

## Matterdale School Foundation

A meeting of Matterdale Parish Council as trustee of the above took place on Monday 6th September 2021 , after the Matterdale Parish Council meeting that evening.

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

In attendance: the Clerk, Mr Brown.

1. Apologies accepted: Cllr Mrs Gore, who, being away from home, was in attendance virtually.

2. The Minutes of the meeting on 5th July 2021 were approved as circulated.

3. Cllrs. Gore, Harrison, Bray and Crofts declared their interests as trustees of Matterdale Community Association.

4. Matters Arising:-the Clerk reported that the Charity's annual report had been filed.

5. Proposed Housing by the Knotts, Matterdale

The Development Control Committee of LDNPA is now expected to reach its decision on the application at its meeting on 6th October 2021. Refuse collection arrangements are holding up the planning officer's report, it was believed

6. Progress with proposed new Education/Community Building

6.1 Cllr McAlpine presented a report (attached). It was agreed that the architects should be instructed to apply for amendment of the planning consent granted, re-siting the building to take account of the position of the water main and revising the site layout to remain within the development site, as shown by the revised drawing forming part of his report.

6.2 It was agreed that the steering group should have authority to appoint a Quantity Surveyor.

6.3 On 23rd August 2021 the Clerk had circulated the attached 12 point "Suggested process" to enable the charity to become the sole owner of the Recreation Field, involving the incorporation of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organization ("CIO"), using the Foundation Model provided by the Charity Commission as a template. The draft constitution had been considered by Cllrs Firth, Bray, Gore and McAlpine and was laid on the table as amended and agreed by them. They were all agreed that the recommendation to incorporate should be implemented.

Councillors accepted that the Council would no longer control the Charity and that all charity assets, including the cash reserves and land retained following the sale of the New School (aka the Matterdale Recreation

Centre or Hope Springs), would be transferred to the Incorporated Charity when formed.

Two from among Cllrs Bray, Gore and McAlpine would be the founder trustees of the CIO, with a view to three further local trustees of their choosing being added by co-option. There would then be no longer a conflict of interest between the Parish Council and the Charity when it came to negotiating the price of the Recreation Field and other terms of the transaction; furthermore the CIO would be enabled to enter the building contract when the time came.

The Clerk was instructed to progress the incorporation of the charity.

6.4 The steering group is to press on with proposed applications for grant funding, including to the Lake District Foundation and the Garfield Weston Foundation. A further meeting is to take place on 8th September 2021 with Ms Jenny Wain and Ms Tracey Hart.

7.1. The Clerk reported that, following reinvestment of reserves via the Flagstone platform, the balances were £921.36 at Skipton Building Society; £1,849.52 at Penrith Building Society; £825.94 at Nationwide Building Society, £1,965.91 at Cumberland Building Society (deposit account) and £84,234.78 in the current account there, £77,725.00 at Cambridge and Counties Bank, £77,000.00 at Arbuthnot Latham, £77,000.00 at Aldermore Bank and £77,000.00 at Charter Savings Bank. The Clerk will look to reinvest the £40k in an appropriate interest bearing account.

7.2 Expenditure by the Charity was authorised: £216 incl vat to Dodd & Co for preparing the 2020/21 Accounts and filing the Annual Return, £576 to the Clerk for his half year salary and £144 for paye thereon..

8. There was no correspondence or other business

9. Next meeting: 1st November 2021 following the Parish Council meeting.

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