

Matterdale Parish Council

Draft minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.00pm on **Monday 1st November 2021** in Watermillock Village Hall, following a presentation by Mr and Mrs Tim Clarke of displays linked to the Ullswater Heritage Site.

Present: Cllrs Lloyd (in the chair), McAlpine, Shaw, Crofts, Mrs Gore, Holder, Mrs Bray, Mrs Wilson, Dobinson, Firth, and Harrison.

1. Apologies accepted Cllr. Mrs Beaumont (suffering from a heavy cold). **In attendance:** the Clerk and County Cllr Hughes until item 8.

2. The **Minutes** of the meeting on **6th September 2021** were approved as circulated and signed as a true record.

3. Exclusion of Press and requests for public participation/open forum

3.1 No members of the press or public had sought to participate in the meeting by Zoom or otherwise.

3.2 There were no notified public questions and there was no public forum.

4. Declarations of interest by Councillors/ requests for dispensation.

4.1 No Councillors needed to update their declaration.

4.2 None declared any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

4.3 None declared any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

4.4 The Clerk reported that no dispensation had been sought or granted.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes.

5.1 The Clerk will remind Mr Trelease that the posts and fencing around **Dockray Green** need replacing.

5.2. Cllr Firth has submitted (on behalf of the Council) comments on future policy to the **Sustainable Transport Group**; these have been circulated and Councillors were asked to contact him, if there were any material changes to suggest. The intention is to create a dedicated website for the Group, the expense of which the Council will be asked to share (on the other hand, the costs of the related survey will not fall on participating Councils).

5.3 The Clerk has re-inspected the work done to the public right of way at **Hope Springs**; it is indicated by appropriate signs in his opinion. Cllr Harrison will check if it is a bridleway or footpath only but it is not believed that any action is required of the Council.

6. Highway matters

Cllr Holder reported that the **road repairs** needed urgently by the Quiet Site had been attended to; he had used the new automated reporting system successfully. Cllr Hughes will take up any serious delay or other complaints about the new system if necessary.

7. Local Government Reorganization

Cllr Hughes reported that the Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council has resigned; from the end of November, John Redmond (Head of Social Care) will act as chief executive.

8. Finance

8.1 The Clerk reported that the **balance** at HSBC Bank plc is £2,782.27cr and at Skipton Building Society £66,362.86cr (plus interest to 31st October 2021).

8.2 **Expenditure** was approved, namely £16 to Watermillock Village Hall for the meeting fees and £100 to the Great North Air Ambulance. There were no unbudgeted expenses to report, although the latest regulations may require increased expenditure on the Council's website (Cllr Lloyd will advise what recorded "hits" have been to date, if that information is available).

8.3 The Clerk had circulated a **draft budget for 2022/23** (as attached), including a precept requirement of £4,000 for the year and estimated expenses totalling £3,805. The draft budget was agreed.

9. Planning:-

9.1 Committee reports (from Watermillock Planning Committee)

3093 re **Land Ends**: following a site meeting, the Watermillock Committee supported the proposal (consent for which has now been granted).

3124 re housing on the **former tennis court at Wreay Mansions**: the Committee objected to the proposal; the application has been withdrawn.

3106 re **Grove Foot Farm**: there was no objection and permission has now been granted for the proposed barn conversion.

3134 re **Pencil Mill, Watermillock**: there was no objection and permission has now been granted.

9.2 Planning Applications pending referred to the Watermillock Planning Committee meeting which followed that evening:-

3179 re **Knotts Hill Caravan Park**; 3181 re **Another Place**; 3187 re **Bennet Head Farm** and 3182 re **Pencil Mill** (to none of the first three were there any objections: the last was adjourned pending a site visit).

Those referred to the Matterdale Planning Committee were 3170 re **Dowthwaite Head Farm** and 3190 re **Penfold Farm, Dockray** (to neither was there any objection).

9.3 The Council agreed to continue to lend its support to the Application to permit the **Waterhead Car Park** to continue in use for a further two years.

9.4 At **Lowthwaite Guest House** a building is reported to have been knocked down and rebuilt. Cllr Gore will take this up with LDNPA if the Matterdale Planning Committee agrees that it is necessary to do so. The work may have been covered by the consent for development recently granted (7/2021/3086)

10. For **training opportunities**, Councillors were referred to the CALC website.

11. **Correspondence-**

Councillors were invited to comment to the Clerk on **visitor management** by the LDNPA in 2021 as requested by Suzi Hankin on behalf of LDNPA.

12. **Other business** taken as a matter of urgency

Scott Wilson has asked for grazing to be permitted on the **Recreation Field** for six months from 1st November 2021. It was agreed to offer him a **grazing licence** for a fee of £50, he taking responsibility to fence the reported gap in the boundary wall. The Clerk will write to him with a draft licence. Cllr Mrs Wilson's interest as his grandmother was disclosed and the permission was approved without her vote being required.

13. **Next meeting-**7.00pm on **10th January 2022** at Watermillock Village Hall. It was agreed that the winter meetings should be at Watermillock Village Hall, but by May 2022 it would be possible to meet at Matterdale Church Room.

D. L. Brown

