

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Judith Notley, Paul Senior and Derrick Wade, four members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Keith Tondeur and received from District Councillors Pat Bell and Hazel Hodgson.

(The Chairman had called this meeting under delegated powers due to the Clerk being without electricity after Storm Arwen).

**21/141 Public participation:**

- a. Tony Hill read his thoughts on the 'complaint' against the Council that was on the agenda of the last meeting. The work of numerous voluntary organisations and individuals, over many years, with spirit in collaboration and respect was acknowledged. Support for the Parish Council and the volunteers who put themselves forward as Councillors was given, along with District and County Councillors who are elected to represent the majority. It was felt that 'Public Participation' is the appropriate medium for local people and groups to highlight and report issues.
- b. John Peatfield spoke on a recent email from SCRT regarding the Bowston Weir proposal, it was a misrepresentation of the Council and the BioGroup position; this position has been clear for over a year. The Council will write to SCRT to correct the statement. A recent report describes Swifts and House Martins as now on the red list. Wetland areas are very important for these birds; this further supports the need to protect the upstream weir habitat. This will be included in a further response to SLDC.
- c. Roger Leather said that the bid for a 'loop' to be built on the Lakes Line (to allow a half hourly service) had been rejected. It is thought that involved parties will regroup and improve the plan. It is felt that the Windermere Gateway project lacks vision for train travel; this has not been fully integrated into the plan. He has been regularly attending relevant meetings and the station is looking well with planters, noticeboards etc.
- d. The B4RN project for Strickland Ketel will not currently be taken forward for several reasons. The Council will write to the volunteers to thank them for their efforts.
- e. Councillor Wade said that the train had been delayed recently due to a fallen tree.

**21/142 Dapper Dick Award:**

The Chairman presented the Dapper Dick Award (a Certificate and a cheque for £50 to John Peatfield, in recognition of his contribution to both the community and the Council, especially his work surrounding the Bowston Weir removal proposal. John Peatfield confirmed the £50 will be donated to charity.

**21/143 Requests for Dispensations: None.**

#### **21/144 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Will Huck declared an interest as a School Governor, Councillor Notley should any matters relating to the allotments be discussed and Councillor Wade for his involvement with the Burneside Residents Association.

#### **21/145 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **21/146 Council Vacancies:**

The Clerk said there had been one enquiry but no firm expressions of interest.

#### **21/147 County and District Councillor's Reports: None.**

#### **21/148 Updates:**

Councillor Notley:

- a. Allotments - the allotment project continues to move on.
- b. A parish Christmas meal with entertainment is planned for 21st December at 1pm in the Church. **(Cancelled due to the Omicron variant)**

Councillor Senior updated the Council on the LCWIP consultation. He has resubmitted the Council's initial response again to the draft plan released. It seems that the plan is concentrating on Kendal.

Councillor Wade updated the Council on the success of the Residents Association Christmas tree and that it had survived the recent storm. The Clerk had contacted the Police regarding assistance when the Christmas lights etc. were turned on, but had been told that there were no officers available.

Councillor Will Huck:

- a. The condition of the Bowston Bridge wall and the pot holes at the Garnett Bridge Road junction have been reported to CCC.
- b. The Poppy Wreath was laid at the Remembrance Service.
- c. The memorial bench is almost ready to go ahead, the documentation having been signed and returned to CCC.
- d. A meeting had been attended, along with CCC Highways, Stan Collins and Crook Parish Councillors to discuss the Crook Road issues including Bonningate. CCC is aiming to have some plans for the Council to consider in the Spring. There will also be a further meeting with CCC in Burneside to discuss the other issues in the parish.
- e. The Chairman and Alan Thompson are in the process of re-registering the defibrillator, located at Sprint Holme.

### **21/149 Finance:**

- a. An application from Ryan Airey on behalf of the Cricket Club was considered and it was resolved to make a grant of £487.50, the full amount requested.
- b. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council for the financial year 2022-23 in the sum of £27784. There is therefore no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

### **21/150 Residents Association agenda item:**

The Clerk had been in touch with CALC and it is advised that any organisation in the parish can give a report under 'public participation' at the start of each meeting. The other option is that a Parish Council representative can give an update on their behalf. It was agreed that guidance should be followed, so an individual agenda item cannot be granted. The agenda for public participation will be worded so that it includes updates from parish organisations/groups. Specific agenda items can also be requested prior to the agenda being circulated. The Clerk will write to the Residents Association to inform them. Councillor Armer wondered whether some sort of mediation may be useful to improve a working relationship.

### **21/151 Storm Arwen:**

The recent storm was discussed and the damage that has been caused. Councillor Wade spoke of the damage to Hollins Lane and queried whether it would need to be fully shut when repairs are undertaken. The Chairman agreed to report any relevant damage to the appropriate person(s). ***Residents can report any damage to the Council and it will be reported appropriately. Parish groups/organisations can contact the Council if they require help with any storm repairs.***

### **21/152 Code of Conduct:**

The new Code of Conduct, adopted by SLDC, had been circulated to all Councillors and it was unanimously resolved to adopt it for this Council.

### **21/153 Open Forum:**

- a. Councillor Wade asked for the Council to consider making a contribution towards the Residents Association Christmas tree. It was agreed that this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. The boat yard area at Bowston was raised again. The owner of the land has not responded to the Council's contact. The Chairman will contact Councillor Pat Bell about this and the old toilet block.
- c. Bus shelters - the possibility of improving the shelters will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **21/154 Date of the next meeting:**

***Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*

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