

Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting of the Sedbergh Parish Council.
Held in the People's Hall at 7.30 pm Thursday 14th May 2015

Present: Cllrs, Hodge, Mary Macpherson, Longlands, Capstick, Atkins, Ian McPherson, Dawson, Lancaster, Allan, Brooks and the Clerk.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Atkins was proposed by Cllr Hodge and seconded by Cllr Mary Macpherson. Cllr Lancaster was proposed by Cllr Dawson but was not present at this time and it was agreed, therefore, not to continue with the nomination. As there were no other nominations Cllr Atkins was duly elected. Cllr Atkins expressed thanks and appreciation, on behalf of SPC, to the former Chair Cllr Hodge.

(Cllr Lancaster arrived after nominations took place)

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Mary Macpherson was proposed by Cllr Ian McPherson and seconded by Cllr Allan and was duly elected.

3. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Sedgwick and accepted.

4. Declaration of Interest

None received.

5. Requests from Councillors for Dispensations to Speak and/or vote

None received.

6. Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Annual Meeting 2014

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

7. Approval of the 2014/2015 Annual Report, including Statement of Accounts

The statement of accounts was received. These have been recommended for approval by the Policy & Resource Committee on the 12th May 2015 and it was agreed to adopt the Accounts for 2014/15 at this meeting. SPC has previously agreed that The Annual Report be considered at a future meeting due to the timings of the Annual Audit this year.

8. To appoint Committees

Policy & Resource Committee – JA, AA, KL, MM

Amenities Committee – SL, IM, RS, JC, MD, MB

Planning Committee – JA, AA, SL, RS, JC, MM

Queens Gardens Committee – JA, IM, AA, KL

Town Twinning Committee – KL (1 vacancy)

9. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Sedbergh United Charities and Widows Hospital – MM, JA, ES, KL, JC, M McV

LAP – SL

Sedbergh Townscape Project – JA, MB, IM, JC

Sedbergh & District CIC – JA

Sedbergh & District CIO – AA

Sedbergh & District Chamber of Trade & Business – SL, JA, RS

People's Hall Committee – SL

Gala Committee – MB, RS

Swimming Club – MB

Bowling club – SL

Tennis Club – MM

Football Club – SL, KL

Friends of Farfield Mill – not presently active

Western Dales Bus – IM

Sedbergh in Bloom – AA, KL

Friends of St Andrews – AA

10. Delegation Arrangements (considered prior to Agenda Item 8)
It was agreed to adopt the Scheme of Delegation presented with minor amendments regarding the Amenities Committee in relation to liaison with persons responsible for the picnic site at New Bridge which is on PC land.
11. Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
The Standing Orders were adopted in November 2013 and now require minor amendment to reflect the NALC Guidelines on filming/recording of meetings. The Financial Regulations had recently been reviewed by the Policy & Resource Committee on the 12th May 2015.
12. General Power of Competence/Local Council Award Scheme
It was agreed that the Local Council Award Scheme had now superseded the General Power of Competences as a priority for the Council and was now being considered regularly on the monthly SPC Agenda in preparation for applying for Foundation Award status in the future.
13. Parish Council Assets
There remains an ongoing mapping of street lights, which is being reviewed by the Amenities Committee. There have been no additional Asset purchases during this Financial Year.
14. Insurance arrangements
The Annual renewal was recommended for approval by the Policy & Resource Committee on the 12th May 2015 and was adopted at this meeting. It was noted that a review of the Insurance Policy should take place prior to 15/16.
15. Review of Policies
The Policy & Resource Committee have recently undertaken a review of all policies.
16. To consider payment of Annual subscriptions/contributions
To be considered upon request as previously agreed.
17. Schedule of Future Meetings
Council Meetings will remain as presently scheduled for 2015 and 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm