

## BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Anthorn Village Hall, Anthorn.**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman Pauline Hinks

Councillors Marion Carruthers, Malcolm Coates, David Evans, James Graham, John Harrington, David Hutton, Carol Mark, Annette Martin, Wilson Reay

County Councillor Markley joined at 7.30pm.

Clerk Peter Streatfeild

Twelve members of the public

#### **1.1 Apologies & Declarations of Interest**

No apologies were received.

Councillor Martin declared an interest in item 8.3.1, FUL/2022/0111 – application to change use of land at Bowness House Farm.

#### **2. Minutes (previously circulated)**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 were **approved** as a true record which were then signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. Report on action taken**

3.1 Report on action by members of the council - **NONE**

3.2 Report from the clerk - **NONE**

3.3 Public participation – To be permitted at point **8.31 FUL/2022/0111** – Change of use of land, Bowness House Farm

3.4 Report from County Councillor Markley – after 5.3

3.5 Report from Borough Councillor Hodgson - **NONE**

#### **4. To Review Correspondence received and take any appropriate action**

4.1 Update on the **future of the 93/93A Bus Service** – It was reported that the previously announced cancellation of the bus service 93/93A had been postponed until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 when the service will be reviewed again by the bus operator, Stagecoach - **Noted**.

4.2 It was noted that the **Grant Application** from Bowness Community Group (BCG) **on behalf of the Cinema Group for £4,956.38** had been postponed at the last meeting due to the non-submission of outstanding accounts for funds approved in May 2019 given to BCG on behalf of the First Responders. The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had scrutinised BCG's statements and vouchers supporting the purchase of equipment for proposed Brayden Pro CPR mannequins (£1,129.19 13/6/2019), G5 Defibrillator with case and electrode (£1,284.00 9/7/2019) and an Advanced Brayden CPR Mannequin (£390.00 24/10/2019) which amounted to £2,803.19 of the £4,500.00 grant given. This left an outstanding balance of £1,696.81 to be refunded to the Council which BCG had agreed to.

After some discussion Councillor Reay proposed that the BCG funding request of £4,956.38 on behalf of the Cinema Group (towards the "purchase of (their) own film equipment with both large screen (4M) plus (2M) screen for use in smaller venues") be approved less the outstanding amount of £1,696.81. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Hutton.

On putting it to the vote it was **resolved to approve the proposal** with two abstentions on the understanding that funds will be spent within six months and, in due course, a statement for **£4,956.38** will be presented after the release of the funds (£3,259.57).

- 4.3 **Grant application from St Michael's Church, Bowness on Solway** - Representatives of St Michael's Church presented the request for a grant of £800.00 towards the annual cost of £1,600.00 for cutting the grass in the churchyard. – **Resolved** unanimously to **approve a grant of £800.00** for the current financial year 2022/23 on the understanding the grant will be utilised within six months.

## 5. New business/Follow-on business

- 5.1 **Community reports.** It was verbally reported that the Jubilee weekend programmes were successfully organised and attended in Anthorn, Bowness and other places - **Noted.** Councillor Carruthers gave a verbal report to say that the wheelchair friendly pathway had been successfully installed in the Glasson Recreation Area – **Noted.**
- 5.2 **Update on Provision of Defibrillators** – As this work has been previously approved for Cardurnock, Easton, Fingland and Old Anthorn the Clerk was requested to pursue the order and installation of two defibrillators for Easton and Old Anthorn - **Noted.**
- 5.3 **Update on Speed Awareness Devices Around the Parish** – Councillor Carruthers declared that only a “Slow Down” sign would be permitted by the Highways. She then presented some costings for a Self-Illuminating Device (SID) at an approximate cost of £4,500 for the SID sign and the accompanying solar panel to power it. After some discussion regarding the costing and placing of the sign, Councillor Carruthers was **requested** to make further enquiries and get at least one more quote for the sign. **Noted** this is ongoing.

## County Councillor Tony Markley arrived at 7.30pm during the above discussion

- 3.4 **Report from County Councillor Markley** – Councillor Markley apologised for being late and gave a verbal report on many activities throughout the Borough of Allerdale and the rest of the County since the last meeting such as:- the public consultation on water storage in Cumbria; Social Enterprise Funding; new roads in Workington; work on the bifurcation of the County Council was ongoing; Allerdale had launched a Beach and Explorers' Guide; there is information of 1,000 suggested rides for e-bikes; information on fishing places on the Solway is available; and there is a touring promotion 'A Perfect Day in Allerdale' showing cycle ways and walks; and so on.

Councillor Markley was made aware of the damaged wall at the new cattle grid on the road in Bowness beside the school It was reported that the repair work is now on the Council's list of jobs to be done. He suggested that a letter could be sent from the Council indicating concern that people and/or vehicles could be hurt or damaged if it fell whilst someone is passing.

- 5.4 **Update on Renovation of Metal Parish Seats** – It was **Noted** one of the three remaining Parish Seats had been reinstalled on the Marsh near Port Carlisle. The other two will be installed in due course.
- 5.5 **Request from Bo'ness Community Group Regarding Possible Twinning Links** – It was **Noted** that no responses were forthcoming despite reminders. **Resolved** to take this item off the agenda.
- 5.6 **Repositioning of Noticeboard in Cardurnock** – After discussions it was suggested that the noticeboard be placed on public/County Council land.
- 5.7 **Update on Bowness Community Group's works on the Banks** – As Mr Bill Knowles, Director of BCG, was present he reported that the grant had been submitted and he was awaiting a response – **Noted.**
- 5.8 **Request from Liam McKenna to Install a Bench on The Banks** – It was **reported** that no further information had been received from Liam McKenna. **Resolved** to take this item off the agenda.
- 5.9 **Review/Update Grant application form and guidance** – after some discussion and minor changes, namely emphasising that “Each grant can only be applied for an annual basis”. It was **Resolved** to accept the guidance as amended.

5.10 **Update on banking arrangements** – the Clerk reported that he had been to the HSBC bank in Carlisle, and he had been assured that his name as the new Parish Council correspondent with the Bank had been recorded and the previous Clerk's details had been removed from their records – **Noted.**

5.11 **Review of grass cutting arrangements** – the Chair reported that Mr Ian Rumney of Solway Gardens and Landscapes had indicated there were some differences of opinion amongst some parishioners in the manner the grass was cut at Glasson, and he threatened to end the contract with the Parish Council. On discussing the matter, it was **Noted** that his contract was with the Council so any contact with him or concerns regarding his contract must only be made through the office bearers and/or clerk. The Chairman said she would speak to Mr Rumney.

## 6. Finance

### 6.1 Information

6.1.1 **To approve the accounts and bank statements ending 31<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022** - It was **Resolved** to approve these.

6.1.2 **BHIB Insurance Renewal** – The BHIB insurance renewal of £309.01 had been paid - **Noted.**

### 6.2 To Authorise Following Payments

6.2.1 **Clerk's Salary** for May £204.25 and June £265.62 were **Approved.**

6.2.2 **HMRC PAYE** payments of £51.00 for May and £66.20 for June were **Approved.**

6.2.3 **Clerk Expenses** – reimbursement of £8.16 for postage stamps was **Approved.**

6.2.4 **Anthorn Village Hall Room Hire** – The matter of outstanding payments Anthorn Village Hall for the Hire of Rooms were still being pursued by Councillor Reay. It was **Noted** a payment up to £50.00 had been approved at the last council meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

6.2.5 **H&H Land & Estates Basic Payments Scheme (BPS)** – the payment of an outstanding bill of £258.00 (including VAT £43.00) towards the cost of preparing and submitting the BPS application was **Approved.**

6.2.6 **Allerdale Borough Council Election Recharge** – the Clerk reported he had received a bill amounting to £3,376.07 being a Recharge for the election held in May 2019 so he had queried it with the elections department at the Borough Council and was awaiting a response. It was reported by the Chairman that Silloth had a similar recharge and it had to be paid. – It was **Resolved** to pay the outstanding bill £3,376.07 if the need arose before the next meeting.

## 7. Highways

There were no matters regarding the Highways.

## 8. Planning

### 8.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC

8.1.1 FUL/2021/0243 Building of a Shed at Bombadil, Drumburgh – is still under Review. **Noted.**

8.1.2 HOU/2022/0085 – Replace garage at 48 Solway Drive, Anthorn. It was reported that Planning Permission had just been approved by Allerdale – **Noted.**

### 8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

### 8.3 Applications for Discussions

8.3.1 FUL/2022/0111 – Change of use of land to create a public car park and holiday lets land use for accommodation and erection of communal block and bin store, demolition of barn and replacement with micro-brewery and widening of site access – Bowness House Farm. As indicated earlier Councillor Martin had declared an interest in the application so she made comments about the proposed application submitted by Mr Ian Hunter, the owner and developer of Bowness House Farm. Members of the public

also joined in the discussion about the application wherein Mr Hunter, who was present, gave some clarifications to the questions and concerns raised.

After a long discussion and taking into consideration the views of the public in attendance and the responses of Mr Hunter, the proprietor of Bowness House Farm, the proposal was put to the vote and **approved in principle** by seven councillors with one abstention and one objection. However, the following concerns were noted:-

1. The outflow of sewage and wastewater
2. The runoff of rain and surface water
3. The possible destruction of a medieval/ancient historical site
4. The ability of the general public being permitted to use the proposed car park and toilets

## **9. Documents Received for Comment**

### **9.1 CALC Circulars**

- the Annual General Meeting of CALC is to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 online via TEAMS and the Clerk has the ID and passcode if any councillors are interested
- CALC is now on Facebook and Twitter for the interested

## **10. Any items of information**

10.1 Brought by members – Councillor Carruthers brought a request from Glasson to put a notice board on the bus shelter. This item is to be brought to the next Council meeting.

10.2 Brought by the Clerk:-

- any nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2023 are to be submitted to the Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- the National Park Authority is looking all over Cumbria for "hidden gems to celebrate local heritage" and protect the "commonplace or every day" heritage assets valued by local people and will appreciate being informed about them
- the regular Local Government Reorganisation newsletter for updates on the transformation of Cumbria's County Council into Two Councils is available online
- the Census 2021 first results were published on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and information is available on the website [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk)
- there are unpaid opportunities to become Cumbrian Community Climate Champions to help local communities take action on climate change
- funding of £1,500.00 to £5,000.00 is available for Mutual Aid Groups
- it has been reported that 78 homes have been provided in Allerdale for families under the Homes for Ukrainians scheme

## **11. Date of next meetings**

The date of the next meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00pm in Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.05p.m.