

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on Thursday 11th June 2015

Present: Councillors Atkins (Chair), Allan, Mary Macpherson, Longlands, Brooks, Lancaster, Sedgwick, Capstick and Dawson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Ian Macpherson

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Police Report

The Police Report was presented to the meeting in the absence of the PCSO's. It was noted by Members that, where possible, it would be useful to receive more detail and updates when available.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 14th May 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair Cllr Atkins.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 14th May 2015

Item 7 – Main Street Flagging – Work has now commenced on the remaining damaged curb stones. It was noted that the contractor suggested that SPC may give some thought in to preventative measures in the future to stop vehicles driving over/parking on the pavements and thereby causing damage.

Item 11 – Public Participation – The Clerk has been in contact with WDB over the possibility of the bus being moved on Market Days, however, as the Market is due to have a new trial layout from next week, it was agreed to put this on hold. WDB did say that the bus could be blocked in if necessary to aid parking.

Item 17 – Community Resilience – Cllr Lancaster will liaise directly with Debbie Binch from the Environment Agency.

7. Councillor Vacancy

Following confirmation from SLDC that they had received no written requests to call a By Election, a Notice of Vacancy was presented for agreement by the Members. This will be displayed on notice boards in Sedbergh with an additional note in the Sedbergh Column of the Westmorland Gazette. The closing date will be the 3rd July 2015 and selection will take place at the Meeting on the 9th July 2015. Consideration needs to be given as to whether or not this should be discussed at that meeting as a Part II agenda item.

8. Report from District/County Council

Cllr Mel Mackie attended to introduce himself to the meeting following his recent election to the District.

Cllr Nick Cotton gave an update regarding Post 16 Transport arrangements for the area. The 502 service to Kendal has been agreed and a new timetable published. Transport for Kirkby Lonsdale has also now been confirmed and CCC and QES are contacting parents with further details. It is recognised that there are still concerns over transport for families in rural areas, with both financial implications and worries over the extended day some students will endure. It was noted that Tim Farron MP has recently lodged an Early Day motion with regard to new transport funding for rural school pupils.

Cllr Kevin Lancaster advised the meeting of continuing concerns relating to the arrangements for the risk assessments of private water supplies.

9. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting and responses submitted. Full details are available from the report and included comments relating to the recent delays seen on the works at Fell Close and the inspection carried out by the YDNPA in connection with Pinfold Caravan Park.

10. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resource Committee held on the 9th June 2015. Arising from those minutes, points to note were as follows.

- a) Item 5 – Market SLA- It was noted that the P&R Committee had recommended the purchase of 2 flags, along with cones/chains for the Market. This recommendation was approved by Members.
- b) Request for payments - The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting.
- c) The Final Accounting Statements for 2014/2015 along with the Annual Governance statement 2014/2015 were recommended and approved.

11. Grants

Sheepfest – A grant application for £1500 was approved for payment, with the understanding that there was no commitment by the Council to provide grant assistance for the event in future years.

12. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

13. Amenities Committee

The meeting for June was postponed. However, it was noted that the Rain Water Harvesting System at the Toilets on Main Street was now almost complete.

14. Sedbergh Townscape Project

An updating report was received by the Council and accepted and the following was noted.

Jubilee Fountain – It was agreed that a specialist restoration firm should be invited to inspect the monument and to ascertain if they would be interested in tendering in the future.

Recycling Bins – A meeting will take place with Cumbria Waste, SLDC, and representation from Spar and SPC to discuss the proposed relocation of some of the containers from Joss Lane car park.

Sedbergh Entry Signs – The two new signs have now been installed. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact CCC Highways in relation to the repair of the sign on the Dent road.

15. Queens Garden

It was noted that the Queens Garden Committee planned to meet as soon as possible. Further to the two collapses already reported, there has now been a third on the opposite side of the gardens (behind Queens Drive). In the longer term, it was agreed that consideration should be made to the possibility of a further approach to the HLF and the offer of assistance from a resident of the town with particular knowledge of such matters.

16. Proposed Skate/BMX Park

A letter from Sedbergh Community Trust was reported to the meeting with regard to a grant application to Sport England. The Grant application has been submitted in the Trusts name; however, in relation to the skate park being proposed on SPC property, the application has been amended to make it clear that details of any scheme must be approved by the Parish Council. It was agreed that representation from SPC should meet on an ongoing basis with the Trust, and would consist of Cllrs Atkins, Dawson, Capstick and Longlands. It was also noted that SPC could be named as the applicant in any subsequent planning application, as it would only proceed if happy to do so at that time. Thought needs to be given to, demand; likelihood of planning consent, the view that a BMX track might be more in keeping with surroundings, ongoing costs and insurance implications. Also noted was the possibility of inviting representation from younger people in Sedbergh for detailed feedback/thoughts/analysis.

17. Parish Council Award Scheme

The planned training event for Councillors arranged for June was cancelled and will be rescheduled for later in the year. This will also allow any new Councillor to attend.

18. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting

- a. Advertising board on Main Street – YDNPA are investigating
- b. Business Hub – It was noted that it was not a suitable building for a Bank and that the owners were obliged to have the building operating for its intended purpose.
- c. Town Twinning – Following a request received for financial support, it was noted that the request should be deferred until the July meeting, so that the request could first be considered by the P&R Committee. A program of events for the forthcoming visit was also circulated.

19. Date and Time of next meeting –Monthly meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 9th July 2015 in the Committee Room of the People's Hall.