

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 14th November 2013

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

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr Sedgwick and 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. Local Police

PCSO Amanda Coleman gave details of recent crimes in the area and answered questions from members

5. Joanne Golton – SLDC

A presentation was given outlining the benefits of producing a strategic vision for Sedbergh and also giving a brief description of Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership.

6. Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 10th October 2013

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

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th September 2013

5(15a) . Sedbergh School have met with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the community use of the school swimming pool. There is a minimum target of 30 extra people using the pool. An article will be put in Lookaround. Further meetings will be held to monitor progress.

5 (15b) The Clerk gave a brief description of the Community Payback scheme and it was agreed that it would be considered should a suitable project be identified.

8. Planning

- a. A written report was adopted by the meeting including the Committee's comments on planning applications.
- b. It was agreed that Cllr Atkins draft a response to the further reports that have been produced in relation to the Killington Wind Farm proposal indicating that in the Council's opinion the proposed condition relating to black headed gulls is unworkable. The response to be circulated to members prior to submission.
- c. Cllr Lancaster gave a brief report on the recent YDNPA Planning Forum.

9. Finance

- a. The meeting received a report of the meeting of the Audit Committee on 12th November 2013.
- b. The attached requests for payments were agreed.
- c. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be prepared to give up the lease on 72a Main Street upon the transfer of the property from the White Knights to the Community Trust in return for a suitable lease to the Parish Council for the Council Office.
- d. The attached new standing orders were adopted by the meeting.

10. Grants

- a. A decision on the grant application from the People's Hall Management Committee was deferred pending receipt of further information.
- b. It was agreed to defer again a decision on a request from CCC for £1,000 for a defibrillator to be sited in Sedbergh. Cllr Allan is to take the matter up with the Health Centre at their next meeting

11. Public Participation

There were no contributions from the public.

12. Amenities Committee

A written report of the November meeting was adopted.

13. Sedbergh Townscape Project

- a. The meeting received the attached report.
- b. Members were asked to encourage responses to the exhibition outlining proposals for Joss Lane Car Park/ 72 Main St garden

14. Queens Gardens

Cllr Thomson reported that the application for a start up HLF grant has been rejected. Consideration is now being given to a possible resubmission of the application.

15. Parish Handyperson

The meeting, whilst agreeing the principle of employing a Parish Handyperson, was concerned at a number of aspects of the proposal put forward and it was agreed that the proposal be deferred for further consideration.

16. Managing Radioactive Waste Safely

It was agreed that Cllr Atkins would produce a response from the Council along the lines of the previous response given.

17. Correspondence

- a. The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting.
- b. It was agreed that the proposed picnic area at New Bridge would include disabled access
- c. It was noted that emails had been received regarding the impact of proposed CCC budget cuts on subsidized bus services.

18. Date and Time of next meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 12th December 2013 at the People's Hall.