

MINUTES OF BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LINDOW HALL TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 2021

Present: Councillors: - Hinks (PH) (Chair), Graham (JG)[VC], Carruthers (MarianC), Harrington (JH), Reay (WR), Wills (JW), Coates (MalcolmC), Evans (DE), Hutton (DH), Martin (AM) Plus 2 members of the Public

Prior to the commencement of the Agenda the Chair informed the Council that Allan Dawes (Clerk) had resigned and his last day of work had been the 29th of Nov. The Council were asked if they all agreed to continue with the meeting. All were agreeable.

- 2021/11/1 **Apologies** - None
Declaration of interest: AM declared an interest in 6.7, 7.1.7, 9.1.2, 9.1.3. PH declared an interest in 5.1
- 2021/11/2 **Minutes** of the meeting held 6 October 2021 were accepted as a true record.
- 2021/11/3 **Co-option of Councillor**
4 applications had been received and distributed to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. A ballot was taken, and Carol Mark was voted onto the Council by a clear majority. All necessary paperwork to be completed before the next meeting.
- 2021/11/4 **Report on action taken**
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| 2021/11/4.1 | Report on action by members of the Council.- | None |
| 2021/11/4.2 | Report from the clerk.- | None |
| 2021/11/4.3 | No public participation | |
| 2021/11/4.4 | Report from County Councillor Markley – not in attendance | |
| 2021/11/4.5 | Report from Borough Councillor Hodgson
Cllr Hodgson gave an update on the Local Government re-organisation and 2 Tier option which will be an East/West split.
Nuclear Repository – Allerdale have omitted areas in the AONB
West Cumbria mine still to be decided.
He agreed to pursue various issues Cllrs raised which include blocked gullies, broken roadside fence near Low Flow, Tidal water warning signs broken and in poor condition, Broken BT manhole cover between Port Carlisle and Bowness. Street lighting in Glasson. | |
- 2021/11/5 **To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action**
- 2021/11/5.1 Letter from Bowness 70 Plus Club. PH had declared an interest in this item, so JG read out a letter from the Bowness 70 Plus Club thanking the Council for their support over the year and requesting further support. It was RESOLVED to give a donation of £600.00. This was proposed by AM and seconded by DH. Unanimous vote. PH took no part in the vote.
- 2021/11/5.2 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. It was RESOLVED to give a donation of £200. This was proposed by DH and seconded by AM. Unanimous vote.
- 2021/11/5.3 Changes to banking details so Clerk can receive bank statements. In view of the fact, we have no Clerk at present this item was left.
- 2021/11/5.4 Grass cutting specification for 2022/23 and invitations to tender. Discussion took place regarding the current specification which everyone was happy with. It was agreed we approach 4 contractors to tender with a closing date of the 31st December. It was also agreed to ask them for the option of a one year contract and a two year contract.
- 2021/11/6 **New business**
- 2021/11/6.1 Community Reports. AM reported on the various activities that Bowness Community Group are responsible for. There is now another First Responder in the Parish. The Banks have had work carried out following the receipt of a £9000 grant. All other activities are going well. Marian(C) reported on behalf of the Glasson community Association. Funding is being sought to put a pathway around the edge of the field, so it is accessible to all ages. The Council were asked if they had any objections as it is their land. No one objected.

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2021/11/6.2 Higher Tier stewardship agreement. This item was discussed at the meeting in October. Following further discussion, it was RESOLVED not to proceed with the Higher Tier Stewardship Agreement. Proposed by JW and seconded by MalcolmC. All agreed.

2021/11/6.3 Update on Defibrillators for Cardurnock, Easton, Fingland and Old Anthorn. PH gave an update regarding the defibrillators. Sites have now been agreed in Easton and Old Anthorn. Negotiations are still ongoing in Cardurnock and Fingland for sites. People have volunteered to do the monthly checks in Cardurnock, Easton and Old Anthorn. Steel posts need to be installed to the specification of Community Heartbeat before we can proceed. This is progressing.

2021/11/6.4 Speed awareness devices. MarianC updated council on speed awareness devices but has not yet received the report.

2021/11/6.5 Update on Bus Shelters Anthorn and Glasson. The bus shelter has been installed at Anthorn and residents have rung to congratulate the Council on how well it looks. The shelter at Glasson is being installed on the 1st December as there was a problem with the base that needed attention.

2021/11/6.6 Renovation of metal parish seats. These are with Thomas Graham, and we are waiting to hear when they are ready for collection. JG was given permission to purchase bolts to refix them when ready.

2021/11/6.7 Update on Bowness Banks Lease. This item was taken at the end of the agenda. AM left the meeting at 8.40 pm and took no part in the discussions. At the meeting in October, it was agreed to seek legal advice. A letter from Cartmell Shepherd was handed out for Cllrs to read the response. It states clearly that the original lease dated November 2003 and an amendment dated March 2004 legally stand. Discussion took place and it was agreed that we now need to go back to Bowness Community Group for their reaction.

2021/11/6.8 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022. PH reported that she had received information about wildflower seeds in red, white, and blue from the Eden Project that they are planning for next year. Discussion took place about what we could do for the parish. All Cllrs thought the wildflower seeds were a good idea. It was RESOLVED to purchase a packet for every house. Proposed by AM and seconded by DH, unanimously agreed

2021/11/7. Council approved the accounts and bank statements to 30 September and 31 October 2021 (Circulated). Receipt of the 2nd half of the precept £9392 was noted.

Council also authorised the following payments

2021/11/7.1.1 Clerk's salary Oct (271.50) + Nov (355.10)
2021/11/7.1.2 HMRC PAYE Oct (67.80) + Nov (88.60)
2021/11/7.1.3 Clerks expenses. None
2021/11/7.1.4 Hire of Lindow Hall - £63.00
2021/11/7.1.5 Solway Garden & Landscapes Grass cutting - £3648.00
2021/11/7.1.6 Ace Shelters - £13200.00
2021/11/7.1.7 Cartmell Shepherd – Legal Advice - £1286.40
2021/11/7.1.8 Thomas Graham metal seats – invoice not received.
2021/11/7.1.9 Dean Little. Tree work Glasson - £2640.00

2021/11/8 Budget 2022/23 and setting of precept.
After discussion WR proposed that we agree the budget and set the precept at the same amount as last year which was £18,784. This was agreed unanimously.

2021/11/9 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC
2021/11/9.1.1 OUT, 2021/001 Former Military Base, Anthorn Camp, Anthorn
2021/11/9.1.2 Highland Laddie, Glasson
2021/11/9.1.3 FUL/2020/0252 GLENDALE HOLIDAY PARK, PORT CARLISLE, WIGTON,

2021/11/9 Applications for discussion at this meeting
2021/11/9.2.1 CAT/2021/0045 Removal Rowan Tree, Port Carlisle – No Objections

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2021/11/10 Documents received for comment - None

2021/11/11 Items for information – None

Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 12th January 2022 – venue to be decided

Close of meeting 9.10 p.m.

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