

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 9th January 2014

Present: Councillors Hodge (Chair), Atkins, Longlands, Macpherson, Allan, Pearson, Sedgwick and Thomson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jameson and Capstick and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Longlands and Hodge (item 9)

4. Peter Marshall – Sedbergh School

Peter Marshall, Bursar Sedbergh School gave a brief update on current developments at the school and answered questions. The following points were noted;

- a. The Governors of the School are to be asked if they would agree to contribute towards the replacement lights on Loftus Hill.
- b. The School is looking at traffic calming measures on Loftus Hill and would like to cooperate with the Council on this matter. The Parish SpeedWatch scheme was seen as a possible solution.
- c. Swimming Pool – a meeting for interested parties will be organised mid February and advertised in the next Lookaround.

5. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 12 December 2013

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman Cllr Hodge.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th December 2013

- a. Item 4 (First Responders) The Chairman is to meet with Jenny Pilgrim and explore the possibility of the CIO becoming involved.
- b. Item 14c (Highways Meet and Greet) – Cllr Atkins gave a brief report of the meeting detailing outlines of the new Highways structure and emphasising that the Highways Hotline should always be used when reporting problems. He also mentioned that ENW are making £250k available to help with the replacement of Parish Street lights.
- c. Item 13 (Queens Gardens) – The meeting agreed in principle that Cllr Thomson should investigate the possibility of setting up a Friends of Queens Gardens Group, this may help with an application for a HLF grant. In the meantime the garden will be maintained with the minimum of expenditure.

7. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.

8. Finance

- a. The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 6th January 2014. Arising from those minutes: The recommendation from the audit committee that provision is made in the annual budget in future years for services to the town being provided by People's Hall, Information Centre, Cumbria in Bloom and the Western Dales Bus, subject to annual review at time of payment, was agreed.
- b. The meeting agreed that the Parish Council should allocate £500 towards the upgrading of the Riverside Footpath on Parish land adjacent to the New Bridge
The Council agreed to adopt the response to the LEP, provided by Councilor Atkins
- c. The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting.
- d. The Council agreed that the precept for 2014/2015 should be £34,067.05

9. Grants

- a. Application by the People's Hall –The meeting agreed an application from the People's Hall for £5,000.00
- b. Application by the Western Dales Community Bus Service – The meeting agreed to a grant application for £500.00, with further provision being made annually for this in the budget, subject to review at time of application.

10. Public Participation

Dr Gina Barney thanked the Council for their contribution towards the cost of the Peoples Hall extension and confirmed that the remaining shortfall would be made up by a member of the public.

11. Amenities Committee

A written report of the January meeting was received by the meeting.

There was discussion surrounding the Report from the Cumbria in Bloom committee and it was agreed that the matter be referred back to the Amenities Committee.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

An updated written report was received following the Public Consultation in relation to the redevelopment of the open space at 72 Main Street. It was agreed that matters could be progressed to the next stage and a meeting would be held with the Planning Officer of the YDNPA

The meeting agreed that an application be submitted to the YDNPA under the 'Tour de France Parish Council Grant Scheme' in respect of the proposed paving and cycle stands adjacent to the Church lych-gate.

In relation to the boundary wall of the People's Hall, it was agreed that further discussions should take place with relevant parties with a view to designing a scheme that retains the concrete 'tank traps' and both vehicular accesses.

The meeting discussed the possibility of a shelter to serve the bus stop by Sedbergh Library but concluded that there appeared to be no practicable way of make such provision.

14. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting.

Transforming your Market Town – Cllr Atkins has expressed an interest in attending.

15. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 13th February 2014 at the People's Hall.