DUNDRAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on Monday 18 November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

A. Austin
J. Bennett (Chair)
J. Dockeray
C. Storey
Also Present:
J. Rae (Clerk)

45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr G. Franks. The reason for absence was noted and accepted. An apology for absence was also received from K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor.

46 MINUTES 16 SEPTEMBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2024 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received
No requests for dispensations were received

48 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

49 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2024

None

50 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr Thurlow was not in attendance.

Community Police Officer – The newsletter for the Maryport, Silloth Wigton area had been circulated prior to the meeting.

51 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Statement of Accounts

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

Balances as at 31st October 2024

Treasurers a/c	£977.55
Business a/c	£710.00

Members noted the correspondence received from Lloyds Bank advising that from 14 January 2025 they will be changing the Treasurers account to a Community account and will be charging an account maintenance fee for day-to-day banking services. An account maintenance fee of £4.25 per month will be charged plus a fee of £0.50 for each cheque paid out of the account.

The Clerk agreed to enquire about moving the account to another bank or building society.

(b) Income Received:

Cumberland Council – Half Yearly Precept £1250.00
HMRC VAT Refund - £12.07.

(c) Members noted the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024-25 had been agreed on 23 October backdated to 1 April 2024

(d) The following account was approved for payment:

Wheyrigg Hall Hotel Room Hire £ 20.00

(e) Budget 2025-26

A draft budget had been circulated with the agenda. Members discussed the anticipated expenditure for financial year 2025-26. It was proposed that an amount should be included in the budget to cover the potential bank charges. Resolved that the precept should be increased to £2700.00.

52 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received:

WTPO/2024/0031 - Silverbeck, Waverbridge, Wigton, CA7 0DT
Proposal: Reduce limbs on Corsican Pine by up to 3m on neighbours side to lessen the chances of limb failure due to heavy weight on that side. Crown raise around BT cable and where necessary so not to unbalance the trees crown. No objections

(b) Decisions: None

53 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was noted that following a recent road collision the chevrons on the B5302 on the bend approaching the Dundraw junction had been destroyed.

Members suggested that a site meeting should be arranged with an Engineer from Highways to discuss the condition of the Dundraw to Waverbridge road. An issue in the area had resulted in flooding/standing water on the road.

It was also raised that HGVs visiting the site where the new slurry lagoon is being installed are causing a road safety issue with mud being deposited on the road and not being cleared away creating a skid risk. The school bus company had also raised the issue.

54 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Charge my Street Webinars
NALC / CALC Financial Services Ombudsman Campaign survey
Cumberland Council - CAfS/Zero Carbon Cumbria Community Climate Grants
CALC – AGM
Cumberland Council - Newsletters
CALC - Launch of New Cumbria People and Nature Network Website
CALC - Invite to Workshops for Cumbria LNRS Mapping
CALC - Community Panels - one year on
CALC - Website training/information session
CALC - Planning training
CALC - Free .gov.uk Domain & Email Offer
CALC - Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024
Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
CALC - Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council
CALC - Fells & Solway Community Panel Network Event
CALC - The latest news from your Fells and Solway Community Panel
Hyperfast GB Newsletter - Autumn 2024

55 PARISH PLAN

No additional items were added to the Plan.

56 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

No expressions of interest had been received.

57 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th January, 2025

The meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.

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