

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 1 November 2012

Present: Mary Harkness(Chairman), Matthew Dobson, Bruce Worsley, Chris Smith, Jim Bownass.

In Attendance: Cllr Jim Bland (CCC), Cllr John Holmes (SLDC), Kim Kearney(Clerk), members of the Snooker club.

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Paula Cross– on holiday. Martin Casson – sick.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2012

These were approved.

3 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish council sent its best wishes to Martin Casson who is recovering from a mild heart attack.

6 OPEN SESSION

Four representatives from the Snooker club were present to give their views on the two options put forward by Mary Harkness for their continuing use of the parish room. Their preference is to continue paying £3 per evening for hire of the room and to undertake the internal decorations as previously agreed. .

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

8 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councils may apply for grants up to £30k to help with Neighbourhood plans.

Community Right To Build – the parish council could nominate buildings or land for registration as community assets. Before sale, the parish council could submit a bid to take over the asset.

Developments providing affordable homes under '106 agreements' may be challenged on their viability. As an alternative, developers could provide funds towards social housing schemes. This may be better than mixed developments.

SDLC is one of 12 local authorities piloting a scheme offering owners of empty homes improvement loans. SLDC has 1,000 empty homes.

Concerns are being expressed that a situation could develop whereby people are unable to afford private rents. Given that 'affordable' social rents may be up to 80% of open market rents, these could escalate out of reach for many. This will in turn put pressure on local authorities who have a responsibility to provide for homeless people.

9 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT
 CALC is recommending that the precept is set after Christmas. The parish council Clerk will agree the budget in December and finalise the precept at February's meeting.

10 GRITTING
 J Holmes reported that he is meeting with CCC next week regarding the release and delivery of grit.

11 HIGHWAYS
 Deferred until Martin Casson's return

12 UPDATE FROM LDNPA PIANNING POW-WOW
 This was noted.

13 PARISH ROOM PROPOSAL
 The parish council agreed to defer this item until December's meeting when Paula Clerk Cross & Martin Casson would be at the meeting.

14 PARISH PLAN UPDATES

14.1 Crime & Disorder
 The October report from the PCSO was noted.

14.2 UPDATING OF PARISH PLAN
 The parish council agreed to defer this item until next year. Clerk

14.3 BROADBAND
 John Sceal has decided to stand down as Broadband Champion for the parish. The parish council thanked him for the considerable amount of work he had undertaken on the broadband survey.

The Connecting Cumbria project should start moving shortly and a new champion Members will be required to ensure the parish's requirements are represented. Parish councillors to speak to possible candidates.

15 PLANNING

15.1 New Planning Applications
 7/2012/5569 – Ext & Alterations Gill Head, Crosthwaite
 7/2012/5572 – Glasshouse, Inman Howe, Lyth

The parish council had no comment on either.

15.2 Planning Appeals Refused
 7/2011/5593 – Durham Bridge Farm, Lyth

This was noted by the parish council.

16 FINANCE

16.1 Income & Expenditure 2012/13
 The following account was authorised for payment and the receipts noted:

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Eon quarterly electricity bill	32.81	
COIF Div 513560001T		36.07
COIF Div 513560002T		7.58
BSA Interest 3 months		0.04
COIF Div 539490001T		12.67

COIF Div 934430001B		248.35
NSIB Dividend		9.82

17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Electricity North West Questionnaire. Jim Bownass will complete on behalf of the parish council. Jim Bownass
- SLDC Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review 2013 Consultation - Noted
- LDNPA Min
- erals Safeguarding Areas Consultation Document - noted.
- Great North Air Ambulance - request for donation (2013/2014). Deferred for budget discussion.
- Cumbria Wetland Project – SavinHill & Helsington Moss - noted
- CCC Carer Consultation – clerk to mention in parish magazine. Clerk
- Email from Tim Farron regarding Vascular Services at Lancaster – clerk to mention in parish magazine

16 PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

Mary Harkness reported on the surgery that she attended in October. She had received a request that the undergrowth on the lane be cut back which Matthew Dobson has done. In addition, Peter Hill had asked if anyone from the parish council was interested in becoming the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Forum, but there were no takers.

Bruce Worsley will attend the next Exchange on 14 November.

17 COMMUNICATIONS

The clerk was asked to communicate the following: Clerk

- Tim Farron’s email regarding Vascular Services
- Carer’s Consultation

18 MEETINGS

The date of the next parish council meeting is 6 December 2012 in the Memorial Hall. Clerk

Kim Kearney
7 November 2012