoints.

The Chairman agreed and asked the clerk to write separately to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC affirming the request.
(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Site Number 031u
Location of Site – Norstane
No objections

Site number 031v
Location of Site – Gremista Industrial Estate
No objections

Site Number 042a
Location of Site – Staney Hill
No objections

Site Number 042b
Location of Site – Staney Hill
No objections

Site Number 043d
Location of Site – Oxlee
Objections

No development 100m of MHWS (In Plan). Proposal form and highlighted map previously submitted to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC.

Any housing should be limited in order to preserve green space as an amenity for the area.

Site Number 043f
Location of Site – Lerwick Observatory
No objections

Site Number 114a
Location of Site – Gremista Industrial Estate
No objections

Site Number 114b
Location of Site – Kirkabister
No objections

Site Number 114c
Location of Site – Rova Head
Objections

No development 100m of MHWS (In Plan). Proposal form and highlighted map previously submitted to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC.

Site Number 114d
Location of Site – Rova Head
Objections

No development 100m of MHWS (In Plan). Proposal form and highlighted map previously submitted to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC

Site Number 114e
Location of Site – North Hoofields
No objections

Site Number 031o
Location of Site – Oxlee
Objections

No development 100m of MHWS (In Plan). Proposal form and highlighted map previously submitted to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC.

Site Number 031p
Location of Site – Ness of Sound
Objection

As noted by email to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC, on 21 March 2011 this area should be protected from development for agriculture; failing that, a recreational area.

Site Number 043a & 031q
Location of Site – Lower Sound
No objections

Site Number 031r
Location of Site – Seafield
Objections

No development 100m of MHWS (In Plan). Proposal form and highlighted map previously submitted to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC.

Site Number 031w
Location of Site – Anderson High School
No objections

Site Number 043b
Location of Site – Lower Sound
Objection

No development 100m of MHWS (In Plan). Proposal form and highlighted map previously submitted to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC.

Site Number 043c
Location of Site – Ness of Sound
Objection

No development 100m of MHWS (In Plan). Proposal form and highlighted map previously submitted to Heather Taylor, Planning Officer, SIC.

Site Number 043e
Location of Site – Nordavatn
No objections

Site Number 095
Location of Site – Lower Sound
No objections
(Action: Clerk of the Council)

11/07/11

Correspondence Continued

11.2 District Heating Scheme – Mr N Martin, District Heating Manager, SHEAP Ltd

Mrs A Simpson pointed out that the letter did not answer her question regarding when people living in the Lanes could be connected to the district heating scheme. She asked if SHEAP had any obligation to connect to residences in Lerwick's Lanes.

Mr E Knight, formally a director of SHEAP for four years, stated it was an amazing scheme. He praised members of the public both in and out with Lerwick for their patience while waiting for the opportunity to be connected.

He stated that those who did have district heating were subsidised by those who did not and he thought it unlikely that people living out with the town would have the opportunity to be connected.

He thought it a great pity that heat from the power station was not in use.

Mrs K Greaves asked if people living in the country could not be compensated by being offered grants for solar panels or something similar to be installed.

Mr S McMillan informed members that he had district heating. Initially the cost was around £1 per day, a good saving. Lately he found that the cost was more around £6 - £7 and was no longer cheap.

The Chairman noted the scheme made good use of waste, saving costs in having it transported from Shetland.

Mr S McMillan asked if there was any way to make use of the immense waste of heat from Sullom Voe, could it be transported to Lerwick.

The Chairman stated it would not be economically viable and it would be better for residences closer to Sullom Voe to benefit.

Mrs A Simpson wondered if SHEAP intended to connect the Lanes to district heating once the wind turbines were up and in use.

The Chairman noted he would be surprised if SHEAP did volunteer to connect the Lanes as it would be a logistical nightmare.

He asked the Clerk of the Council to write again to SHEAP and request specific information on when and if the Lanes will be connected to district heating.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

11.3 Shetland Museum & Archives, External Maintenance Concerns – Mr J Moncrieff, General Manager, Shetland Amenity Trust

Noted

11.4 Small Events in King George V Playing Fields – Mr M Malcolmson, Leisure Facilities Officer, SIC

Noted

11.5 Bulky Waste Collection – Graeme MacDonald, Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance Officer, SIC

Noted

11/07/12

Financial Report

Noted

11/07/13

Planning Applications

13.1 2011/173/PCD Extension and Alterations to Residential Care Homes, Edward Thomason House & Taing House, Seafield Road, Lerwick

No objections

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

11/06/14

Lerwick Applications June 2011

PL 2011/182 To install 2 x CCTV cameras

Mrs K Greaves raised concern with regard to the privacy of residents and visitors of surrounding houses.

Mr S McMillan advised that the camera could only record one fixed point, the owners own driveway.

Mrs A Simpson added that neighbouring consent had been requested and given.

The Chairman asked the Clerk of the Council to write and ensure that the cameras would be installed in fixed position and trained only on the owner's property.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

11/06/15

Any Other Business

11/06/07 Correspondence Item 7.1

Mr S McMillan stated that it may be perceived that there were enough litter bins but they were not in the correct places.

He suggested that the litter bin at the bus stop near the Tesco roundabout be moved a quarter ways up the car parking area.

The Chairman agreed to Mr S McMillan's suggestion and asked the Clerk to write back to Mr Jonathan Emptage, Cleansing Services Manager, SIC.

(Action: Clerk of the Council)

Eric Gray Centre – Open Invitation

The Chairman informed members that Connie Russell, Manager, Eric Gray Services would welcome any member who wished to visit the Eric Gray Centre and satellite base at ASN. He asked anyone interested to contact the Clerk of the Council who would advise them of the visiting hours.

Ms A Simpson informed members that she had visited Eric Gray Centre during the open day and she found Ms Russell to be very friendly. Although staff were doing their best, It was clear that a new building was needed before any new clients could be accommodated.

Letter of Thanks re Consultation on Proposals for Modernising HM Coastguard - Sophie Turner, Consultation Team, Maritime & Coastguard Agency

The Chairman read out a letter of thanks, from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency regarding the letter of support from Lerwick Community Council. The letter had arrived too late to be included in the agenda.

Noted.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL