

# Sedbergh Parish Council

---

## Queen's Garden Committee Minutes of a meeting held on 20 June 2016

### Present:

Cllrs. Lancaster, McPherson, Allan and Atkins

### Election of Chair:

Cllr Lancaster was elected as Chair

### Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

(Cllr Lancaster wished it to be recorded that he had no involvement in the recent appointment of the contractor engaged by the Council in respect of the re-painting of the gates at Queen's Garden).

### Request to hold a music event:

George Hinson attended the meeting for this item and outlined his proposal for a music event he hoped to organise for Saturday 3 September.

In brief, the event would comprise a small number of local bands playing a variety of music, probably from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. The stage and speakers would be arranged to face into the gardens away from Queen's Drive so as to lessen noise disturbance. No alcohol would be sold although those attending could bring drinks if they so wished. Any food sold would be at a stall operated by a local business. There would be a small entry charge with rates set to encourage family groups. 'Portaloo' toilets would be provided.

Those attending would be encouraged to walk to the gardens in order that the limited parking on site was available for the less able and stewards would be present to ensure safe entry and to deal with any parking issues (and any problems with behaviour that might arise).

In discussion it was agreed that George Hinson would ensure that any performance licences necessary were obtained and that he would approach the bowling club to discuss the proposals.

Should the Parish Council approve the event it was agreed that any notification letter to nearby residents should be in the name of the Council, as landowner, and to provide reassurance that proper arrangements were in place.

George Hinson confirmed that he would also be seeking a grant from the Council. Other local sources of potential funding were suggested to him.

### Recommended :

1. that the event should be supported by the Parish Council
2. that any grant application submitted to the Parish Council in respect of the event should be favourably considered

### Current works at the Garden:

Cllrs Lancaster and Atkins had visited the gardens on 20 June and had observed that good progress was being made by the contractor in digging out a trench for the concrete foundation prior to the re-building of the stone boundary wall adjoining the garden of No. 4 Queen's Drive\*.

It was noted that the entrance gates had been removed by the contractor for off-site treatment and re-painting. The entrances onto the main road had been secured by plastic barriers (one of which had been partly opened but had now been put back in place).

**Follow up from the Annual Meeting of the Parish and future directions:**

The meeting briefly discussed the need to maintain public interest in the future of the gardens following the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Notwithstanding the range of views expressed at the meeting regarding the type of gardens preferred (formal or 'natural'), there appeared to be agreement that the basic structure of the gardens (wall, steps, paths etc.) should not be allowed to fall into disrepair.

It was noted that the Heritage Lottery Fund, whilst rejecting the Council's bid in 2014, had given some encouragement to a further approach. Members understood that Mr Sandy Roy and Hilary Taylor Associates had maintained an interest in working with the Parish Council on the preparation of a further bid to the HLF.

*Recommended:*

*That a meeting be arranged between members of the Queen's Garden Committee and Hilary Taylor Associates together with Mr Sandy Roy, if available, to discuss options for the way forward.*

**Date of next meeting:**

21 July 2016 (7.30 pm at the Parish Council Office)

*\*Footnote: Since the meeting the re-building of the stone boundary wall (at the garden to 4, Queen's Drive) has been completed:*

