

Draft

BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 at Lindow Hall, Bowness at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Hinks (Chair), Carruthers, Coates, Evans, Graham, Harrington, , Hutton, Martin, Reay, Wills.

Clerk JC Wood

C Shaw- representative of Cumbria association of local councils

County Councillor A Markley

Borough Councillor V Hodgson

Two members of the public were also in attendance

1. Apologies for absence-none. Declarations of interest

Cllr Martin declared an interest in items 5.6, (Bowness Banks lease) 6.2.2, (grant application Bowness Community Group) 6.2.3 (grant Bowness Community Group) and 8.1.4 (Planning application Highland Laddie pub)and sought a dispensation to speak.

7.02 p.m. Cllrs Evans and Martin arrived

7.05 p.m. Cllr Wills arrived

It was RESOLVED to refuse the dispensations in relation to each of the interests sought by Cllr Martin

Cllr Carruthers declared an interest in item 4.6 of the agenda (tree work at Glasson Play area)

2. Minutes of meeting of 9 June 2021. Cllr Hutton proposed that para 4.1 of the draft minutes be amended by the insertion of the words "Councillor Hutton left the meeting at 7.40 pm after expressing his disappointment with the way the meeting had been conducted and his upset at the disrespectful way some people had been treated." In place of the words "Cllr Hutton left the meeting at 7.32 in protest." It was RESOLVED to refuse the amendment

Cllr Martin proposed that para 1 of the minutes be amended by deletion of the reference to the objection of Cllr Carruthers to Cllr Hutton being granted a dispensation and in para 4.1 by the addition of the words "that the Vice Chairman asked her to shut up and to leave the meeting". It was RESOLVED to refuse the amendment.

Cllr Martin requested that it be minuted that she would be referring the manner in which the meeting of 9 June 2021 was handled to Allerdale BC Electoral Services.

Cllr Carruthers proposed that the words "Dispensations were not formally granted" be added at the end of para 1 of the draft minutes. On a vote there was a tied decision and the Chairman not exercising a casting vote as she had not been present at the meeting, the resolution was lost as there was not a majority in favour.

Cllr Carruthers proposed that the "words" at the end" of be replaced by "during" in paragraph 4.1 RESOLVED to agree the amendment.

The minutes as amended were then RESOLVED to be accepted as a true record and the Chairman authorised to sign them

3. Report on action taken

3.1 Provision of defibrillator at Drumburgh. Cllr Hinks reported that this had now been installed and was fully operational.

3.2 Report on actions by councillors- none

3.3 Report on actions by clerk- none

3.4 Public participation- none

3.5 Report from County Councillor Markley (arrived 7.30 pm). County Council has now adopted coastal strategy all the way along the coast which has identified flooding and coastal erosion issues.

The new highways reporting system is in place and jet patching is continuing with further locations to be dealt with during the summer.

Covid grants continue to be issued by Allerdale council

Cycle track has opened between Silloth and Allonby

Better access to Workington with funding for new bridge being sought

Local government reform- decision expected by end of July with likely shadow authority being elected in 2022 and taking over from existing councils in 2023

CC Markley referred to a grant application being made by Bowness Community Group to the environmental fund

Cllr Martin in relation to this matter requested that it be minuted that in her view Cllr Graham was making unfounded allegations about financial irregularities with Bowness Community Group.

3.6 Report from Borough Councillor Hodgson. Planning reforms are being proposed by government that may remove the rights of local residents to object in certain areas to planning applications.

Workington- new sports complex should be complete in 2022

Recycling centre at Wigton is now operating normal hours though the number of cars on site remains limited

4. To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

4.1 Letter of resignation of clerk effective 31 July. This was noted and it was agreed to advertise for a replacement with a similar recruitment process as on the previous occasion.

4.2 Update from Allerdale BC re casual vacancy for councillor. It was noted that no request for a by election had been received and the council can proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option. It was RESOLVED that the vacancy would be advertised on the website and noticeboards and that applicants would be interviewed prior to a decision being made.

4.3 Letter from H and H regarding Higher tier stewardship. It was RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to make further enquiries with H and H about the new scheme prior to making a decision whether or not to make an application

4.4 Email from Natural England regarding fire on Bowness Common. It was RESOLVED that the council does not support the proposal to carry out the work suggested and that the land is left to regenerate naturally and that the clerk write to Natural England accordingly.

4.5 Letter from St Michaels PCC, Bowness returning cheque for £20 000. This has now been banked and it is noted that at this stage the proposal to extend the churchyard is not proceeding.

8.02 pm CC Markley and VC Hodgson left the meeting

4.6 Email from Dean Little re additional works to poplars at Glasson Play area Cllr Carruthers left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed. Following discussion whether or not to pollard or fell these trees, it was RESOLVED to ask Mr Little to fell the trees at an additional cost of £900 + VAT,
Cllr Carruthers returned to the meeting

5. New business

5.1 Community reports. Glasson Community Association. Cllr Carruthers reported on the successful plant sale raising around £260 and the lotto still being strongly supported.

5.2 Provision of defibrillators for Cardurnock and Fingland. It was RESOLVED that the council is in favour of the provision of defibrillators both at these locations and also more widely in the Parish, that potential locations be identified and the views of residents sought.

5.3 Speed monitoring in three villages Fingland, Drumburgh and Glasson. It was noted that the County Council has agreed to monitor speed and traffic in each of these locations and will advise the Parish Council what devices may be appropriate in the light of the results of the traffic surveys. It was RESOLVED to bring this back to the council for further consideration once the results of the traffic surveys are known.

5.4 Provision of bus shelters at Anthorn and Glasson. It was RESOLVED that the council is in principle in favour of replacement of the existing structures and that costings and designs be obtained.

5.5 Metal parish seats. It was resolved that the five existing metal seats be renovated and that Thomas Grahams of Carlisle be asked to provide a cost for carrying out the works either painting or galvanising and that the matter be referred back for decision once the costings have been obtained

5.6 Lease of Bowness Banks and insurance responsibility. This item was taken at the end of the meeting after Cllrs Hutton (8.25 pm) and Martin (8.40 pm) had left. It was RESOLVED that representatives of Bowness Community Group be invited to attend the 8 September meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the future insurance arrangements for Bowness Banks.

8.25 pm Cllr Hutton left the meeting

6 Finance

Accounts and bank statements for May and June 2021-RESOLVED to approve these

6.1.1 Clerk's salary June 2021 £278.45- APPROVED

6.1.2 PAYE June 2021- £69.60-APPROVED

6.1.3 Clerks expenses Postages £20.40, travel expenses 24 miles@36p per mile. Phone and broadband £24.00 Total £53.04-APPROVED

6.1.4 Solway Gardens and landscaping-grass cutting contract £1520 + VAT of £304. Total £1824.00 -APPROVED

6.2 Grant applications. Dealt with at end of meeting after Cllrs Hutton and Martin had left the meeting.

6.2.1 St Michaels PCC Bowness- contribution to churchyard grass cutting-£800 requested. It was RESOLVED to make a grant of £800

6.2.2 Bowness Community Group- works to Bowness Banks. £7125 requested It was RESOLVED to refuse a grant for the works proposed. However, the council would look at any future applications if submitted.

6.2.3 Bowness Community Group. New Years Eve celebration £1500 requested. It was noted that advice had been sought from CALC on the legality of such a payment being made and it was RESOLVED to refuse the request for a grant

7 Highways

Councillors noted that the infilling of pothole filling appeared to be haphazard and that obvious holes were being missed when others in the immediate vicinity were repaired. RESOLVED to bring this to the attention of Cumbria Highways and CC Markley.

Councillors also noted the poor state of the depth of water signs along the coast road which is a safety issue and RESOLVED also to bring this to the attention of Cumbria Highways and CC Markley

8. Planning

8.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC

8.1.1 HOU/2021/0136. Proposed single storey extension to rear elevation. 28 SOLWAY DRIVE, ANTHORN, WIGTON, CA7 5AW

8.1.2 OUT/2021/001 Former Military Base, Anthorn Camp, Anthorn Outline application including access and layout for change of use from disused former military camp to holiday park comprising 80 units of holiday accommodation (luxury lodges) with clubhouse and sports facilities

8.1.3 FUL/2021/0017 Highland Laddie, Glasson. Remodelling of public house

8.2 Applications dealt with under standing orders

8.2.1 FUL/2021/0142 Erection of domestic stable for horses The Lilacs, Anthorn, Wigton, CA7 5AH-NO OBJECTIONS

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8.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

8.3.1 FUL/2021/0142 Erection of domestic stable for horses The Lilacs, Anthorn, Wigton, CA7 5AH-GRANTED with conditions

8.4 Applications discussed at this meeting

8.4.1 FUL/2020/0252 GLENDALE HOLIDAY PARK, , PORT CARLISLE, WIGTON, CA7 5DJ Resubmission and amendment to approved application FUL/2019/0133 to amend to 38 static holiday caravans from 58, 37 pitches for touring units and additional consent for another additional 70 static holiday caravans

Amendment: Amended Plans, Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report and Landscape Appraisal Report.

It was RESOLVED that in addition to concerns previously expressed in response to the original application that that the council has concerns about the capacity of the sewerage system to cope with increased demand in view of evidence of raw sewage being observed in the gutter opposite the site entrance.

9. Documents received for comment

9.1.1 Documents received for information by email to all members- No COMMENTS

9.1.2 CALC circulars- -No COMMENTS

10. Any items of information

10.1 Brought by members. None

10.2 Brought by clerk. None

8.40 pm Cllr Martin left the meeting

The Chairman thanked the clerk for his work with the council since being appointed and then closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Date of next meetings Wednesday 8 September 2021 at Lindow Hall Bowness at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 10 November 2021 7.00 pm venue to be confirmed