

## Matterdale School Foundation

A meeting of Matterdale Parish Council as trustee of the above took place on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs Gore (in the Chair), Dobinson, O'Neill, Lloyd, Mrs Beaumont, Firth, Harrison and Airey. **In attendance:** Mr Simon Ball of Orwin & Ball and the Charity's Clerk, Mr Brown.

1. **Apologies accepted:** Clls Mrs Wilson, Ms Newport, and Holder.

2. The **Minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024** were approved, including the circulated amendments.

3. Cllrs. Gore and Harrison **declared** their **interest** as trustees of Matterdale Community Association.

### 4. **Items from steering group reports and matters arising**

4.1 The Clerk reported that the **Annual Return for 2023/24** had been submitted to the Charity Commission

4.2 £10,000 had been **withdrawn from the Flagstone** investments as agreed at the last charity meeting.

### 5. **Finance**

5.1 The Clerk reported that the **balances** were £11,704.51 at Cumberland Building Society (deposit account). The current account balance was £9,930.70 at 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The balance on the Flagstone platform was c£390,000.

5.2 **Payments:** Dodd & Co had been paid £840 and the Clerk £900 (incl of £180 PAYE- for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024). It was agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 the Clerk should be paid £150 gr. monthly.

6. Cllr Gore and the Clerk had hoped to meet Mr Fawcett of Eden Housing Association on the **Matterdale housing site** earlier that day but the meeting did not take place. The Clerk will ask for it to be re-scheduled.

7.1 The **revised plans of the proposed development at the Recreation Field** had gone on display at the Royal Studio on 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October. Opinions on each side had been expressed and the Clerk had received several emails. Clls. had been copied in on the responses and had taken heed of them. The majority of the views expressed were in favour of proceeding.

Accordingly (but without making a decision on whether any development should take place), the **meeting approved submission** by the Parish Council to LDNPA of the amended Orwin & Ball plans of September 2024, as revised 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, by way of variation to the building and layout approved on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 under ref 7/2020/3163. The fee would fall 8/9ths on MSF and 1/9<sup>th</sup> on the Parish Council. A decision can be expected within eight weeks of the application, perhaps sooner.

7.2 If, as expected, LDNPA approves the variation, **further steps** will be needed to refine the budget and business plan, and MCA will need to be clear on the individual responsibilities involved in running the facility.

7.3 It was agreed that a small group (Cllrs Gore and Firth, and clerks Brown and Phillips) should meet as a **working party** to recommend to both PC and the charity how the intended development might proceed to its completion and how it should be managed by MCA.

This was agreed, and the working party also asked to recommend to MPC and MSF the **process by which a new Clerk to MSF might best be identified and appointed** to take over on and from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 (the Clerk will include an invitation to recipients of Ullswater Together Dec24/Jan25 edition to contact him if interested in the position of Clerk to the charity).

7.4 Further need for **local consultation** may need to be considered before any decision on proceeding to construction can be taken.

8.1 Revised **guidance from the Charity Commission** had been circulated but no points on this were raised.

8.2 The Clerk will prepare **a report of this meeting for the Parish Council** meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November and will also in due course send the **minutes of meeting** (redacted if necessary) to Mr Phillips for the Parish Council website

## 9. Next meeting

The **Charity** is to meet on **Wednesday 12th February 2024 at 7.00pm** at the Quiet Site, Watermillock.

