DUNDRAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on Monday 20th March, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

A. Austin
J. Bennett (Chair)
J. Dockeray
G. Franks
C. Storey
Also Present:
M. Johnson, Allerdale Borough Councillor
J. Lister, Cumbria County Councillor
K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor
J. Rae (Clerk)

68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. L. Hall. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

69 MINUTES 16 JANUARY 2033

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January, 2023 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received. No requests for dispensations were received

71 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Franks reported there had been an issue with the post box in Dundraw. This had highlighted that the post box may not be emptied every day. The issue had been reported to the Sorting Office in Wigton.

72 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 16 JANUARY 2023

The Parish Council had requested to be provided with an analysis of the data from the traffic surveys carried out in Dundraw. A response had not been received from the County Council.
Cllr Austin reported that an incident occurred on the 14th February involving the school bus and a tractor meeting on the Waverbridge to Dundraw road which had resulted in the school bus getting stuck on the grass verge. A recovery vehicle had to be called to provide assistance. Cllrs Johnson and Lister agreed to raise this matter at the local area committee meeting the next day.

It was reported that rubbish is still being dumped on the land next to the Limes Farm at Dundraw. This had previously been reported to the Borough Council. Members noted that additional information is required before the Borough Council can take any action.

73 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr Johnson reported that the Borough Council will cease to exist as of 31st March 2023. Arrangements are being finalised to hand over to the new Cumberland Council from 1st April. Cllr Johnson was thanked for his work in the parish.
Cumbria County Council – Cllr Lister reported that he will be retiring from local government at the end of March. Members thanked Cllr Lister for his advice and assistance whilst representing the parish at the County Council.
Cumberland Council – Cllr Thurlow reported that there are still four assistant director posts to be filled at the new Cumberland Council.
Community Police Officer – The newsletter for the Wigton area had been circulated prior to the meeting.

74 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Statement of Accounts

The income and expenditure account had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances as at 28th February 2023

Treasurers a/c	£370.49
Business a/c	£710.00

Income received

HMRC – VAT Refund £ 30.86

(b) Payment of accounts: The following accounts were approved for payment:

Wheyrigg Hall Hotel – Room Hire	£ 20.00
Clerk's account Quarter 4	£272.56
HMRC – PAYE Quarter 4	£ 55.00

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/External Auditors/Review of the Effectiveness of the internal audit

Members noted the receipt of notification of the external auditor appointment for 2022-23 financial year and for the 5 year period until 2026-27 will be Moore in Peterborough.
Members RESOLVED to appoint Mr. L. Hayton as the internal auditor for financial year 2022-23.
Members noted and approved the contents of the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit.

75 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received: None

(b) Decisions:

Re-consultation on planning application

Reference No: FUL/2022/0208
Proposal: Replacement dwelling with associated landscaping and parking
Location: Kelsick Moss House, B5302 Abbeytown to Wheyrigg, Abbeytown, CA7 4TJ GRANTED

76 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

Highways had advised that the pot hole on Waverbridge had been fixed and the pot holes on the B5302 near Dian House Farm had been fixed. They are aware of the drainage issue at the Waverbridge/Dundraw junction in Dundraw and had requested photographs of the flooding issue at the B5302/Blencogo junction.

77 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email.

CALC - Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletters
CALC - Cumbria Local Authority Climate Updates
CALC - Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service Council Tax Consultation
CALC - How Town & Parish Councils can support Community Resilience E-Poster
NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin
Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter January 2023
ACT - Update January 2023
CALC - Cost of living funding for individual households- Allerdale & Copeland Residents
CALC - Cumbria in Bloom Pride in Your Community Awards 2023
CCRG: Finding, Understanding and Using Weather Information - 9 March Event
CALC - Royal Garden Party - 3 May 2023
Allerdale Borough Council - Clerk, Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections
CALC - Community Hubs/Power Loss Questionnaire
Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter - February 2023
CALC – Cumberland Briefing update – 23rd March 2023
Allerdale Borough Council - Clerk, Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections
Allerdale Briefing on 28 February 2023- presentation slides, blank nomination form (including register request/absent voter request) and a quick guide to campaigning

78 PARISH PLAN

No new matters were added to the plan.

79 PARISH ELECTIONS 2023

Members noted that the Notice of Election had been published. Nomination packs were distributed to members. Nominations commence on 21st March and completed forms must be delivered by hand to Electoral Services at the Borough Council by 4.00pm on 4th April, 2023.

80 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates for the meetings for the next Council year were agreed
Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting 22nd May, 2023
17th July, 18th September, 20th November, 2023, 15th January, 18th March, 2024

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....