

BOWNESS ON SOLWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 6.30pm in the Lindow Hall, Bowness on Solway

Present: Chair Pauline Hinks

Councillors: James Graham (Vice Chair), Marian Carruthers and John Harrington

Clerk: Peter Streatfeild

Two members of the public

1. **Apologies** were received from Councillors Mark and Wills.
2. **The Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 31st May 2022 were **approved** as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
3. **Chair's Report.**

Councillor Hinks reported that the Parish Council had worked hard for the community during the year under review such as providing donations to enable celebrations for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Grants were awarded to four parish organisations during the year.

Another four defibrillators were installed in Anthorn, Easton, Cardurnock and Fingland bringing the total up to nine in the Parish with five being owned by the Council.

Two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) were installed in Glasson and Drumburgh with another two awaiting installation by the Highways Department.

Coronation tea towels celebrating the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III were purchased for distribution to every household in the Parish.

There were four resignations from the Council during the year and there were no co-options as no parishioners were willing to fill the vacancies.

She noted that Councillor Wilson Reay, who did not stand at the last election, had faithfully served the Parish of Bowness on Solway as a Councillor for over 30 years which was much appreciated by the councillors and parishioners.

The Chair thanked all the Councillors for their time and commitment during the past year.

The report was accepted with appreciation.

4. **Finance Report.**

Whilst presenting the annual statement the Clerk apologised that they were not the finalized financial report as the accounts were with the internal auditor however, he stated that the accounts were in order and financial controls were in place.

The opening balance on 1st April 2022 was £88,958 and the closing balance on 31st March 2023 was £49,126.

He corroborated the actions completed as reported by the Chair:

Four defibrillators were installed at a cost of £10,870.

Two SWARCO Speed Indicator Devices were installed after an advance payment of £2,326.

Two Pandora Speed Indicator Devices were purchased at a cost of £6,978 which were awaiting installation by the Highways Department.

Grants of over £26,000 were awarded to four organisations during the year.

Once again, the precept had been kept at £18,784 for the year and will be kept the same for the current year.

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