

Kentmere Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm

Present:

Peter Lansberry (Chair), Jackie Green (Clerk), Iain Johnston, Jackie Bettess, Robert Courtier, Clare Courtier, Steph McIvor, Ian McIvor, Sandra Johnston, Hilary Fry, Kathie Fry, Carol Lansberry, Roger Dewhurst, Christine Hevey, Margaret Harrison, Edward Harrison, Steve Haywood, Harriet Kelly, Sally Allen, Andrew Yeats, Max Biden, Maggie Biden, Stan Collins (SLDC and CCC Councillor).

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed residents to the Meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Anne Williams, Andrew Williams, Jayne Park (Cumbria police), Andrew Griffin, Vanessa Griffin, Keith Talbot, Gay Talbot, Hazel Brownlow, Tricia Broomby, Peter Bettess, Tim Sturgis, Clara Black, Robert Ridley, Rosamund Ridley.

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations made.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

5 Matters arising from the minutes of 14th November 2016

The following matters arising from the last meeting were discussed:

7.3 Banking Arrangements - the Meeting noted that the parish meeting account has been moved from Lloyds to Cumberland BS as agreed at the last meeting.

11.2 The Pound – the road surface has not been improved yet.

6. People of Kentmere

The Chair informed the meeting of the sad death of Jean Sturgis in December 2016. Keith and Jeannie Connors have moved from Pumple Syke House and the new owners are Tim and Kate Whitley (plus their children Emma and Matthew).

7. Finance

7.1 Detailed Annual Accounts

The Chair presented his report on the annual accounts to year ended March 2017, which showed a surplus of £1,452.51. Discussions are still ongoing with South Lakeland DC with regard to expenditure on verge maintenance.

7.2 Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

The meeting approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17. 7.3 Accounting Statement 2016/17

The meeting approved the Accounting Statement for 2016/17.

7.4 Approval of Payments

The Chair presented the meeting with four budgeted payments from the account; all were approved by the meeting without dissent.

8.1 Planning

The Chairman reported that there are no current planning applications in Kentmere Parish.

8.2 Community Led Plan

The meeting agreed to remove this item from the agenda until further notice.

9. Parish Reports

9.1 Upper Kent Local Area Partnership (UKLAP)

There will be a meeting of the UKLAP on 21st June 2017.

9.2 Broadband and telephone

Jackie Bettess presented a report to the meeting with details of fibre Broadband project in the valley and its progress. The report included clarification of the national context for the project; the financial basis for the final scheme; and details of the process of getting the work undertaken on the ground. There is no timescale available for when the connections will go live nor the final 'reach' of the connectivity, designed to serve postcodes LA8 9JL and LA8 9JP. JB thanked Peter Lansbury and Roger Dewhurst for their inputs in progressing the project and the meeting thanked JB for her hard work in the implementation stages and negotiation with contractors. The meeting discussed the lack of availability of mobile phone signals in the valley, especially in the context of BT wanting to rationalize public phone box facilities. The emergency services mobile communications contract is also being replaced which might offer an opportunity for better provision for the public depending on the outcome.

9.3 Highways

Robert Courtier presented a report to the meeting concerning the proposed efforts to improve the communication and efficiency of the Cumbria CC Highways road maintenance programme. Given the way the new parish-facing logging system works, RC requested the meeting to consider the best way of managing the inputting of issues onto the new system. The Chair proposed that a nominated person for Kentmere, Robert Courtier, should take responsibility for inputting information; this proposal was seconded by Max Biden and approved by the meeting.

10. Other Village Reports

10.1 St Cuthbert's Church

Iain Johnston presented a picture of the string musicians who had taken part in the Eastertime tuition and performance at the church, under the tutelage of Christopher Allen and facilitated by Jim Sharp. It was proposed to submit the photo for inclusion in the Parish Magazine. The official celebration of the completed refurbishment of St Cuthbert's took place on 7th May, presided over by the Bishop of Carlisle.

10.2 Community First Responders

Jackie Bettess informed the meeting that Peter Bettess and herself were retiring from the Kentmere CFR group.

10.3 Television for Kentmere

Max Biden had circulated the end of year report for 2016, together with a request for the next annual subscription, last February. Nearly a third of all subscriptions were outstanding and should be paid to MB or directly into the account. MB reported that there had been some interference from the 4G network but this had been fixed by Andrew Brass.

10.4 Police Community Support Officer

The Clerk received apologies from PCSO Jayne Park and there was no report for Kentmere.

11. Any other business

11.1 Balsam Clearing in Kentmere

The meeting was informed of three dates that the Balsam Clearing working party would be working in Kentmere over the summer. Volunteers welcome.

11.2 Report from Cllr Stan Collins

Cllr Collins apologized for his late arrival owing to a clash with Staveley Parish Council meeting. He reported on the progress and official opening of Gowan Bridge later in the month. He urged residents to use the polling facility at the Kentmere Institute so that it remains open for such use.

11.3 Appointment of Parish Clerk

The current parish clerk, Jackie Green, has completed the three-year term as agreed in the constitution. Iain Johnston offered to take over the role; the meeting agreed and thanked Jackie Green for her work over the last three years.