

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**PRESENT:** Mr M L Dobson (Chair), Mr C Smith, Mr C Fletcher, Mr P Cartmell, Ms M Harkness, Mr E Robinson,

**In Attendance:** Mr G Pitt (Clerk)..Mr J Bland (CCC), Mr R Brown (SLDC) Mr J Holmes (Chair, of Employment and Business group)

1. **APOLOGIES,** Mr J Bownass

2. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE :** Email from Sgt Sizer who reported no incidents in the parish but advised on thefts of scrap metal and car contents in adjacent parishes. Sgt Sizer hoped to attend at the next meeting

3. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 20th March 2008 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

## 4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**re: 6.3 CALC Conference 29<sup>th</sup> March:** J Bownass and G Pitt had attended J Bownass had prepared a written report. The conference had considered a number of options for formal and ad hoc groupings of Parish and Town Councils as a means of handling more delegated powers although it was not clear what powers were to be delegated.. JB and GP were concerned that the CCC proposals might be imposed, in the end, and they were based on each group being centred on a service centre town – in our case Kendal. At this stage CALC were consulting its members and no formal proposals had been made.

**re: 9.1 Road repairs:** The Highways Engineer had been approached again and it was understood that more work on Toll Bar Road was scheduled Additional pothole repairs were in hand. See also report under Parish Plan groups (5.4 below)

**re: 10.1 Bottle Bank.** No formal response from Punch Bowl management over re-siting but it was understood that the hotel used the facility extensively. Members felt that it was inappropriate to proceed without a formal request from the PCC.

## 5. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

**5.1 Housing** Verbal report from M Harkness. The draft (extended) questionnaire developed by the working group had been examined by CRHT and some changes had been requested. These changes would be made soon and the questionnaire returned for further scrutiny. J Bland commented that the LDNPA were moving towards a more flexible policy on barn conversions – particularly for local occupancy. He was interested in the home grown questionnaire and recommended that care be taken over confidentiality of data collected from the completed questionnaires.

**5.2 Community Events:** It was noted that the badminton club had reformed.

**5.3 Employment and Business:** J Holmes had discussed web site development with J Sceal and had agreed on the inclusion of links to businesses and business support information. He would endeavour to produce a flier for businesses before the public meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**5.3a First responders.** J Holmes reported that a meeting had been held with adjacent parishes with the aim of setting up a joint First Responders team. In the circumstances it was agreed that the Parish Council would not wish to control any such group which was welcome to operate independently. As and when the group wished to report back to the PC, such reports would be minuted under the Parish Plan progress heading.

**5.4 Roads and Traffic:** John Handley had reported verbally. The next team visit is due in May; councillors were asked to list any defects/repairs required to JH so that he could have a list available. JH was also working closely with Nick Raymond on investigating the feasibility of a footpath from School to Church.

**5.5 Community Web site.** J Sceal gave a further presentation, with projector, on progress to date. Links had been established with other web sites and the site was now recognised by Google. Links into Church, WI and Village Hall diaries were discussed; JS will follow up. JS was congratulated on the quality of the web site. Presentation will be repeated at the Annual Parish Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May.. . :

## **6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 SLDC/CCC/CALC Parish Charter:** Final, signed version laying out commitments between principal authorities and town/parish councils. Noted and circulated. Extra copies to be sent to each councillor.

**6.2 CALC 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Rep for CCC ;**Call for nominations by 9<sup>th</sup> May – no immediate interest.

**6.3 VAC Cumbria CALOR Village of the year.** Invitation. Circulated.

**6.4 CCC Resource Cumbria (Waste management partnership)** Glossies – circulated.

**6.5 Government Office (NW) Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation on proposed changes.** Deadline for comments 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Clerk to review before meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May. **Action: Clerk**

**6.6 FOLD Rural Greens Project Final Report.** Noted and circulated

**6.7 LDNPA Meeting with Parish Councils 28<sup>th</sup> April in Keswick.** - Reminder. No immediate takers.

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning permission granted:**

7/2008/5051 Hardriggs, Crosthwaite alterations & extension for Mr & Mrs Monaghan

### **New applications:**

Diversion of footpaths at Broad Oak – no objections.

## **8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)**

**Income:** NSI interest (1 month) £ 45.11

**Expenditure approved:** Allianz for annual insurance £661.50  
Fees for CALC conference (2) £ 20.00

**Final year end management accounts** were tabled, in line with draft accounts from the previous month. These accounts would be (internally) audited within the next week. The accounts were approved and signed subject to audit.

**Annual Report** Clerk tabled a draft annual report which was approved.

## **9. Parish Council Elections 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008.**

Nine nominations were registered by the due date, two of which were withdrawn within the 24hr period after confirmed nominations were listed. Hence the remaining seven nominees were elected unopposed to fill the seven available vacancies. They were:

James Bownass, Martin Casson, Matthew Dobson Michael Dobson, Daniel Dobson, Mary Harkness  
And Christopher Smith

The new councillors will take office on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## **9. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None**

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS; None**

Since this was the last meeting of this Council, those present adjourned to the Punch Bowl Inn for sandwiches and coffee.

**Date(s) of next Meeting and AGM: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

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**NB Annual Parish Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May (Memorial Hall)**

GP 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008