

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

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| Chair       | Cllr Brian Goulding  |
| Councillors | Cllr Craig Ashton<br>Cllr David Ritson<br>Cllr Eileen Eastwood<br>Cllr David Halliday<br>Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick<br>Cllr David Moore<br>Cllr Fiona Robinson |
| Clark/ RFO  | Ms Jill Bush   |
| Public      | Ms Brenda Parsons<br>Mr Paul Turner  |

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

**ITEM**

1. Apologies  
Cllr Liz Mawson  
Cllr Ken Mawson
2. **Announcements from the Chair**  
None
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**  
None
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
Minutes Proposed Cllr Moore, seconded Cllr Halliday. Ratified and signed off
5. **Matters Arising**
  - 5.1 Planning application – Sellafield New Steam Generation Plant & Demolition of CHP. Cllr Moore reported Sellafield are going to address the concerns raised by the Ponsonby, Gosforth and Seascale Parishes and will be arranging to meet with the relevant Councils. Cllr Moore will liaise with Sellafield and the other Parishes.
  - 5.2 Toilet Block to be put on next month's agenda.
  - 5.3 Seating to castle area. Council discussed replacement plastic boards for greater durability and maintenance however, the contractor already procured wood and stained it. However, the seating but will be fitted with stainless steel bolts. This work will be carried out, weather permitting.
6. **Library**

A notice was put on the Gosforth and Seascale Facebook page regarding this agenda and there has been a lot of positive feedback and a lot of interest being shown. Parishioners Ms Jan Nichols who worked in the library and Ms Liz Bowle (who was previously responsible for all the northern Cumbrian libraries) have offered to help and support the project. A draft business case for the

sustainability of the library, including the consideration of a separate group/management committee to run the library, consisting of up to three councillors and three local people with specific skills and experience. The Parish Council believe the parishioners mentioned above would be ideal candidates. The library would be run on a similar basis to the sports hall. A risk register and 6-month schedule was submitted to Council for consideration. The library must be self-sustaining for it to work. A group using the library computers had enquired if this facility could continue. CCC will leave the wifi system but need to remove their computers, due to regulations coming into force next May. These could be replaced if the Parish Council can get sponsorship or a donation and a licence needs to be considered for the use of this facility. Opening hours will be as at present with the intention to extending this. Book stocks can be upgraded/refreshed possibly through donations and using the same outlets and also working in close liaison with other similar/interested groups. Accountability will lie with the Parish Council and the management committee will report to the Parish Council. H&S contact will be the Parish Council Chair. The contact details of councillors who can be contacted about the library will be passed onto the CCC. Clerk to action. Actioned

The completed draft Business Case Form will be forwarded to the Cllrs w/c 9<sup>th</sup> October for any further comments. It will then be sent to CCC for opinion before final submission. Clerk to action. Actioned

## **7. Public Participation**

**7.1** Ms Parsons made the following comments/raised the following questions:

- Claimed the Chair had smeared her on Facebook. The Chair denied this and stated no comments had been made by him on Facebook about her and asked if there are any questions she wished to ask the Council.
- When would the post in the car park by the Company whose employee knocked it over be repaired? Council advised a temporary repair had been carried out and the Company will be contacted shortly.
- The Chair was asked if he knew why the post was in the middle of the entrance of the car park? The Chair advised, as he doesn't live near the car park, he didn't know it came to be there.
- Did CCTV catch this incident? No, it wouldn't as this area is blocked out.
- Why haven't the ladies and gent's toilets been opened? The Council confirmed it is only the gent's toilets which are closed at present, pending repairs.
- The flagpole doesn't have the sense of occasion. It has tatty bunting on it and hoped the Union flag will be flown on Armistice Day. The Council is confident the flag officer would ensure the Union flag will be flown on Armistice Day.
- Will the Union flag be taken down and then put up again on Armistice Sunday? The Council are confident it will.
- Stated it is not only her who complains, that a lot of people do but can't, because they don't know how to contact you. The Chair and other councillors refuted this claim.
- Cllr Harvey-Chadwick was accused of not speaking to her. The Cllr refuted this stating she always says hello when she sees her.
- She met the constituent MP with a claim there was a breach of safety regulations in the car park (the breach was not specified, nor the MP's response).
- Claimed it was the MP who brought up the donation from Morgan Sindall and had stated "surely it can only be good that the Council can give the money to the scouts". Ms Parsons acknowledged she attends most, if not all, PC meetings and cannot recall any money being donated to the scouts. The Council advised they cannot answer for any suppositions an MP may have.
- Referred to a minute of the previous meeting regarding the waste of public funds on the complaint made to the BDO and stated "I wish Mr Chairman you would stop wasting police money and time by trying to get me into Court because you consider that I am a criminal. Will you please stop it now? I will not go for any questioning, because no crime has been committed." The Chair responded this is not the forum...Ms Parsons responded, "this is not the place for you to try and get me into Court". The Council again advised Ms Parsons this is not the forum to bring this up. Ms Parsons reiterated the above comments.

- 7.2** Cllr Paul Turner felt the Copeland community A595 group is not working. There are two other groups currently involved in the same issues. He suggested if the local A595 group did disband, concerns could be passed directly to him, as a County Councillor he can bring these up at County level. Responses to concerns could also possibly be dealt with more quickly. The Chair acknowledged there were problems, not least that meetings were being arranged during working day hours and many parish councillors also work full or part-time and little was getting resolved. The PC agreed with the proposal suggested by Cllr Turner.
- 7.3** Cllr Moore also asked if Highway issues could also be forwarded to Cllr Turner. Cllr Turner agreed to this.
- 7.4** Cllr Turner was asked, whilst acknowledging bad-weather, why the Viking Way project had appeared to grind to a halt. Cllr Turner agreed rain was a problem, but that this had also made obvious more work is required to the drainage and repairs to the existing drainage. However, it is hoped once this has been addressed, along with the completion of tarmacking the problems will be resolved. The PC and on behalf of all those people who have expressed their interest, thanked Cllr Turner for keeping the Parish informed and for his support and commitment.

## **8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups**

- 8.1** Community Plan - A draft has been sent to councillors and the final version will be submitted for proposal next month. It will then be distributed to the residents.
- 8.2** F&WG discussed three issues
- The library – see item 6 above.
  - BDO – there were no accounting issues. The payment of the audit invoice is dependent on the outstanding complaint.
  - The toilet block – there will be substantially more visitors following the completion of the £150,000 play park/community area, the toilet block should be refurbished accordingly, and a proper proposal will be brought to Council. Cllr L Mawson is currently getting quotes for total refurbishments.
- 8.3** Frizington Recycling Area – see 10.1 below
- 8.4** Cllr Moore attended the Parish forum meeting and was provided with a draft Sellafeld Context (10-year) Plan providing what sort of planning applications will be submitted. It was interesting to see what Sellafeld regards as a minor planning application. What will happen in the future is that Sellafeld will engage more with local communities, so the Parishes have a better understanding and be able to give their views and the impact some of their plans could have on the people living close by. Cllr Moore also suggested to Sellafeld that these proposals should also have a ‘travel to work’ plan attached to it. Once the Context Plan is ready, copies will be available. The Parish forums will be held quarterly and will provide in advance any Sellafeld updates. Parishioners can attend these forums.
- Cllrs Ashton and Goulding commented there appears to be a move toward to recognizing a social commitment to the local community and a greater consideration to the social element when putting plans in place, which is to be commended. Ms Parsons expressed a demographic concern. Cllr Ashton was able to confirm there would be a demographic section in the Community Plan questionnaire asking the residents where they would like to see the Parish in 10 years’ time.
- 8.5** The official opening of the Viking Way is 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am, VIP’s have been invited. Details will be circulated, and banners will be erected. NDA contributed the land. Sellafeld have contributed the top surface. Copeland Community and LLWR have also contributed financially to this project. This has been over 20 years in the making and many thanks are given to all those who have supported and driven this project to completion.

## **9 Finance**

- 9.1** RFO balance read out the reconciled Cash Book Balance of £43,428.48 for August. However, NPower has taken money out of the account twice and the clerk is querying this. This was accepted. Proposed Cllr Moore, seconded Cllr D Halliday
- 9.2** Three requests for payment signed off.

- 9.3 BDO – see 8.2 Above.
- 9.4 Re-order toilet cleaning & supplies. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 9.5 Quotation for third CCTV covering the recycling area and beach community area to be forwarded to Cllr L Mawson. Clerk to action. Actioned

**10 To consider any planning issues**

- 10.1 Frizington Recycling Centre – there is no planning application. The email received appears to be from a planning consultancy. The recycling centre operation has been extended to March 2018 and it is likely to be extended again. This centre appears to be one of the best, the feedback from those using it is always positive and the staff are very helpful and friendly. There is wide spread support from the local communities to keep this open, as the option preferred by CCC is a large centre in Workington. However, that would mean there would be no recycling centre in Copeland and not a viable option for people who would have to make up to 60-mile round trip just to recycle.

**11 To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets**

- 11.1 the Toilet block – see item 8.2 above, will be added to the agenda next month and a report from Cllr L Mawson

**12 To consider matters relating to the Highway and Transport**

- 12.1 A595 Group see Public Participation 7.2 above.

**13 Correspondence**

- 13.1 Request for lease of land but did not specify what it is required for, further request for more information revealed the enquirer was not looking for anything specific just whether there was any land available.
- 13.2 Natural England - coastal path project and asking Parish Councils to sign up to it. It is likely they are looking for help with signage for the Seascale area of coastal path. At present there is ongoing work due to erosion, which will be completed around the end of 2018. Forward the email to the rest to the Cllrs and supply contact details as and when you are ready please let us know what it is you require. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 13.3 Royal Air Force centenary in 2018 and flags will be available. Details to be forwarded to flag office Cllr Harvey-Chadwick. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 13.4 Written response to Sellafield New Steam Generation Plant & Demolition of CHP planning application from Chartered Dundee Surveyor Planning Liaison Committee regarding the comments made by the three Parish Council and request a meeting. Cllr Moore to reply, accept the invitation and attend the meeting on behalf of PC. See Matters Arising 5.1 above.
- 13.5 Cumbria Constabulary crime report, detail is provided in a link.

**14 Urgent items raised by Councillors**

- 14.1 Cllr Eastwood advised Gosforth PC has asked for £500 donation for children's' cycle badges and a proper opening ceremony. Cllr Eastwood to ask for further detail.
- 14.2 Cllr Moore advised there will be an open meeting with the Mayor of Copeland on the Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the Methodist School Room Seascale at 6:30pm.
- 14.3 Congratulations to Cllr Moore who has become Deputy Mayor of Copeland.
- 14.4 Morgan Sindall are putting in a disabled ramp and rail at St Cuthbert's Church.

**15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting**

**F&GP WG 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Full Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**