

LERWICK OLD TOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held Monday 27th June 2011, Mounthooly Street, Lerwick.

Present: Laurence Smith (Chairman), Damien Ristori (DR), Campbell Smith (CS), James Wiseman (JW), Jim Anderson (JA) and Paul Wishart (Secretary).

Also in attendance: June Porter (JP), Jon Molloy (JM) and Laura Fiske (LF)

ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION
1	Apologies Apologies from: Beatrice Wishart (BW), Clare Abernethy (CA), Douglas Sinclair (DS), Richard Gibson (RG), Danus Skene (DSk) and Andrew Anderson (AA).	
2	Previous Minutes Minutes of meeting of 18th April 2011 were proposed by JA and seconded by JW.	
2a	Matters arising from previous minutes: Key sites. AHS – LS reported no update. LS said a letter had been sent to SIC Convener asking about proposals for Fort Charlotte. In response the group has been sent a copy of the feasibility study and the Secretary passed it to those in attendance for consideration.	
3	Street and Waterfront Furniture Bank Lane. JM said that the temporary light units had now been replaced with LED lights. Benches. LS said that these had been made up and put in four places. He said that the two floral boxes outside Harry's had been knocked over which was disappointing. These had been restored. Conclusion of the group was that there wasn't much more to do in terms of street furniture apart from perhaps considering the front of the Grand Hotel. LS said that the stainless steel bins were already beginning to look in quite a shoddy state and could benefit from a clean. The tops of them were grubby with cigarette stubs and stains appearing. It was thought that when the bins were emptied a quick wipe would go a long way to solving this problem. LS to email Jonathan Emptage and ask if that can be attended to.	CHAIRMAN
4	Environment DR said that the mess of chewing gum and cigarette ends, mainly dropped by staff and shopkeepers rather than passers by, was quite bad at the moment. He thought the shopkeepers should be made aware of how bad this made the outside of their premises look and how off-putting for customers it must be. LS said that following the lanes walkabout he had discussed particular bad areas with Elaina Leach from SIC Environmental Health who had been around to the businesses in those areas, making them aware of the situation and handing out cigarette pouches. She had also inspected the area for over grown guttering and sent letters to those businesses.. LS thought she'd been very pro-active and effective. CS asked if there were other ways of encouraging folk to be a bit more careful. He wondered if it would be sensible to put ashtrays outside their premises in much the same way that pubs did. LS said he thought it might be beneficial to contact Elaina Leach and see if she could help further. CS said that there used to be Dunna Chuck Bruck signs around. Secretary said that this	CHAIRMAN

	was part of a bigger focus on educating the public and was a sensible scheme, reasonably effective in its time.	
5	<p>Interpretation/Signage</p> <p>JM said he'd spoken with Victor at LPA who had said that they were quite amenable to working with the Group for the purpose of having signage erected. His only concern had been that the signs could not in any way interfere with the operation of the port or their activities. JM thought that shouldn't be a problem.</p> <p>LS said he'd spoken to Douglas Sinclair and he thought that the changes that were supposed to have been made to the signs, as discussed at previous meetings, had not been done before the signs were made.</p> <p>JM said that the signs were ready to go out and the Shetland Amenity Trust has them. Discussion followed about signs and leaflets.</p> <p>Secretary suggested that the signs be photographed and forwarded by email to rest of group for comment and to check if they were suitable for putting up. Idea not taken up. Left it with Douglas to inspect the signs.</p> <p>JM said that signs could be erected in various places (Market Cross, Toll Booth information sign, Stouts Court and so on). These would be simple numbered signs, capable of being easily changed, that should be capable of being erected under existing permitted development rights. Obviously, property owner's permission would be needed. JP said she thought it important that the signs were erected as soon as possible.</p> <p>LS suggested that the whole project should take a step back and that the group go on a walkabout so that we were all aware of what was being proposed and to give the group an opportunity to add their views to the proposed heritage trail. Also to invite the LPA Shetland Amenity Trust and Shetland Arts Trust.</p> <p>JP thought the group should look at the possibility of a joint partnership with others, for example the Shetland Amenity Trust.</p> <p>JA thought that a walkway round North Ness, to continue the footpath, was needed.</p> <p>LF said she would speak to Jonathan Duncan at SIC to see if there were any proposals. It was agreed that walkabout would take place on Tuesday 5th July 2011.</p>	<p>JM CHAIRMAN</p> <p>CHAIRMAN</p> <p>LF ALL</p>
6	<p>Access</p> <p>LS introduced the topic of traffic management and parking.</p> <p>JM said that ADS were going to come to Shetland in August.</p> <p>CS said that a lot of people have mentioned to him that it would be preferable to shut off the Esplanade. That sparked more discussion on a range of parking and traffic matters. Shared space was again mentioned and discussed.</p> <p>JM said that ADS were going to concentrate on Church Road and Commercial Street.</p> <p>CS asked if the group could get some publicity for this, for example on the Shetlink and the LOTDA websites.</p> <p>LS asked if everyone in agreement with Church Road proposed development and investigating shared space concept. All agreed they were.</p> <p>Cycle racks. JM said that once work on Esplanade was finished the cycle racks could go in. The group needs to think about this.</p> <p>Saturday pedestrianisation. Everyone in the group, except the Secretary, agreed that pedestrianisation of the whole of Commercial Street on Saturday was a good idea.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>CS said that there was a comment on the website asking about support for Scandinavian flags to be flown. It was noted that there are a number of flags usually flown at the back of the museum.</p>	

8	Next meeting Monday 1st August 2011, 7pm at LTCA offices, Mounthooly Street, Lerwick.	
9	Meeting ended 9.15pm.	
	Note of items for next agenda:	