

# THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in The People's Hall, Sedbergh on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Present: Councillors Hodge(Chairman), Allan, Atkins, Thomson, Pearson, Lancaster  
McVoy, Capstick, Jameson and Longlands.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Sedgwick and were accepted by the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Linda Greensmith – Village Agent – Age UK**  
Linda Greensmith described her role and outlined the types of help that she can supply. She explained that her drop in sessions at the Community Office were not well supported. Some suggestions were made as to how more people might be encouraged to access her services. .
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - a) **Purchase of Tennis Courts and Fishing Rights**  
A further business case had been submitted but we were informed that it was not in time for the November Cabinet meeting. We understand that the matter will now be considered at the December meeting.
  - b) **Purchase of 72 Main Street**  
HH and JA gave a verbal report. An application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the first floor for community use has now been submitted and the request to defer a sale decision by YDNPA until April 2011 will be considered by members at the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Jim was thanked for all his hard work.
6. **Planning**  
The attached report was adopted by the meeting.
7. **Finance**
  - a) A report of the meetings of 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November was presented to the meeting and accepted.
  - b) The meeting agreed the attached requests for payment.
  - c) The proposed precept of £32400 was agreed with one abstention
  - d) It was agreed that the £50,000 being held for the People's Hall should be paid over subject to suitable guarantees that it should be returned if the project is not progressed.

**8. Requests for Grants**

A grant of £500 to Sedbergh and District Canoe Club was agreed to assist with the construction of a new storage facility subject to confirmation that all funding is in place for the facility(LG (MP)Act 1976, s.19)

A grant of £1,000 was agreed to Killington Sustainable Energy Trust to assist with the production of plans for a hydro scheme on the River Lune subject to all funding being in place (With one abstention)

**9. Public Participation**

There were no contributions from members of the public.

**10. Amenities Committee**

The attached minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 were adopted by the meeting.

**11. Queens Gardens**

A verbal report of the Queens Gardens Group was given by MMcV.

The DEFRA inspection for a bacterial infection of the rhododendrons has proved negative.

**12. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative**

A report was submitted and adopted by the meeting. A further meeting of the group is to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December sign off the proposals that Urban Practitioners will take to public consultation on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

We have been advised that there could be money available from YDNPA in this financial year for any small 'quick wins'. JA to investigate.

**13. Joss Lane Toilets**

An expression of interest has been lodged with SLDC and a telephone meeting held between SLDC (Caroline Leigh) and Cllr Pearson. It appears that SLDC are saying the toilets will close on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2011 but we had understood that where an expression of interest had been lodged the toilets would stay open under SLDC's control until April. The Clerk will investigate and look into commencing negotiations with SLDC.

**14. Correspondence**

The attached list of correspondence was presented to the meeting.

**15. Date and Time of next meeting**

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at the People's Hall. (Note. This is a change to the published date)