

## Matterdale School Foundation

A meeting of Matterdale Parish Council as trustee of the above took place on Monday 7th March 2022 , after the Matterdale Parish Council meeting that evening.

Present: Cllr. McAlpine (in the Chair), Cllrs Lloyd, Dobinson, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Gore, Mrs Bray, Holder and Crofts.

In attendance: the Clerk, Mr Brown.

1. Apologies accepted: Cllr Firth, Shaw, Harrison and Beaumont.
2. The Minutes of the meeting on 10th January 2022 were approved, after adding (in para 7.1) Jane Wood as among those attending the meeting on 8th December 2011.
3. Cllrs. Gore, Harrison, Bray and Crofts declared their interests as trustees of Matterdale Community Association; also Cllr McAlpine as a member of Matterdale PCC.
4. Matters Arising:-The Clerk had written to Messrs Ackroyd, Wood, Williams and Newport to bring them up to date on the proposed Education/Community building at the Recreation Ground.
5. Proposed Housing by the Knotts, Matterdale  
LDNPA has provided the draft s 106 Agreement and accompanying plan. The Clerk had met Chris Ryder of Arnison Heelis, solicitors to instruct them to act for the Council. The Clerk has negotiated with LDNPA some changes to the draft (mainly of a corrective nature).He has circulated the updated version of the Agreement, which it was agreed should be executed on behalf of the Charity and the Parish Council, with a view to its early completion.  
The Clerk has instructed Edwin Thompson & Co, who have agreed to reduce their minimum commission from the £4k quoted. Some preparatory work has been done; draft sale particulars are awaited. Progress with marketing can be made once the s106 Agreement has been completed and the planning consent issued.  
An offer for the entire holding in the sum of £60k has been made; also of £30k for what will be retained after sale of the housing site. It was agreed that neither offer is acceptable. The land to be retained is not for sale at present; it may go on the market when the housing has been built and the houses occupied.
6. New Education/Community Building or alternative community provision
  - 6.1 The remit of the steering group having been extended, the group has met with Rev Cathy Helm, priest in charge of Matterdale, Watermillock and Dacre, and a note of that meeting had been circulated to Councillors.

The Matterdale PCC is to follow up outline proposals for church alterations and an improved meeting room at the back of the Church. It is thought that the meeting room could be doubled in size, though two graves would need to be moved. The diocesan architect will need to be informally consulted before any faculty application can be sensibly prepared.

Parking at present is very limited and it may be an approach should be made to the landowner across the minor road from the Church, to see if he would agree to a land exchange involving the Recreation Field or some part of it.

Substantial charity investment in an improved meeting room may run into sustainability problems; the protection of its investment needs to be considered.

The modifications to the Church building, to upgrade the heating particularly, is expected to come out of church reserves.

6.2 Some limited building on the Recreation Field has not by any means been ruled out; possibly some meeting facilities could be achieved, as well as storage, showers, lavatories and a limited kitchen.

6.3 The steering committee will also need to consider land held with the Royal Hotel, Dockray, which has potential for a small development, though whether the owner of the hotel will allow this is not known.

6.4 It was felt that a further consultation with local residents would be premature, as firm proposals cannot yet be made.

#### 7. Proposed incorporation of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organization (“CIO”)

The updated template for a CIO has been sent to the Clerk, along with notes on the new form. The Clerk will revise the draft already agreed to follow the new template and guidance. Delay in the formation of the CIO will not hamper a sale of the housing site.

8.1. The Clerk reported that the balances were £935.57 at Skipton Building Society; £1,849.52 at Penrith Building Society; £825.94 at Nationwide Building Society, £2,848.17 at Cumberland Building Society (deposit account) and £12,189.21 in the current account there (£60k having been sent to Flagstone Investment Management Ltd for investment in an interest earning account, £77,725.00 at Cambridge and Counties Bank, £77,000.00 at Arbutnot Latham, £77,000.00 at Aldermore Bank and £77,000.00 at Charter Savings Bank (interest being due to be added on these four accounts). New short term deposits will be needed later in the month, though for not more than a year it was agreed.

8.2 Expenditure by the Charity was authorised: sums due to the Clerk as set out on the agenda were agreed and £55 to Matterdale PCC for the use of its meeting room for three steering group meetings.

9. There was no correspondence or other business

10. Next meeting: 23rd May 2022 following the Parish Council meeting at Matterdale Church Room.

D. L. Brown