

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Present: Councillors Hodge, Longlands, Atkins, Macpherson, Pearson, Capstick, and Thomson.

### 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allan, Jameson and Lancaster and were accepted by the meeting.

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations

### 3. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

These were agreed as a correct record.

### 5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Cumbria Highways have been formally requested to erect advance directional signs on the highway verge at suitable locations to the north-east and south-west of the Ghyllas Layby site. No response has been received and it was agreed that this should be followed up with Highways.

Our MP has been contacted regarding the issue of business rates on public toilets. A reply is awaited.

### 6. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.
- b. A response to planning application S/03/531A for the redevelopment of Wynn's Yard was discussed. The proposals were considered an improvement on an earlier scheme but members raised a number of questions and concerns including issues of access and parking, the privacy and amenity of residents and the nature of any occupancy restrictions. It was resolved that the YDNPA be requested to arrange a site visit by the Authority's Planning Committee.

### 7. Finance

- a. The meeting received a report of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 28th May 2013.
- b. The attached requests for payments were agreed. It was noted that there has been no increase in the price of car park passes since the schemes inception in 2007. It was therefore agreed that the price for car park pass should be increased to £35 for a day pass and £57 for a 24hour pass. There was a discussion regarding the conditions of issue of passes and it was agreed that the Amenities Committee should look at the wording of the conditions and the Audit Committee would look at the issuing process. Both committees to report back to the next council meeting.
- c. The meeting resolved to adopt the attached Annual Accounting Statement and the attached Annual Governance Statement.

### 8. Grants

The meeting agreed a shop front grant of £250 for the repainting of the Charity Shop in Main Street.

### 9. Public Participation

- a. The meeting was given a brief update on the situation at Udales Shop in Main Street where contracts are out and work is due to start as soon as they are signed.
- b. The meeting was addressed regarding Farfield Mill and the request was made for the Parish Council to nominate a representative to sit on the committee liaising between Farfield Mill and the Town. It was agreed that Cllr Allan (who was not present) would be asked to fill this position.

- c. The current position regarding the proposed repairs to the A683 Cautley Road were outlined to the meeting. There is concern that a way of keeping the road open should be found and it also appears that the project may have to be delayed until next year as Government funding is not yet in place and the Environment Agency will not allow work after September.

#### **10. Amenities Committee**

- a. A written report of the May meeting was adopted by the meeting.
- b. It was agreed that the Community Bus should be parked in the Coach Bay next to the perimeter wall. The sign has been received and will be installed as soon as possible.
- c. It was agreed that a further estimate should be obtained for the rainwater harvesting scheme at the Main Street toilets.

#### **11. Sedbergh Townscape Project**

- a. A written report was submitted to the meeting.
- b. The meeting expressed their thanks to Cllrs Atkins & Longlands for their help in erecting the new Main Street Sign
- c. It was agreed that the tendering process for the new bus shelter in Station Road should be commenced as soon as highways permission is received.

#### **12. Queens Gardens**

A brief report was made by Cllr Thomson. The survey specification has been agreed and it is expected that the cost will be substantially covered by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (if application to the HLF is successful).

#### **13. Town Twinning Committee**

The meeting was addressed by Dave Smith and Susan Garnett on behalf of the Town Twinning Committee and plans were outlined for the recommencement of exchange trips by year 8 and 9 pupils.

The meeting gave its support and also confirmed the status of the Twinning Committee as a sub Committee of the Parish Council

#### **14. Main Street Open Day**

This is to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> June and Cllr Thomson asked for volunteers to man the Council office.

#### **15. Correspondence**

The attached Clerks Report was considered by the meeting.

#### **18. Date and Time of next meeting**

7.30 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the People's Hall.