

BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 June 2021 at Lindow Hall, Bowness at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Graham (Vice Chairman in the Chair in the absence of the Chairman), Carruthers, Harrington, Hutton, Martin, Reay.

Clerk JC Wood

Three members of the public were also in attendance

Apologies were received from Councillors Hinks, Coates, Evans and Wills and were accepted as good reason for absence

1. Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations to speak were received from Cllrs Hutton and Martin in relation to item 4 of the agenda (grant applications from Bowness Community Group). Cllr Carruthers requested that it be minuted that she objected to the dispensations being granted.
2. **Minutes**
 - 2.1 The minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2021 . **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record and signed by the Vice- Chairman .
 - 2.2 The minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2021. **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.
3. It was **RESOLVED** for this meeting only to suspend the agenda standing orders
4. **Presentations for grants applications.**
 - 4.1 A presentation was made by a representative of Bowness Community Group for two grants, one for £7125.00 in relation to works to the Bowness Banks which the Community Group leases from the Parish Council and the second for £1500 for a New Years Eve event to be held at Lindow Hall. During the presentation, Cllr Carruthers proposed that Cllr Martin be excluded from the meeting because of her conduct. Cllr Martin left the meeting at 7.30 pm without the matter being voted on. Cllr Hutton left the meeting at 7.32 pm in protest.
 - 4.2 A presentation was made by a representative of St Michael's Church, Bowness for a contribution of £800 towards the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard for 2021/22
5. After initial consideration of these grant applications, it was **RESOLVED** that the council would discuss the matters further at the meeting on 7 July 2021
6. Request from Bowness Community Group for reimbursement of their insurance premium for 2021/22. It was **RESOLVED** to decline this request and the clerk was instructed to notify the group accordingly.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1.1 P. L Gauntlett Accounts Ltd audit fee 2020/21 £55.00- APPROVED
 - 7.1.2 Cartridge Save Ltd – toner cartridge £43.08 (incl VAT of £7.18) APPROVED
 - 7.1.3. Clerk's salary May 2021 £278.45 APPROVED
 - 7.1.4 HMRC PAYE May 2021 £69.60 APPROVED
 - 7.1.5 Community Heartbeat Trust. Donation of £2359 for supply of defibrillator. Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd £198.00 (incl VAT of £33) for first year maintenance charge. Total £2557.00 APPROVED

7.1.6 WS Reid & Co Supply and installation of Parish notice boards £3708.00 (incl VAT of £618) APPROVED

7.1.7 H and H Land & Estates. Completion of RPA claim for 2021 £210.00 (incl VAT of £35) APPROVED

8. Items of information brought by Councillors or clerk

8.1 Cllr Harrington reported water running off the road at the Forge Yard, Longcroft which needs to be brought to the attention of Cumbria Highways

8.2 The Clerk reported that Cllr Birkett had notified the Chair of his resignation from the Council. The vacancy and procedure for filling it would be notified on each of the parish notice boards and also on the website on 10 June 2021.

Dates of next meetings

7 July 2021 at Lindow Hall, Bowness at 7.00 pm

8 September 2021 venue to be confirmed at 7.00 pm

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37 pm