

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in Town Hall Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick at 7pm

**Members**

Mr J Anderson	Mr A Wenger
Mrs A Simpson	Mr Alistair Henry
Ms K Fraser	Mr Peter Coleman
Mr E Knight	Mr A Carter
Mr J Fraser	
Ms A Garrick-Wright	

**Ex Officio Councillors**

Cllr Malcolm Bell	Cllr Allan Wishart
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**In Attendance**

Ian Russell – Anderson High School representative  
Ms Sally Sandison – Anderson High School representative  
Mr Davie Cooper – Shetland Amenity Trust  
Ms Eileen Brook-Freeman – Shetland Amenity Trust  
Constable George Owen – Police Scotland  
Mrs Kate Massie – Association of Shetland Community Council (ASCC)  
Admin Assistant (note taker)

**Chairman**

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided

09/15/01

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

09/15/02

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cecil Smith; Ms Genevieve White; Mr Damien Ristori; Mr Stuart Hay; Cllr Peter Campbell and Cllr Michael Stout

09/15/03

**Minute of the previous meeting**

The minute of the meeting held on 06/07/15 was approved by Mrs Averil Simpson; seconded by Mr John Fraser.

09/15/04

**Business arising from the minute**

Mr Wenger wanted it noted that in the July minute at page 3; paragraph 11 it says “*Mr Wenger had information outside SSE whilst working in Germany with sixty six thousand inhabitants*”. The way this is recorded makes it look like Germany has sixty six thousand inhabitants. These figure referrers to an area of Germany not the whole country.

There was no other business arising.

09/15/05

**Police report**

Constable Owen said that the Police reports would, in future, be in a different format from previously.

He went on to say that in August there had been:

- 319 incidents in the Lerwick Ward
- 16 people had been searched for drugs
- 5 people for vehicle defects
- There has been an increase in traffic stops for non wearing of seatbelt and use of mobile phone while driving
- Although there had been some stops for speeding these were, in general, down in number
- There has been seizures of cannabis; heroin and “legal highs”

Constable Owen explained that “legal highs” were composed of a non psychoactive substance, sometimes referred to “legal highs”. Although not illegal, as such, they get seized so that they can be tested for content. Mr J Fraser suggested that it may be better to refer to them as “synthetic highs” rather than “legal highs”.

Mr Wenger asked what telephone number members of the public should call to report a crime or suspected crime. Constable Owen said that they call 101 for these incidences.

Constable Owen said that he would email a copy of the full report to Mrs Sandison, Clerk to the Council.

**7.20pm – Constable Owen left the meeting.**

09/15/06

**Harrison Square Panels**

Mr Davie Cooper circulated the photograph and map panel and explained the layout of the map.

A short discussion ensued and the following points were raised:

- Include Shetland college in the map
- Wrong road layout at college
- Include new pier at Holmsgarth
- Include “legend” to explain difference between blue and green areas on map
- Note that Up Helly Aa exhibition has a limited opening time
- Try to source better picture of Charlotte Street

Mr Cooper explained that the maps and panels are still very much a work in progress.

Ms Brooke-Freeman explained that the Auld Lerwick map was very much in draft. There is still work to be done on the old images and relating text. All the comments from Lerwick CC are much appreciated and will be considered for inclusion in final panels.

Mr Cooper and Ms Brooke-Freeman will continue to work on this project and bring it back to a future meeting of Lerwick CC.

Mr Anderson thanked Mr Cooper and Ms Brooke-Freeman for attending the meeting and said he feels the work done so far on the panels is really good.

**7.45pm – Mr D Cooper and Ms E Brooke-Freeman left the meeting.**

09/15/07 **Public Consultation Ward Boundaries – Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland**

Mr Anderson asked if there was any comment on this item.

Cllr Bell said that changes to Ward Boundaries did not affect the Lerwick Ward.

Mr Massie told the meeting that the Ward Boundaries Consultation was on the agenda for the ASCC meeting in October.

09/15/08 **Correspondence**

8.1 **Building Budgets 2015 SIC in Partnership with NHS**

This consultation is now closed.

Cllr Bell said there had been mixed attendance at events throughout the isles. The online returns were up from last year. Mr Wenger suggested a longer timescale in future for this type of consultation. Cllr Bell said this was a good point and he will take this back to Council.

8.2 **Community Learning & Development (CLD) 3 year plan**

No comment.

8.3 **Community Council By-Election Timetable 2015**

It was noted that Ms Garrick-Wright would not be eligible to be part of the by-election as she is moving from Lerwick. Mr Anderson thanked her for contribution to Lerwick CC and wished her well for the future.

Mr Anderson told the meeting that if anyone wanted further info about the bi-election then they should contact the Clerk.

8.4 **Association of Shetland Community Councils (ASCC) Meeting 03/10/15**

There were not suggestions for agenda items for the above meeting.

Mrs Massie said that the next meeting of Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) would probably be sometime in October. She will circulate information in due course.

8.5 **Path around Mareel**

Mr Anderson said that this is the responsibility of the Development Trust. He will write to them again. Mr Anderson will also find out who is responsible for the North Ness area.

**Action: Mr Anderson**

8.6 Notice to demolish existing chimney stack at 10 Stouts Court Lerwick  
No comment.

8.7 Peerie Oversund Park  
Mr Ristori had raised this item

He suggested that Lerwick CC approach a keen gardener; garden group or bairns from Sound School to keep this are looking good all year round.

Mr Anderson said that he would contact Sound School about this. He will also liaise with the Rotary Club as they have offered their services for projects such as this.

**Action: Mr Anderson**

8.8 Funding opportunities – Heritage Lottery Fund; Morrisons Foundation; Legacy 2014 Physical Activity Fund

Mr Anderson asked if anyone had any ideas for accessing these funding streams. Ms Fraser said she will speak to Ian Tait regarding the Heritage Fund.

Morrisons Foundation – Mr Fraser suggested tying this in with item 8.7 when contacting Sound School.

Legacy 2014 Physical Activity Fund – this fund is now closed.

8.10 An offer from the Rotary Club  
This was noted and discussed at item 8.7.

Mr Anderson said any other ideas for use of offer from the Rotary Club should be forwarded to the Clerk.

09/15/09 **Financial report**  
This was noted by those present.

09/15/10 **Grant applications**  
10.1 Lerwick Thistle Football Club – funding towards training equipment  
The football club have applied for £500 to go towards buying training equipment.

Following a short discussion it was agreed to award the grant to Lerwick Thistle Football Club on the proposal of Mrs A Simpson; seconded Ms Fraser. No objections or counter proposals were forthcoming.

**Action: Clerk to the Council**

09/15/11 **Applications for variation of premises licence**  
11.1 Clickimin Leisure Complex – off sale licence  
No objections, although Ms Fraser thought it unnecessary.

09/15/12

**Planning Applications**

12.1 Installation of 2 15kW wind turbines on 15m tower at Depot, Gremista Lerwick

Mrs Garrick-Wright declared at interest which was noted.

Mr Knight asked how many more turbines will be allowed to be erected.

Following a short discussion Mr Wenger said that SCBF would not approach small development for community benefit.

Mrs Simpson said that there should be guidelines in the Local Development Plan about wind turbine development.

There were no other comments or objects although Mr Fraser pointed out that Lerwick CC cannot set legislation regarding the erection of wind turbines.

12.2 Change of use of Viewforth House, 13 Burgh Road, Lerwick from residential institute to hotels & hostels

Mrs Simpson said that one of the residents living in the area requested that the fuchsia bushes are retained on the site.

There were no other comments or objections.

12.3 To erect 60 Snooze boxes north of old Decca Station, Ladies Drive

Following discussion it was agreed to make representation on this item. In particular around adequate pavements and lighting and whether or not the units will be of robust enough construction to withstand the Shetland gales.

**Action: Chair & Clerk**

12.4 To demolish existing workshop building – C & M Building Contractors, Gremista, Lerwick

No comment or objection.

12.5 Refurbish existing building from restaurant to restaurant/takeaway – Freefield, 4 North Road, Lerwick

No comment or objection.

12.6 Erect dwelling house – Garden ground of 2 Burgh Road, Lerwick

Mrs Simpson left the room for this item.

There was no comment or objection.

Mrs Simpson rejoined the meeting.

09/15/13

**AOCB**

Mr Russell asked if there are plans to use Astroturf for the games pitches at Clickimin Leisure Complex. Mr Andersons aid that there are plans for this. The Recreational Trust has received grant aid from the Big Lottery Sport Fund.

Mr Knight said he was concerned about the high number and speed of HGV vehicles travelling via South Road going to the new Anderson High School Site. Mr Anderson will contact the relevant Council department and the Chairman or the Road Safety Advisory Panel regarding Mr Knight's concerns.

Mr Wenger wondered why the contractors excavating the site for the new Anderson High School were drilling into the bed rock rather than using controlled blasting. The drilling was noisy and disruptive. Mr Anderson will contact the relevant Council department regarding this.

Mr Carter asked why the Council no longer cleared weeds along King Harold Street and other Lerwick Streets. Mr Anderson will look into this.

**Action: Mr Anderson**

Mr Ristori had raised the following concerns:

- Road markings in the Tesco supermarket car park. Tesco are aware of this and have passed it to their traffic department. No further action at this time.
- Leaking water on Commercial Street. Scottish Water has this in hand. No further action required at this time.
- Ask Living Lerwick to keep the benches in Harrison Square and other areas of Commercial Street instead of just having them there during special events.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

MR J ANDERSON  
CHAIRMAN  
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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