

Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Meeting of the Parish People's Hall, Sedbergh, on Thursday 5th June 2014 at 7.30pm

In attendance - Cllrs Hodge, Atkins, Allan, Macpherson, Capstick, Lancaster, McPherson, Longlands, Sedgwick and Dawson. 11 members of the public were also welcomed to the meeting

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Brooks
2. Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting of the Parish
The Minutes were agreed.
3. Chairman's Report for 2013/14
Cllr. Hodge gave the attached address to the meeting. It was agreed that the report should be published in the Sedbergh Lookaround.
4. To receive the Accounts for 2013/14
The Clerk Miss Janey Hassam presented the attached accounts to the meeting. The accounts had previously been approved by the Council on 8th May 2014.
5. Questions from members of the Parish
Several questions were raised by members of the public and summary is noted below.
 - The Rainwater Harvesting Scheme due at the toilets on Main Street has progressed and is due to be implemented in the next few weeks.
 - Thanks were given to the Council with regard the pavement widening on Main Street. This forms part of the Sedbergh Townscape Project and further ideas for Sedbergh are ongoing. The Main Street area has been earmarked for re-flagging in the current financial year. Concern was noted over vehicles using the pavements to park, but it is hoped that the positioning of the new cycle stands will help prevent this in common hot spots.
 - The Council is unable to consider reopening the Public Toilets at Loftus Hill as the expense is too great. They were pleased to report, however, that by taking over the running of the car park on Joss Lane, they had been able to secure the public toilets there. Without this, both toilets would have closed.
 - Attendance records for Councillors should be made available to the public.
 - Efforts need to be made to engage with the younger/working age group of Sedbergh to receive feedback and input for future projects.
 - Queens Gardens is now listed as a Heritage Site and there are ongoing efforts and applications for funding to assist in improvements and restoration of the Gardens.
 - The Parish Council will continue to work collaboratively within the Community and maintain its 'can do' ethos. Members of the public were reminded that they are welcome at all meetings of the Parish Council, with public participation at 8.30pm at each.
6. Any other business
 - It was noted that a new Lifestyle shop, No.6 Finkle Street, is due to open this weekend. The official opening being on Sunday 8th June 2014. This was warmly received.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm and the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and valued contributions.