

BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 6th October 2022 in Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Pauline Hinks

Councillors: Marian Carruthers, Malcolm Coates, David Evans, James Graham (Vice Chair), John Harrington, Carol Mark, Wilson Reay, and John Wills

County Councillor Tony Markley joined at 7.30pm.

Clerk: Peter Streatfeild

Twelve members of the public were present

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor David Hutton.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes (previously circulated)

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2022 were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- 2.2 The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 31st August 2022 were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Report on action taken

3.1 Report on action by members of the Council – **NONE**.

3.2 Report from the clerk.

The clerk reported that he had completed the CALC Clerk Induction Module 1 & 2 on 5th October 2022 and had been awarded the CALC Professional Development certificate for it. He reported that there was an outstanding bill of £60.00 – **Authorised** to pay CALC £60.00.

3.3 Public participation was permitted by the Chair as mentioned below.

3.4 Report from County Councillor Markley – see below after point 5.2.

3.5 Report from Borough Councillor Hodgson – **NONE**.

4. To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action

4.1 Update from Bowness Community Group (BCG) regarding pending works on The Banks

It was **Noted** that permission to replace the upper fencing (see minute 4.1 of 31st May 2022) was amended to that of the **Fence on the Lower Promenade** as the Upper Promenade is the responsibility of Cumbria County Council who do not want a fence or railings on the Right of Way.

It was reported by members of the group (BCG) that the wooden fencing was in place on the seaward side of the Lower Promenade and a 2nd metal rail to the existing concrete steps to link with it; the cleaning of graffiti damage to the Pergola display panels was on-going; the poem was being reinstated, and other works, except for the signage, will hopefully be completed by Christmas 2022. The report was **Noted**.

4.2 Resignation of Councillor Martin and co-option process

The chair reported that no one had shown any interest in the vacancy created by Councillor Martin's resignation – **Noted**.

3.3 Public Participation

Several residents from **Fingland** had come to voice their **concerns about the lack of resources** in the hamlet with regards to public safety, especially for school age children, as there is no bus shelter, no street lighting, poor drainage, and no defibrillator. The Chair assured the people that the Council will look into the issues raised but pointed out that some of them were the responsibilities of other authorities such as the Highways Department and the Cumbria County Council. With reference to the **defibrillator** the Clerk was asked **to liaise** with a local resident.

4.3 E-mail from a resident regarding vehicle electric charging points in the Parish.

After some discussion it was **Resolved** to investigate the possibility of erecting public charging points in the parish.

5. New business/Follow-on business

5.1 To receive community reports – this item was postponed until point 10 below

5.2 Update on provision of defibrillators for Cardurnock, Easton, Fingland and Old Anthorn

The Clerk reported that he had placed orders for two defibrillators for Easton and Old Anthorn. It was **Resolved** to pay the outstanding bills of £396.00 and £5,395.00 to Community Heartbeat Trust which had already been approved at a previous meeting.

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

5.3 Update on speed awareness devices for certain villages.

Councillor Carruthers presented the latest updates and after some discussion it was **Resolved** to install **one permanent device in Glasson** and **one temporary device (3)** in Drumburgh, Anthorn and Fingland at a maximum cost of £15,000.00 for the four devices. Councillor Carruthers to pursue the matter.

5.4 Update on renovation of metal parish seats

Councillor Graham **Reported** that the two benches had been installed on Marsh Road near his home and on the sea front in Anthorn. Councillor Graham was thanked for his work. The payment for the concrete plinths was outstanding. – **Noted**.

5.5 Repositioning of noticeboard at Cardurnock.

The Clerk **Reported** that Cumbria Highways stated that "Nothing should be located within 450mm of the edge of the carriageway, however, there must be space for anyone to view the noticeboard when it is in place" vide their email response EI/84418 dated 14th September 2022. It was **Resolved** that Councillors Graham and Reay will pursue the matter of re-erecting the notice board in Cardurnock.

5.7 Review of Grass Cutting arrangements.

The Chair **Reported** that, having spoken to the contractor, Mr Ian Rumney of Solway Gardens and Landscapes, he agreed to continue cutting the grass at Glasson, but he was unhappy that he was still being contacted by members of the Glasson Community Association

5.8 Maintenance of noticeboards.

The Chair **Reported** that some parish Notice Boards were needing cleaning and painting. It was **Resolved** that all Councillors will inspect their 'respective' notice boards and report back at the next meeting.

3.4 Report from County Councillor Markley.

County Councillor Markley gave a verbal report saying he was very involved with the work of the Local Government Reorganization (LGR) and the Cumberland Council Shadow Authority which is preparing to take over from Cumbria County Council on 1st April 2023. In the meantime, some £4.5 million had been budgeted for the work of the Highways Department which has been busy in drainage works, repairing around 5,000 potholes, with winter maintenance works to begin shortly. It was pointed out that the culverts and railings

at Low Flow, Glasson needed repairing despite many reminders. Councillor Markley suggested Amber Sykes and Luke Charlton be contacted with copies to him. – **Noted**

County Councillor Markley left at 8.10pm.

6. Finance

Information

- 6.1.1 To note the payment of £258.00 (£43.00 VAT) paid to H & H Land Agents towards the Basic Payments Scheme application. – **Noted.**
- 6.1.2 To note the payment of £3,376.07 to Allerdale Borough Council towards the Recharge for the May 2019 elections. – **Noted.**
- 6.1.3 To approve the accounts and bank statements ending 31st July and 31st August 2022. – **Approved**
- 6.1.4 Rural Payments Agency - To note that the Stewardship Agreements Terms and Conditions will be modified in due course as payments will no longer be funded through the European Union but through the Exchequer wef 1st January 2023. – **Noted.** The Council awaits further updates.

To authorise the following payments

- 6.2.1 Clerk's salary July £262.65 and August £262.65 – **Authorised**, along with salary for September (£262.65).
- 6.2.2 HMRC payments July £66.20 and August £66.20 – **Authorised** along with payments for September (£66.20).
- 6.2.3 Clerk's expenses – stationery including printing paper x 2 reams £25.97 and postage stamps £22.80 – **Authorised.**
On the issue of Mileage and Telephone/Internet costs it was **Resolved** to pay 45pence per mile and one third of the quarterly telephone/internet bill to be backdated to May 2022.
- 6.2.4 Anthorn Village Hall – As the Room Hire payment was still pending Councillor Reay was requested to pursue the matter.
- 6.2.5 Although not on the agenda the Clerk requested that the outstanding bill of £240.00 be paid to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP – **Authorised.**

7. Highways

- 7.1 It was **Noted** that the footpath from the Chapel in Port Carlisle to Glendale Holiday Park was closed for repairs from 1st October 2022 for fifteen days.

8. Planning

8.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale BC

- 8.1.1 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 – Under consultation.
This matter was dealt with in the extraordinary meeting held earlier. – **Noted.**

8.2 Applications decided by Allerdale

- 8.2.1 HOU/2022/0085 – Replace garage – 48 Solway Drive, Anthorn. – **Noted.**
- 8.2.2 FUL/2022/0145 – Extension of agricultural building – Bowness Hall, Bowness on Solway. – **Noted.**
- 8.2.3 FUL/2021/0243 – Building of Shed – Bombadil, Drumburgh. – **Noted.**

8.3 Applications for discussion at this meeting

8.3.1 FUL/2022/0178 – Conversion of roof space to provide an en-suite bedroom and a flat roof area to provide a balcony at the Highland Laddie, Glasson Village.

After some discussion it was resolved to **note** that the Council had concerns about the loss of amenities (privacy) to the neighbours if the plans were approved.

9. Documents received for comment

9.1.1 CALC Circulars – the Clerk brought the Councillors’ attention to the ones regarding the Local Government Reorganization (LGR) and the Local Council Elections to be held next year, 2023.

9.1.2 Common Land and Village Greens

The Clerk reported that many councils and the Planning Department in Cumbria were not aware of rules and regulations concerning planning applications on Common Land and Village Greens. It was **resolved** that the Clerk get more information on the issue and report back to the council at the next meeting.

9.1.3 Cumberland Council Plan. **Noted** that the Draft Plan was now available on the website.

9.1.4 Training Opportunities during September to December 2022 – The Effective Councillor, Planning Training to develop a neighbourhood plan. – **Noted.**

Councillor David Evans left the meeting at 8.25pm.

10. Any items of information

10.1 Brought by members

5.1 Community reports - a written report from Port Carlisle Village Hall was presented by the Chair which thanked the Council for the support for the Poly Tunnel erection on the Recreation Ground and for the Jubilee Celebrations which included afternoon tea and a dog show which were enjoyed by many. **Noted.**

It was further **noted** that there will probably be some expense to be incurred on the repairs of the “wet pour” section of the play area. The letter to be sent to all Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

Councillor Carruthers requested that the matter of the ‘Finger Posts’ in the Parish be considered at the next meeting. – **Noted.**

10.2 Brought by the clerk – **NONE.**

11. **Date of next meeting** – 2nd November 2022 at 7.00pm in the Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway.

The chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.05pm.