

BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 6.30pm in the Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway

Present: Chairman Hinks

Councillors: Coates, Carruthers, Evans, Graham, Harrington, Mark, Reay

Clerk: Peter Streatfeild

Four members of the public

1. **Apologies** were received from Councillor Martin who was moving house out of the area that day.
2. **The Draft Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2019 were **approved** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Chairman's Report.**

Chairman Hinks reported that the Annual Parish Meetings were not held in 2020 nor in 2021 on account of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions in place.

She noted that the pandemic had played a huge part in altering people's everyday life. However, the Council met regularly via Zoom to begin with and then in socially distanced environments.

Despite the absence of a Parish Clerk since July 2021 the work of the Council continued with the fitting of new notice boards, new bus shelters and a defibrillator in Drumburgh. Several parish seats were also repaired.

The Annual accounts and internal controls were found to be correct.

The Chairman thanked all the Councillors for their time and commitment.

The report was accepted with appreciation.

4. **Finance Report.**

In the absence of a Parish Clerk/RFO for the past year the Chairman, having prepared the necessary documents for the internal and external audits, presented the Finance Report along with a three-year summary.

The Chairman pointed out that the precept had remained at £18,784 and would be the same for the current financial year.

Despite the lack of Clerk many works costing a total of £38,036 were completed to enhance the Parish facilities.

As there was no further business **the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.**