

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 10th April 2014

Present: Councillors Hodge (Chair), Atkins, Longlands, Macpherson, Capstick, Allan, Jameson and Thomson.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Pearson, Sedgwick and Lancaster and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

3. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Atkins declared an interest for Item 7

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4. Police Update

PCSO Mandy Coleman introduced PCSO Danielle Ayres who will also be working in our area and gave the April Police Report for Sedbergh.

- a. It was noted that the move into 72 Main Street was now complete and a report would be circulated via the Lookaround confirming the move.
- b. Cllr Allan highlighted a parking issue around the Junction of Castle Haw and Long Lane which was restricting driver visibility and safety in the area.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 13th March 2014

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

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13th March 2014

Item 8 – Final Paragraph, the Clerk has been in contact with Gordon Aitken from South Lakes Housing regarding Gladstone House. Mr Aitken advised that he was unable to attend a Council Meeting, but could facilitate a meeting at Gladstone house for interested parties. Cllrs Macpherson, Atkins, Capstick, Hodge and Allan expressed an interest. (Also Cllr Westwood).

Item 9b – Dent First Responders, the lead for this has been passed to the Sedbergh CIO. There are ongoing discussions regarding possible funding.

Item 9c – AgeUK Market Bus, there are ongoing discussions around the positioning of the vehicle on the market.

Item 11 – The SLDC Cabinet meeting was held in the People's Hall on Wednesday 8th April 2014 and was considered a success. Members of the Cabinet were addressed by Cllr Hodge, Dr Gina Barney and Cllr Westwood giving a collaborate presentation on Sedbergh. Cabinet Members were then invited to have a walkabout in Sedbergh and invited to Farfield Mill for lunch.

Item 14 – Queens Gardens, advice has been received from HLF and Hilary Taylor Associates in connection with ways to potentially progress a further application for funding.

7. Planning

A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications. Points to note were as follows;

- a. Killington Wind Farm, the Parish Council have received official notification from The Inspectorate regarding the forthcoming public inquiry. It was agreed that no further response was needed in connection with the inquiry, but a copy of the original response should be forwarded for information. Cllr Atkins advised that he will be speaking on a personal level at the inquiry.

- b. A Dales Gateway Group has been formed in connection with the opposition to the Killington Wind Farm. Sedbergh Parish Council have been invited to confirm whether it is acceptable to be listed as one of the Parishes that originally opposed and it was agreed that this was in order.

8. Finance

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 8th March 2014, arising from those minutes, points to note were as follows

Item 4 – Coin Sorter, following the recent purchase, we will now advertise for Community use.

Item 6 – Review of Income/Expenditure following year end is ongoing.

Item 8 – Carparking Permits. A Policy has now been agreed for refunds on Permits, where there is at least six months remaining. It was agreed that we could not issue transeferable permits for Shop Keepers, including Volunteers.

Item 10 – Sedbergh Website, presently the Chamber of Trade & Business fund the ongoing server costs for the Sedbergh.org.uk website. A sub group has now been formed involving several partner organisations to look at the future of the website and it was agreed that when a proposal for ongoing costs is brought forward, the Parish Council would be willing to discuss future funding options.

Some queries were raised on finance issues and it was agreed that if members wanted to discuss specific areas, they could liaise with the Audit Committee directly at any time.

The Council agreed a list of payments submitted to the meeting.

9. Grants

No new applications received.

10. Public Participation

Cllr McPherson advised the council of a recent incident on the Main Street where a lady tripped and fell causing injury. This letter has also been received by the Council and listed under Correspondence. Cllr Atkins confirmed that he is due to meet with CCC on 13/5/14 in Sedbergh and he would be discussing the ongoing concerns of the Council in relation to the current problems with cracked paving. It was also noted that the issue of cars parking on the pavements exacerbated the issue of the broken paving stones. It is hoped that the positioning of some of the new cycle stands will help stop some of these issues. It was agreed that the Council should write a letter to Cllr Cotton highlighting the issues raised and asking for feedback.

11. Amenities Committee

A written report of the March meeting was received by the meeting and the following points were noted.

Item 6 – Joss Lane drains, United Utilities have attended and advised it is outside of their scope. Following further communication it was resolved that the maintenance of the drains was the responsibility of the Parish Council and a local contractor was invited to quote. It was agreed to request them to proceed with the planned clearing of the two drains affected next to the recycling area.

Item 14 – There is ongoing communication with SLDC regarding possible funding to replace the lights that are due to be removed by ENW.

13. Sedbergh Townscape Project

A meeting of the Townscape Project Group took place on the 2nd April 2014

- a. Footway widening, we have now been advised that the work will commence on 19/5/14.
- b. Bus Shelter, a new timetable is due week commencing 14/4/14 and will be fixed to the rear of the shelter for easy viewing. There is a request for the bin to be relocated.
- c. Cycle Stand at Church Lych Gate, £500 has been awarded and discussion is now taking place with a local tradesperson to obtain a quote for the work. The remaining monies required will be from STP funding.

13. Correspondence

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

- a. Tim Farron is holding a football session at the Peoples Hall playing field in April.
- b. 95 Main Street, it was agreed that a follow up letter should be issued to the owner.
- c. LAP Meeting, 13/5/14 – Cllr Atkin will attend.
- d. Cllr Cotton – thanks expressed to Cllr Thomson for his assistance in the recent litterpick.
- e. Cllr Jameson advised that as part of a Street Cleansing trial, a Road Sweeping Vehicle would be attending Sedbergh every eight weeks and there would be an increased initiative to maintain hedgerows in the area. Any ongoing feedback from Councilors would be welcomed by the project.
- f. Following the recent CALC Circular, it was noted that we would have to amend the date of the Annual Parish **Council** Meeting to the 5th June 2014, formerly listed as part of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 12th June 2014. To confirm, there will be an Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 5th June 2014 followed a week later by the already scheduled Sedbergh Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm.

14. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 8th May at the People's Hall.