

## **Minutes of the Sedbergh Annual Meeting of the Parish** **People's Hall, Sedbergh, on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**In attendance - Cllrs Atkins (Chair), Allan, McPherson, Arnold, Bromley and Longlands.**

**Members of the public were also welcomed to the meeting. (Including members of Sedbergh Community Trust, the Chamber of Trade, Sedbergh People's Hall and The Lookaround.**

1. Apologies for absence  
Received from Cllrs Lancaster, Dawson and Brooks
2. Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting of the Parish  
The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Atkins.
3. Chairman's Report for 2016/2017  
Cllr. Atkins gave the attached address to the meeting.
4. To receive the Draft Accounts for 2016/17  
The Clerk presented the attached draft accounts to the meeting. It was noted that though there were significant balances, large sums were reserved for planned and future projects. Including the resurface/refurbishment of Joss Lane car park, works at The Queen's Garden, the Tennis Courts at Guldrey and improvement works to the entrance and boundary at The People's Hall, Sedbergh. The Period for the Exercise of Public Rights, Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 commences 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and ends on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
5. Updates on projects/schemes  
Included were The Queen's Garden, Joss Lane car park and toilets, Maryfell play park, Maryfell parking/traffic flow and improvements to the People's Hall boundary/car park entrance. Mr D Whicker asked if SPC would also consider recycled products when planning any resurface, and this was noted. Miss F Kendrick asked what SPC were doing to assist Maryfell residents with regard to the estate becoming 'clogged up'. Members were able to confirm that SPC is presently trying to arrange a multi agency meeting with the relevant authorities in connection with Maryfell parking/traffic flow and it was hoped that there would be some consultation to follow in due course. With regard to the play park at Maryfell, the Chair was able to confirm that SLDC – Locally Important Project Fund (LIP) had awarded £20,000 towards the proposed redesign/refurbishment and the Clerk was able to confirm that a consultation would be taking place in the summer to ascertain what equipment would be considered by SLDC. Further Grants would need to be sought to support the project, which was expected to cost in excess of £50,000 (comparable to other recent play parks). SPC's application for a LIP grant toward the improvement works at The People's Hall had been unsuccessful and Members would now have to consider their options with regard to the project. It was noted that The People's Hall are due to proceed with their element of the works later this month. With regard to The Queen's Garden, it was noted that a Friend's of Queens Garden Group was now in its fledgling stages with another meeting scheduled for July. The report from Hilary Taylor Associates was also now complete and would, hopefully, assist in any future Heritage Lottery Fund grant application.
6. Questions  
Some questions were raised by members of the public and short summary noted below.
  - Concern over the hedges overhanging the pavement on Station Road, close to Highfield.
  - The 'unattractive' appearance of the toilets on Main Street. (Members were able to advise that a refurbishment of the toilets was being considered for the future and a measured building survey of the block had recently been undertaken to proceed matters)
7. Any other business - none

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm and the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and valued contributions.