

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.00pm in the Lindow Hall Bowness on Solway.

Present:

Councillors: Carruthers (Chair), Bradshaw, Coates, Graham, Harrington, Hutton, Knowles, Reay and Wills.

Public attendance: Mr J Birkett, Mrs A Birkett, Mrs S Dugdale, Mr M Pennington, Mrs A Martin, Mrs L Lewis, Mr I Graham, Mrs M Harrison and Mrs S Gallagher.

Clerk: M Abbs

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hinks (fair reason) and J Hodgson, Borough Councillor Hodgson and County Cllr Markley.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Cllrs Knowles and Graham requested permission to speak and **received approval for this** in respect of the Bowness Community Group.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Cllrs Knowles and Graham declared an interest in respect of the Bowness Community Group.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.)

Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2 Minutes (previously circulated)

To approve the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019. – **approved and signed.**

3 To approve suspension of agenda standing orders for this meeting only. – **approved.**

4 Public participation (at chairman's discretion)

To receive grant request presentations from local organisations.

St Michael's PCC by Mr I. Graham (Churchyard Grasscutting) requesting £612

After making his presentation Mr Graham left the meeting.

Glasson Community Group by Mr J Birkett, (Picnic Tables) requesting £536.16

Port Carlisle Village Hall by Mrs S Gallagher (Insurance and Health and Safety) requesting £500



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Anthorn Sports Club by Mrs S Dugdale (Tennis Coaching) requesting £400

CLlr Carruthers pointed out that the application had been slightly late, for which Mrs Dugdale apologised and CLlrs **agreed** to accept her submission.

Mrs Dugdale having made her application left the meeting.

Bowness Community Group then made four submissions:

- a. Mrs L Lewis (First Responders) requesting £4500
- b. Mrs A Martin (Movie Screening) requesting £750
- c. Mrs A Martin (Carnival) requesting £250
- d. Mr M Pennington (Skiff Trailer) requesting £718.50

Lindow Hall. CLlr Carruthers, in the absence of CLlr Hinks, received permission to read out the submission (Re-decoration) requesting £2500

CLlrs thanked the Groups for their submissions and the extra information supplied on the night.

Following the completion of the submissions all remaining members of the public left the meeting.

5 To consider the Council's initial response to the grant applications.

Confirmation of grant awards to be made at the May 2019 meeting.

CLlrs confirmed that the grant awards would be made at the May meeting and the clerk said he would check that the requests were within the legal powers of the Council.

6.1 To consider any necessary action with regard to the Council's current Basic Payment Scheme and Environmental Stewardship claims and applications.

CLlr Graham confirmed that he had recently met with the Council's agent and the claim form was in hand. – **noted without action.**

6.2 To consider the progress /current position on compliance with planning consents relating to the Bowness Farm development. Possible decision to consult with Allerdale BC re Parish Council concerns.

CLlrs discussed the current situation and CLlr Knowles pointed out that the Parish Council had no powers to enforce compliance. The Council believed that Allerdale BC officers had visited the site and the clerk was instructed to seek an update.

6.3 To consider and progress the obtaining of legal advice concerning Parish Council assets, and take any necessary action resulting from the recommendations.

The clerk, in the absence of CLlr Hinks, provided details of preliminary investigations by the Council's solicitors. Assets were discussed in turn and actions were **agreed including authorisation of anticipated expenditure** to progress matters. CLlrs authorised CLlrs Carruthers and Hinks, alongside the clerk, to progress matters.

7 Any items of information brought by the Clerk or Councillors.

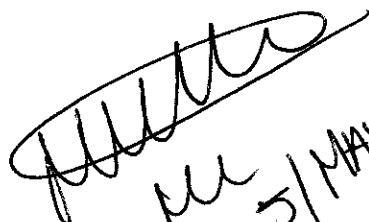
The clerk confirmed that Election of Parish Councillors would take place this year on Thursday 2nd May.

A planning consultation, HOU/2019/0042, for an artist's studio at Linden House in Bowness on Solway had been handled with 'no objections' under the Standing Order procedure. – **noted.**

CLlr Carruthers **noted** that CLlrs Bradshaw and Reay would not be standing again at the Election and thanked them for their service to the Council.

8 Date of future meeting: Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 6.30pm at the LINDOW HALL, BOWNESS

The date was noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10p.m.


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