

Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting
held online on Tuesday 06 April 2021 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman) (*) Cllr Robert Sykes (Vice Chairman) (*)
Cllr Evelyn Brookes, Cllr Matthew Dobson (*), Cllr Alan Gerrard,
Cllr Tracy Johnson, Cllr Andrew Metcalfe

Invited :

Cllr Jim Bland - County Council Representative
Cllr John Holmes - District Council Representative
6 members of the public

MINUTES

1. Apologies

None

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 02 March 2021

The minutes had been circulated to councillors prior to this meeting and it was **proposed** (AM prop, TJ sec) that they are accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and that the Chairman should sign them

- **Action** – clerk to add to the web site

MF

5. Items carried forward from the previous meeting but not covered on this agenda

The NPSG have communicated with Castes and Coasts who are wish to discuss ideas. The Group will be working with AECOM for free advice, and continue to work on an Issues and Options document. To this end the Group ask that the Council funds a Photographic competition for prizes to the value of £125. The Group are also looking for focus and discussion groups in the following four categories Local Housing, Design and Sustainability, Local Business and Infrastructure, Community Facilities, and Nature and the Environment.

6. Chairman's Announcements

- The issues regarding waste material at Hubbersty Head remains ongoing

7. Open Session

None

8. Reports

a. County Councillor Jim Bland

Repairs to the Toll Road bridge continue to be an issue and Cllr Bland has raised the matter with Highways. The bridge at Dove Nest has been reported. The Election n 06 May will be for Police Crime Commissioner, polling station will be open (bring your own pencil) but we are encouraged to have a postal vote.

It was **proposed** that the Clerk writes to Cumbria Highways to resolve the issue regarding the Toll Road Bridge which has been closed for some time.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

- b. District Councillor John Holmes
Elections on 06 May are for Parish Council as well as the Police Commissioner, SLDC encourages voters to use a postal vote. **Cumbria Recovery Plan** responses to www.cumbriarecovery.org. **Grange Lido** additional funds allocated of £850k. **Cross-a-moor roundabout** (Ulverston) SLDC to underwrite an additional £950k. **Street Marshalls** (4) are in place for weekends and Bank Holidays across South Lakeland. **Pop up Campsites** permission has been extended to 56 days under Covid regulations. **Unitary Authority** for Cumbria consultation continues, SLDC web site has comparisons.
- c. Police
None

9. Planning

- a. 7/2021/5183
Location : Field near Oak Fold and Wood Yeat, Crosthwaite
Proposal : Wooden field shelter for sheep and storage
Reply by : 16 April

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

- b. 7/2021/5219
Location : Barn 3, Broad Oak, Crosthwaite LA8 8JL
Proposal : Amendment to design condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2019/5588 (conversion of two barns to three dwellings) to provide an additional bedroom and garage.
Reply by : 16 April

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

- c. 7/2021/5131
Location : Plum Tree Cottage, Lyth LA8 8DD
Proposal : Proposed two story extension to the side of an existing dwelling.
Reply by : 14 April

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

- d. 7/2021/5138
Location : Hardriggs, Crosthwaite, LA8 8HX
Proposal : Erection of domestic garage and workshop following refusal of 7/2020/5594
Reply by : 09 April

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

- e. 7/2021/5168
 Location : Fair View, Crosthwaite, LA8 8DD
 Proposal : Demolition of stables and construction of ancillary accommodation
 Reply by : 07 April

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal with the proviso that the accommodation is not used as a holiday let at any time in the future and that it is covered by a local occupancy clause.

- f. 7/2021/5245
 Location : Barn Howe, Howe Lane, Lyth LA8 8DF
 Proposal : Proposed conservatory and alterations to windows and doors.
 Reply by : 27 April

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

- **Action** – clerk to notify LDNPA Planning **MF**

10. Finance

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| a. | Bank balance at 26 March | £ 11,190.86 | Business account |
| | | £ 11,340.07 | Business Premium Account |
| b. | Martin French (Wages) | £ 148.40 | (20 hours) |
| c. | HMR&C | £ 37.00 | (PAYE) |
| d. | NPower | £ 14.93 | (Feb acct) |
| e. | Martin French (Expenses) | £ 53.90 | (Signs Express) |
| f. | Martin French (Expenses) | £ 68.79 | (printer ink, stamps, files, paper) |
| g. | Chris Smith | £ TBA | (March inv) |
| h. | Zurich Insurance | £ 480.85 | |
| i. | It is proposed that above payments are made, and receipts recorded | | |

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal and that all payments should be made.

The Clerk will look at making the necessary accruals at year end.

- **Action** – clerk to arrange for payment and recording. **MF**

11. Cumbria – Local Government Reorganisation

A statement supporting the Bay Authority as a Unitary had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting, and it was **proposed** that the Council accepts this statement (see appendix 1).

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal and asked that the clerk send it to the Consulting Authority.

- **Action** – Clerk to send the statement to the consulting body. **MF**

12. Road Closure C5048, Totter Bank 15 March for 12 days

it was **proposed** that a letter is sent to NW Electricity complaining at the length of time it took to complete this work and the disruption it caused to the village.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to write to NW Electricity

MF

13. Area surrounding the Clapper Bridge

The Council had received comments about the brash following the clearance of scrub at the clapper bridge. The original decision, at the time of clearance, was to leave the brash to rot down and provide habitat for birdlife and mammals, and in time the scrub will grow. This is normal practice in these circumstances.

It was **proposed** that no action is taken at this time.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

14. Preparation for Face to Face Council Meetings

- a. Legislation enabled virtual meetings up to 06 May 2021 so if legislation is not updated we will need to consider returning to face to face meetings :
 - i. Location
 - ii. Format
- The Clerk was asked to add this to the May agenda.

15. Hubbersty Head

- a. Signage
The 'No Tipping' sign is in place.
The Council is considering the matter of the removal of pieces of corrugated asbestos sheeting.

16. Parish Council Elections 06 May 2021

The Clerk has sent out several sets of Nomination Papers and other information.
The closing date for papers is 4pm on Thursday 08 May 2021.

17. Static caravan and Domestic caravan on site in Crosthwaite

An email from LDNPA Planning regarding this matter has been circulated to councillors.

18. Climate Change and the Greening Campaign

It was **proposed** (RSm prop, RSy sec) that the Council recognises the Climate Emergency and takes what action it can in response. Initially it will try to introduce the Greening Campaign to the Parish.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal and will seek interested people to take on the project.

This is an exciting proposal and a move by the Parish Council to tackle issues relevant to the Parish, and as such will support a community group. Further information on the Greening Campaign can be found on this site <https://slacc.org.uk> , if you are interested please contact the clerk crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk .

- **Action** – Clerk to communicate to the Parish.

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19. Facebook

- a. There will be a proposal that the Parish Council has a Facebook page (AG)
This proposal is for the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to aid communication to parishioners.

It was **proposed** that the Clerk and Cllr Gerrard look into setting up a Council Facebook site.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

- **Action** – Clerk and Cllr Gerrard to move this forward.

MF & AG

20. Litter Pick

Cllr Eve Brookes confirmed that she would co-ordinate a litter pick. SLDC Cllr John Holmes confirmed that SLDC can provide equipment and bags.

21. Communications

The Clerk was asked to communicate the above matters to the Parish via the Web site, the Westmorland Gazette correspondent, the Two Valleys News, and the Newsletter.

- **Action** – Clerk to communicate as above

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22. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 04 May 2021 on line starting at 7:30pm
- b. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council including the Election of Officers date 18 May at 7:30pm
- c. Annual Parish Meeting date TBA

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Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman)

Dated:- 04 May 2021

Appendix 1

Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Response to consultation on proposed unitary authority

There are four options:

- 1 Proposed by Barrow, South Lakeland and Lancaster
'The Bay' comprising Barrow, South Lakeland and Lancaster City and 'North Cumbria' comprising Allerdale, Carlisle, Copeland and Eden.
- 2 Proposed by Allerdale and Copeland
'West Cumbria' comprising Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland and 'East Cumbria' comprising Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland.
- 3 Proposed by Carlisle and Eden
'North Cumbria' comprising Allerdale, Carlisle and Eden, and 'South Cumbria' comprising Barrow, Copeland and South Lakeland.
- 4 Proposed by Cumbria County Council
A single unitary council covering the whole of the county of Cumbria.

This Council, which is in South Lakeland, supports the first option for the following reasons:

- 1 We rule out Option 4. Cumbria Council has not been a success. The problem is the nature of Cumbria; it is like a doughnut with a hole in the middle. The Lake District fells in the middle make an insuperable problem of communication round the periphery, which engenders a sense of isolation. It is desirable to split Cumbria to mitigate this problem.
- 2 However, there is a numbers problem. The recommended minimum population for a unitary authority is 300,000. Rounding the figures, the population of Cumbria is 449,000 so any split is bound to fall short. The figures for option 2 are 274,000/225,000 and for option 3, 259,000/240,000. By including Lancaster Option 1 offers 318,000/327,000.
- 3 We object to Option 2 principally on geographical grounds: Shap Fell to the north of Kendal is a formidable barrier separating South Lakeland from Eden. However, it would be our second preference. At a presentation to Parish Councils the representatives of Allerdale and Copeland stressed the importance of keeping those two councils together: they adjoin and are both former industrial areas. That would be better achieved, we suggest, by Option 1.
- 4 We object to Option 3 again on geographical grounds. From Kendal (in South Lakeland) Whitehaven (in Copeland) feels remote. We have no reason to travel there and rarely do. It is a tortuous one and a half hours from Kendal. Penrith (Eden) is an hour and Carlisle 55 minutes from Whitehaven.
- 5 The Bay is not a newly invented artifact. There is a history of cultural and economic co-operation, and the forceful charity The Morecambe Bay Partnership promotes this very area. Barrow in Furness and a broad swathe of land east of it to Windermere and beyond were formerly in Lancashire and still relate to it.