

LERWICK OLD TOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held Monday 18 April 2011, LTCA Office, Lerwick.

Present: Laurence Smith (Chairman/ Note Taker), Jim Anderson (JS), Clare Abernethy (CA), Damien Ristori (DR), Douglas Sinclair (DS), Danus Skene (DS), Campbell Smith (CS), Beatrice Wishart (BW),

ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION
1	Apologies Apologies from: Paul Wishart (PW), James Wiseman (JW),	
2	Previous Minutes Minutes of meeting of 21 March 2011 were proposed by DR, and seconded by CS.	
2a	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>LS confirmed that the Secretary had submitted a letter to SIC regarding Hangcliff Lane site, the 5 key sites and the existing AHS site as sites for land development.</p> <p>LS had met with John Molloy and Hannah Nelson regarding support for the group with Johns departure from job. Hannah would consider internally but staff shortages and inability to advertise John's position at this moment in time meant it might prove difficult. She also said we could refer to her any issue in the meantime. LS said perhaps the group itself had to consider more ownership. Letter required to Hannah Nelson for group support.</p> <p>Proposed to write a letter of thanks to John for all his past support and an invitation to be an ex-officio member of the group.</p> <p>The comment on website regarding litter. To confirm CS / PW that comment was passed on to the Council's Cleansing Service.</p> <p>Planning Applications – LS informed the group that we were now on a circular for new Planning Applications and that on receipt he would forward both to CS and PW. CS/PW to liaise on disclaimer.</p> <p>Harrison Square: LS wished to reconfirm that it was indeed the groups preferred option to see Harrison Square developed as a flagged amenity for the area (Option C) rather than a car dominated tarred surface. This was unanimous. LS was able to confirm that an SIC meeting had taken place to discuss this issue with the result being that Roads would now develop a final design based on (Option C). It was put forward that the spec needs to be right for this development.</p> <p>Letter required confirming group's position (also in last minutes)</p> <p>Chairman to respond to Norman Moncrieff and SIC regarding Pitt Lane and new housing.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>CS/Secretary</p> <p>CS/Secretary</p> <p>LS/ Secretary</p> <p>LS</p>
3	<p>PLAN FRAMEWORK</p> <p>Development of Plan Framework</p> <p>– no comments at this time</p>	

	Research & Identification of Funding – Chairman commented that he now had two separate listings of grant funding opportunities and that he would now refine into a more relevant form for the group.	LS
4	<p>KEY DEVELOPMENTS</p> <p>Promote Future Use of AHS site</p> <p>Group is on circular for consultation – considered that we write to Chief Executives office to ask what stage this was at. JA asked for clarification on the groups involvement with this as it was out with the main area of concern of the group. It was agreed that the reason for our interest was the significant impact that the school provides in footfall to the area and the impact that such levels of activity have on the town centre generally. It was important that any new development beyond the movement of the AHS to Clickimin (if it does move) attempted to build on this.</p> <p>Identify Potential Development Sites</p> <p>Main sites had already been identified however it was later proposed that this could be undertaken with the proposed walkabout re lanes areas.</p> <p>Increased Use and Access to Fort Charlotte</p> <p>Much discussion on this but unanimous that the preferred option would be to have Fort Charlotte developed into a public amenity / enhanced visitor attraction rather than transformed into council offices. It was likened to Edinburgh Castle and the successful visitor attractions that were built into it i.e. the guns, the jewels and the main hall.</p> <p>Letter to Chief Executive to mention the groups interest in the Fort and to ask if there are if would be possible to have a copy of any recent studies. cc LCC Also to write to Historic Scotland.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>LS/ Secretary</p>
6	<p>Interpretation/ Information</p> <p>Interpretation – Signage & Maps</p> <p>Cultural Trail – Lodberries to New Museum</p> <p>Public Art</p> <p>Promotional History & Leaflet</p> <p>Douglas informed that that the LPA had not had any formal contact on the positioning of the plaques. An apology may be necessary – to investigate Where are the trail points – was there a draft leaflet produced???</p> <p>Were the final plaque amendments implemented prior to ordering???</p> <p>Decided that we didn't really have a proper handle on this project and that we need to.</p> <p>Laurence to try and establish exactly what's going on and to bring the whole project into the group's ownership within the developing overall plan.</p> <p>Need to get all Jon's information and final copy of drawings from Lucy</p> <p>Contacts Jon Molloy/ Davy Cooper / Lucy Wheeler / Arts trust</p> <p>Investigate planning applications pertinent to the plaque installations</p>	LS
7	<p>COMMUNICATIONS / PR</p> <p>Website Updates (Campbell)</p> <p>no updates</p>	
8	AOCB	

	Traffic Warden update required	LS
	Next meeting Monday 23rd May 2011, 7pm at LTCA Office, Mounthooly Street, Lerwick.	