

Seascale Parish Council
Minutes
of the
Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee
held on
Wednesday 17th September 2014 at 7pm
in Seascale Fire Station

Present

Chair	Mr David Halliday
Members	Mr David Moore
Clerk	Mr Ian Turner

Item

- 1 Apologies**
Cllr Woollass sent his apologies
- 2 Announcements from the Chair**
 - 2.1 The Chair announced that the Funday Committee had made a donation to Mr D Morgan directly, to help with his efforts around the Parish.
 - 2.2 The Chair had asked for the meeting to be brought forward a week in order to resolve Item 9 as a matter of urgency.
- 3 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda Items**
None
- 4 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 27th August 2014**
These were **proposed** as fair and accurate by the Chair, and seconded by Cllr Moore.
- 5 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 27th August 2014**
The Chair was pleased to announce that his negotiations with Unity Bank are at an end, and that he is satisfied with the deal. He has negotiated a fee waver for the first year, with an extension likely for future years. Cllr Moore **proposed** that we move the finances of the Parish to the Unity Bank. The Chair seconded this. The Chair asked the Clerk to check that the Standing Orders were up to date regarding the use of the internet banking service offered by the bank. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. Following the acceptance of the proposal, the Chair **agreed** to make the necessary arrangements for the switch, including securing the documents held in the local branch of NatWest.
- 6 Public participation**
None
- 7 To receive a report on the matter of the water supply to the Health Centre**
The Clerk reported that there had been no further correspondence with United Utilities Ltd since his initial letter, sent after the previous meeting.
- 8 To consider matters relating to the on-going asset transfers in the Parish**
 - 8.1 On the matter of the asset transfer of the Seafront Amenity Area, Cllr Moore said that

things were progressing as expected.

- 8.2 On the matter of the asset transfer of the 15 Whole House Road, Cllr Moore was pleased to announce that the transaction was now closed, and the Parish was now awaiting payment.

9 To consider the matter of website provision for the Parish Council

- 9.1 The Clerk received a report by email from Cllr Ashton on the matter of website provision. He states that he has arranged a meeting with the site developers on the 23rd September pending the release of bridging funds by the Parish.

- 9.2 The committee now considered payment of web costs pending alternative funding, as requested by Cllr Ashton. Cllr Moore **proposed** that the funds be released immediately, the Chair seconded and the Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10 To consider the matter of the maintenance of assets in the Parish

Cllr Moore suggested that a proper 'schedule of works' be created, so that an appropriate budget might be made for maintenance of physical Parish Assets. The Chair suggested that a clear policy be written out regarding both funding and assessment of the physical conditions of the assets.

11 To consider the schedule for the F&GP sub-committee

It was agreed that the current monthly meetings be continued while the on-going matters were dealt with, but that this meeting schedule be reviewed when the workload reduces.

12 Urgent Items Raised by Councillors

- 12.1 The committee expressed its concern at the continuing delays over settling the accounts for last year. The Clerk **agreed** to ask Cllr Woollass for an update on the situation.

- 12.2 The Chair asked the Clerk to formally approach Cllr Ashton for his agreement to be co-opted on to the F&GP Committee. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

13 Schedule for the upcoming meeting of the F&GP Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd October 2014, in Seascale Fire Station at 7 pm.

The meeting was closed at 8 pm