

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SEDBERGH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Sedbergh held in the Committee Room, The People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th November 2017

Present: Councillors Atkins (Chair), Longlands, Arnold, Capstick, Allan, Lancaster, Bromley, Dawson, Sedgwick and Brooks.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs McPherson and accepted by the meeting.

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declarations of Interest

Item 10 – Grants – Cllr Longlands

4. Public Participation

Presentation by Chris Hutton, Community-led Housing Officer – South Lakeland District Council. Chris attended the meeting to give a short presentation on Community-led Housing (CLH) in South Lakeland, advising Members that SLDC had been allocated £2.36 million for CLH throughout the district, details attached. Potential locations were discussed in Sedbergh as perhaps suitable (including the former Udales premises on Main Street). There are broadly three main ways in which CLH can be delivered:

- group-led: when a group responds to housing need or demand, or people seeking to deliver their own homes
- extension of community based activity: existing community based organisations with local roots decide to provide housing in addition to their current activities
- developer, community partnership: a local authority/landowner/housing association or small builder wants to provide housing that benefits the local area in perpetuity. They access community-led housing expertise to recruit 'founder members' from within the community and support them to take over ownership/stewardship and/or management of the homes

Andi Chapple, Sedbergh Information Centre Manager – Main Street Road closure proposal (Item 14) – Andi attended the meeting to answer any questions relating to the recent proposal made on behalf of the Sedbergh CIC (Information Centre). The proposal (attached) included details of creating temporary traffic-free space along the Main Street of Sedbergh by introducing the possibility of a series of road closures for the Main Street each year. This would allow events to take priority on the Main Street for occasions such as the Artisan Markets and Late Night Opening. Members discussed several issues, including access to Joss Lane car park, implications for residents and local trades/business on Main Street, emergency vehicle access etc. However it was agreed by Members, without any commitment, that guidance should be sought from SLDC on any relevant procedure and costs of doing so, on behalf of the CIC.

There were no other Members of the Public present at the meeting.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 12th October 2017

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Atkins.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th October 2017

Item 6 – Loftus Hill car park, Cllr Longlands is still trying to establish contact in relation to the proposal to remove the electric meter from the former public toilets.

Item 15 – Former Udales premises, Main Street, Sedbergh – the YDNPA are currently considering options regarding the deteriorating appearance of the premises on Main Street. -Mr.Udale has not yet responded further in relation to the Council's invitation to attend a future meeting.

7. Report from District/County Council

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cotton and Mackie.

8. Planning

The attached Planning Report was considered and adopted by Members. In particular Members noted the strong support accorded to the refurbishment works to the former Bull Hotel (S/03/333C). Members discussed the recent meeting between Cllr Atkins and the Head of Development Management of the YDNPA, Richard Graham, in connection with the former Baliol School site. Cllr Lancaster wished to emphasize the community's backing for the potential development of this site and recommended that if a further submission was made to the YDNPA individual letters should be sent to appropriate Members and Officers of the YDNPA to underline the support from Sedbergh Parish Council.

9. Finance

- a) The meeting received and adopted the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 6th November 2017.
- b) Request for payments – payments were noted on the Financial Summary and agreed by Members.
- c) Draft Budget 2018-2019 – the attached draft budget was discussed by Members, including the recent additional funds requested, by the Amenities Committee, toward to the anticipated costs for the playing field. Members noted that an additional £4,500 was required (not £2,500 as noted in the P&R Committee Meeting) and, therefore that further consideration would need to be given to this for the meeting in December. Members also noted and agreed the anticipated 1.75% increase for the Precept.

10. Grants

The following grant application was considered

- i) **Rose Community Theatre** – a grant application for the sum of £1,000 was agreed by Members, following the recommendation by the Policy & Resources Committee. The application was toward the cost of replacement stage curtains, to be fitted at the People's Hall, Sedbergh. (Cllr Longlands took no part in discussion)
- ii) **Sedbergh & District Chamber of Trade - Project Manager (co funding)** – Members noted the recommendation from the Policy & Resource committee and discussed the application further; agreeing the sum of £1250 for 2017. Members wished to note, additionally, that the Project Manager role should be for the benefit of the town as a whole and that careful consideration would need to be made to future support. Cllr Atkins is due to meet with the newly appointed Project Manager later this month to discuss the ongoing remit of the role generally and will update at a future meeting.
- iii) **Sedbergh & District Chamber of Trade – Late Night Opening** – a grant application for the sum of £450 was agreed by Members following the recommendation by the Policy & Resource Committee. It was noted that a significant profit appeared to have been made in 2016 and, therefore, that the income/donation/expenditure for this year's event would need to be taken into account should a grant application be received in 2018. (Cllr Longlands took no part in discussion).

11. Amenities Committee

The attached minutes were received by the meeting. The following items were noted. Members discussed the recent overflow of the glass recycling container at Joss Lane car park. The Clerk advised that SLDC will monitor the container following the additional collection made earlier this month. Members were concerned that the recycling facilities were being improperly used for the deposit of trade and commercial waste and this would need to be discussed further with other bodies. Cllr Bomley advised that she had attended the meeting at the Tennis Club the previous day and that they are now actively looking for grants to re-surface and improve the facility (notes attached). Members noted that clarification of the (apparently informal) relationship between the SPC and the Club might be needed to support any grant application being submitted to outside bodies by the Tennis Club and it was therefore agreed to delegate powers to the Clerk to provide a letter or statement as necessary.

Members also agreed that the relationship between the Club and the SPC should be formalized as soon as practicable having regard to the provisions of the Council's 2011 lease with SLDC.

12. Sedbergh Townscape Project

The attached updating report was received by the Council and accepted. The following items were noted and discussed further:

Maryfell playpark – the consultation/questionnaire has now been distributed to the Primary School and is available online for completion. Cllr Atkins and the Clerk will continue with the grant application to the Craven Trust. A decision on the grant application to SLH is awaited.

Joss Lane car park – Alternative layouts for the car park are awaited from Fletcher Day Cummings following a recent meeting.

Parking area – St Andrew's Church, the works are due to commence later this month.

13. Queen's Garden

The attached updating report was received by Members. Members noted that a shed had been identified as belonging to the Parish Council and consideration for inclusion in the Asset Register was, therefore, required in the future. A report from RG Parkins of Kendal, in relation to the retaining wall at the Bowling Club, is still awaited. Members noted that the Dog Fouling signs had now arrived, with some being scheduled for placement at the Garden. Finally, the meeting agreed in principle to 'Sedbergh School Challenge Week' projects being undertaken in the Gardens in 2018.

14. Maryfell Parking and Traffic Flow

Members were advised that Cllr Atkins and the Clerk had recently met with Damian Southworth, Consultant Director of Development, SLH. Damian is currently gathering information across SLH area following his recent appointment and is, therefore, still compiling relevant detail across the district. He was, however, sympathetic to the concerns over parking in the area and hopes to meet further in due course.

15. Information Centre – Main Street road closure proposal

Discussed under Item 4 – Public Participation (above).

16. Changes to Dog Control Order Legislation – consultation by SLDC

The attached proposed Orders were considered by Members and agreed that the Council's response should:

- supports the principle of the proposed Public Space Protection Orders;
- confirm there to be a major problem of dog fouling in its area;
- supports the 'fouling of land by dogs restriction' and the 'dogs on lead by direction restriction' ; and
- strongly supports the exclusion of dogs from all children's play areas.

The only concerns expressed relate to the inadequacy of enforcement. In relation to designated Open Access Areas, it is assumed that the particular requirement to keep dogs on leads in prescribed circumstances would be unaffected by the proposed orders.

16. Correspondence

The attached Clerk's Report was considered by the meeting and the following noted:

- a) Police and Crime Commission consultation on Council Tax Precept level – Members agreed their support for the proposed 1.92% increase on the precept for Policing.
- b) Langstone Fell car parking area – following concern raised by a resident in relation to the current poor surface of the parking area, Members agreed that the Clerk should contact the YDNPA.

- c) B4RN – the meeting considered a request from Douglas Thomson for an agreement in principle for a proposed route for a cable around the perimeter of the playing field at Havera/the People's Hall and this was agreed by members. In response to a similar request in relation to the area at New Bridge/River Rawthey, members noted that permission should be sought from SLDC in the first instance. Members also noted that when formal wayleaves were requested, much further detailed consideration would be needed.
- d) YDNPA – Local Plan – the meeting noted the approach to builders/developers/land owners to stimulate the provision of new housing within the Park.

17. Date and Time of next meeting - Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7.30pm – Sedbergh Parish Council, monthly meeting at the Cornerstone Community Church, Joss Lane, Sedbergh.