

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017

At a meeting of LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in Board Room, Solarhus, North Ness, Lerwick, at 7.00pm

Members

Mr J Anderson	Mrs A Simpson
Ms K Fraser	Mr S Hay
Mr A Johnston	Mr P Coleman

Ex-Officio Councillors

Cllr C Smith	Cllr P Campbell
Cllr A Westlake	Cllr B Wishart
Cllr S Leask	

Co-opted Members

Mrs M Hall

Additional Co-opted Student Members

Mr T Carroll	Miss E Thomson
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In Attendance

Sergeant David Smith, Police Scotland
Ms F Valente, Newly appointed Clerk
Mrs M Sandison, Clerk to the Council

Chairman

Mr J Anderson, Chairman to the Council presided.

06/17/01

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

06/17/05

Mr Anderson welcomed new clerk, Ms Frankie Valente to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

06/17/02

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Peterson, Mr E Knight, Mr A Carter, Mr A Wenger, Mr W Spence, Mr B Johnston, Mr D Ristori and Cllr M Bell.

06/17/03

Minute

The minute of the meeting on 1 May 2017 was approved by Ms K Fraser and seconded by Mrs A Simpson.

06/17/04

Business Arising from the Minutes

Minute ref 03/17/AOB – Road over the Stoney Hill Ms Fraser asked if an answer had been received regarding the road over the Stoney Hill.

The letter received from Mr Trevor Smith, Project Manager for the new Anderson High School was displayed.

Ms Fraser was disappointed given the amount of money that had been spent on footpaths to make safe for walking and cycling and now were going to let cars drive up and down the road which was the main access for children going to the school.

Mr Anderson stated that Mr Smith was not quite correct as there had been a barrier in place.

Mrs Fraser pointed out that the new run up to the access road was going to make it more attractive to drive up to and the works would encourage folk to drive on it. She said that there were no proper pavements and it would not be very safe.

Mr Anderson agreed there was no pedestrian refuge and a lack of passing places on the road.

Ms Fraser said it had become a rat run in the past. She suggested that they contact the council Roads department.

Cllr Smith offered to act on behalf of the community council and asked for a copy of the letter.

Discussion took place regarding the ownership of the land and the information was to be forwarded to Cllr Smith.

Mr Anderson asked Sergeant Smith if he had any comment on vehicles or the risk they might pose travelling over the Staney Hill.

Sgt Smith responded that they would possibly have concerns with access.

Mr Anderson told Cllr Smith that they would pass the information on and thanked him for anything he could do.

(Action: Cllr Cecil Smith and Clerk to the council)

06/17/06

Police Scotland Monthly Report

Mr Anderson welcomed Sergeant David Smith to the meeting.

Sgt Smith informed members about Operation Monarda specifically targeting doorstep crime. It was a national operation that had been on-going for several years focussing on the prevention and intelligence enforcement and related to organised crime groups who are targeting vulnerable members of the community by attending at their doors. The elderly were targeted and their quality of life could be affected significantly by these incidents.

He went on to say that doorstep crime was related to organised crime groups around the country. They had officers dealing with this and asked for contact to be made if anyone had any information or if suspicious activity was taking place at people's doors.

Sgt Smith reported 255 incidents recorded for Lerwick in the month with 16 breach of the peace with 5 relating to assaults, one being at a licensed premises, 2 drink driving, 8 vandalism, 6 people searched and found with drugs, 4 drugs warrants, 6 thefts and 4 anti-social behaviour. The remainder of the calls were of a routine nature. There was a high level of road traffic matters with 4 charged with mobile phones, 4 charged with speeding and other road traffic offences.

Mr Anderson asked if anyone had any questions.

Ms Fraser asked if they were also doing a campaign to clamp down on speeding.

Sgt Smith replied that they were doing significant patrols that month, especially out the Westside, following reports of dangerous driving. They would be targeting that area again over the weekend. It was an on-going issue for them.

CLlr Westlake asked regarding the statistics over a six month period was it average or were they up or down.

Sgt Smith reported that it was a fairly routine month.

CLlr Leask asked if the information sessions about the doorstep crime were on-going. He and his mother had found them very helpful.

Sgt Smith reported that they were working with a partner agency on this and it was still on-going.

CLlr Leask wanted to raise concern regarding the Staney Hill Road suggesting that it was unsafe for vehicles to be driving over the top.

Mr Anderson mentioned the past history of the road and the possibility of the road becoming a through road. He said that they would pass information on to CLlr Smith and go from there.

Sergeant Smith left at 7.20pm.

Mr Anderson apologised and welcomed the new council members and thanked them for coming along.

06/17/07

Adoption of updated Community Council Constitution 2017 – Anne Cogle, Team Leader Administration, Governance and Law, SIC

Mr Anderson noted that it was the same constitution adopted by the eighteen community councils.

All were happy to adopt the updated constitution.
(Action: Clerk to the council)

06/17/08

Correspondence

8.1 20mph Members Bill Consultation – Invitation to participate – Mark Ruskell MSP, Scottish Green Party

Mr Anderson said his understanding of the consultation was that rather than 30mph it would 20mph in urban areas. He asked if anyone had any comments to make.

Ms Fraser responded that she thought it was sensible enough as most council's could still specify that roads could be 30mph with 20mph being the default.

Mrs Simpson thought they were already doing that.

Mr Anderson asked if all members were happy that they write back and endorse the consultation.

All members were happy to endorse the 20mph consultation.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

8.2 Local Development Plan Newsletter May 2017 – Development Plans, Planning Service, SIC

All members were quite happy with the plans.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

8.3 National Transport Strategy Review/ZetTrans Draft Main Issues Report – Peter Mogridge, Transport Policy & Project Officer, SIC

No comments.

8.4 Disabled Parking Spaces – John Johnson, Roads Service, Shetland Islands Council

Mr Anderson noted the spaces at Cheqne Crescent and the Roads reply.

8.5 Stalls at Harrison Square – Christena Irvine, Manager BID, Living Lerwick

Mr Anderson pointed out that the stalls had increased from thirty pounds to sixty pounds.

Mrs Simpson commented that Roads had put up the price and were not willing to do anything about it.

Ms Fraser said it was a shame that the area was not going to be used as well as it could and mentioned all the work that had gone into the street.

Mr Anderson suggested they write to Roads and ask if there was anything they could do to make it more affordable.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

06/17/09

Finance

9.1 Core Funding Report 29th May 2017

Noted.

9.2 Stoney Hill Signage – Publicity & Invoice from Frank L Johnston

Noted.

9.3 Projects & Funding 15th May Meeting Draft Minute/PB Event ratification of funds

Mr Anderson had spoken to Mr Kevin Serginson and suggested a lunch time meeting to discuss the project plans. A meeting on Thursday 15th June in Stouts Court was suggested and the clerk was to circulate.

Mr Anderson mentioned plans for a PB Event at the end of September on Saturday 30th September. He explained that they had received £3,000 from the Community Development Fund and they were proposing that they could increase funds by £2,000 from community council core funds to have a fund of £5,000. He asked if members were in agreement.

Members were in agreement to use £2,000 of core funds for the PB Event.

(Action: Clerk to the Council)

**Cllr Smith declared an interest as a member of the Licensing and Planning Boards.
Cllr Wishart declared an interest as a member of the Licensing Board.**

06/17/10

Licence Variation

10.1 Licensing Application for Variation of Premises License – Papparazzi Bistro, 88 Commercial Street, Lerwick ZE1 0EX

Mrs Simpson reported that they had withdrawal their off-license premises license, as the Police had suggested they should not be drinking on the street.

Cllr Smith confirmed that they had withdrawal the off-sales license and plans for seating outside had been withdrawn.

Mr Anderson acknowledged the situation and suggested that no comment was necessary.

06/17/11

Planning Applications

11.1 2017/130/PPF – To create a self storage facility by siting steel storage containers on an existing site, 2m high security fence, access tracks and surface water drainage system - Staney Hill Industrial Estate, Lerwick ZE1 0QY - Mr Erik Robertson

Mr Anderson mentioned that one of the few places in Shetland that was on the flood list register was the Burn of Gremista. He suggested that they include that as a comment due to the increase in surface run off.

All agreed to pass that on to planning.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.2 2017/132/PPP – Erect dwellinghouse (Planning Permission in Principle), Wasterhus, Upper Sound, Lerwick, ZE1 0DH - Michael John Stansbury

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.3 2017/149/PPF – Construction of 2 storage units, with external storage and parking areas - North Gremista Industrial Estate, Lerwick, ZE1 OPX - Gary Smith & Partners And Venture Fishing Co Ltd

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

11.4 2016/417/PPF – To demolish existing glazed entrance link and form new entrance, central reception area and additional fitness gym, together with improvements to external access and landscaping - Clickimin Centre, North Lochside, Lerwick, ZE1 OPJ - Shetland Recreational Trust

Mr Anderson pointed out the changes following on from their concerns.

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Additional Planning Items

2017/161/PPF - Siting of pitch for mobile catering trading - Friday and Saturday nights - typically 10pm to 3am - working to the terms of a late night license - Commercial Street Below Fort Charlotte, Lerwick, Shetland - Mr Barry Callieu

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

2017/157/PPF - Change of use from Office / Commercial premises to Private Dwelling; Segregate upper three floors from the Basement floor by removal of stairs; To generally alter internal partitions, linings and doors of Upper and Attic floors to suit new private dwelling layout; Replace existing skylight with new for old; External painting and new front door - 44 Commercial Street, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0AB - Mr James Irvine

2017/156/PPF - Change of use of basement from office to residential, replacement of door and window and painting - 44 Commercial Street, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0AB - Mr James Irvine

No objections.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

06/17/12

Letter from Mr Peterson to Director of Children's Services - New Anderson High School Name

Mr Anderson asked the student representatives if they had any opinion on the matter.

Mr Carroll replied that the original school was built by Arthur Anderson which was why it was named after him. The old school didn't really have the same connection to the new school, so he could see either way, and as it was the new Anderson High School wanting to keep that idea.

Mr Anderson asked if they thought it was perhaps too late.

Ms Fraser did think that it could have been brought up earlier and perhaps Mr Peterson should have attended the community council to bring it up. They had had the project team attending a number of times over the years and plenty of opportunities for these issues; they had been along to the site. She suggested that at this late stage when rushing along to get finished, it would seem rather a pity to have time taken up with this.

Ms Fraser added that a lot of the signage would have been made and money spent on it.

Mr Anderson suggested that unless anyone had anything further to add that the letter just be noted.

Mr Hay said that it did raise a question in regard to Ms Fraser's comments about Mr Peterson's attendance to speak about it. He said that the Constitution, as discussed earlier had rules and responsibilities and if after prolonged periods of non-attendance, he questioned how they were to regard that in terms of rules and responsibilities.

Mr Anderson pointed out to Mr Hay that there had been various model scheme options for the Constitution that came through originally. He said that the Shetland scheme had been seen as fairly robust and a lot that was included for the rest of Scotland was taken out for the Shetland one.

He said that part of one of the options in that model scheme was that if not attending meetings for three months or six months then you forsake your membership. When discussed at the Association or Community Council the question arose of how to do this if they had been voted in. He personally would have support that, if you didn't turn up then you are not doing your job as a community representative, but unfortunately at the time it was felt more hassle to administer and few community councils were over-subscribed.

Mr Hay said that he had not brought it up in terms of any individual, but he thought a constitution sets out rules and regulations and along with that are roles and responsibilities and if after a prolonged period of time you could well understand if people can't attend for various reasons, in fairness you would expect your responsibility was to explain that.

Mr Anderson agreed and said that most members submit their apologies and most try to attend. He was sure that if anybody was not going to be a frequent attendee that they would do the honourable thing and resign.

06/17/13

A.O.B

Bluebells at Hayfield

Mr Johnston had an enquiry about the ground at Hayfield near the trees at the north side of Hayfield House. He reported that the Bluebells had been dug up and wondered if there was any explanation.

Mr Anderson agreed that they see if they could find out.
(Action: Clerk to the council)

Co-opted Member

Ms Fraser suggested that as they were a member short now, she wanted to nominate Mr Allen Wishart to take up a place as a co-opted member. He had been a very good contributor and she thought it would be good to have him back on the community council.

Mr Anderson agreed that they make him the offer.
(Action: Clerk to the council)

Grass at Gremista

Ms Fraser enquired about the grass at Gremista near the BOD and asked if anything had been heard back yet.

The clerk reported that a letter had been sent, but they had not received anything back yet and would chase up.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Queen's Lane

Mr Anderson had been informed that four cars parked in Queen's Lane and if coming up with a pram you could not get past. There was also a grit bin on the pavement. He asked if they were happy to contact Roads and see if there was anything that could be done to allow folk to pass with a buggy.

Members agreed.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Bins at the Knab

Mr Anderson mentioned the bins south that had flaps and compared them to the ones at the Knab which allowed the Scorrie's to have easy access and resulted in a mess.

He asked about writing and asking Environmental services to get a Scorrie proof bin. Members were in agreement.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Gilbertson Park Electric Charging Stand

Mrs Hall pointed out the damage to the shelter frame of the electric vehicle charger at Gilbertson Park. She had a photograph and would forward to the clerk.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Tree Planting Clickimin

Mrs Hall asked about the tree planting at Clickimin.

Mrs Simpson suggested that they add that on to the list for when they spoke to Mr Kevin Serginson.

(Action: Clerk to the council)

Park Lane Community Garden

Mrs Hall asked about volunteers for working in the garden.

Mrs Simpson reported a member of the public had offered to help.

Mrs Hall said she was happy to come along to help and asked about a rota.

Mrs Simpson said that was good and offered to contact her about it.

(Action: Mrs Simpson)

Additional Co-opted Student Members

Mr Anderson took the opportunity to thank the two student members Tommy Carroll and Eve Thompson for their excellent attendance and invited them to come along to the July meeting if they were able to do so.

There being no further competent business the meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

Minute ends.

MR J ANDERSON
CHAIRMAN
LERWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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