

Minutes
of the
Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 7pm
in Seascale Fire Station

Present	Chair	Mr D Halliday
	Councillors	Mr A Woollass Mr D Moore
	Clerk	Mr I Turner
	Public	Mr David Morgan

Item

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Election of Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Mr Woollass **proposed** that Mr Halliday be made Chair of the committee, Mr Moore seconded and Mr Halliday did not object, nor did anyone else.

3 Announcements from the Chair

There were no announcements from the Chair

4 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda Items

Mr Woollass declared an interest in the asset transfer being negotiated at 15 Whole House Road, as he is related to the owner.

5 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 26th March 2014

These were **proposed** as fair and accurate by Mr Woollass, and seconded by Mr Moore, with no objections.

6 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 26th March 2014

The Chair was happy to see a new clerk in the meeting.

7 Public participation

The Chair welcomed Mr David Morgan to the meeting.

8 Reports from the Clerk/RFO

- 8.1** Mr Woollass **proposed** that £15,000 be transferred to the savings account, Mr Moore seconded, and there were no objections.

Mr Moore asked that the Chair check on whether the Council was receiving the best rate of interest on its savings, and the Chair **agreed** to look into it.

- 8.2** The Clerk announced that the bill for AON had been paid and checked.

The Clerk announced that an additional £94 had been donated to the fund for Mr D Morgan's ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle), bringing the total to £3780.

9 To consider provision of an ATV for the use of Mr D Morgan of the parish

Mr Moore stated that Mr D Morgan had expressed his preference as to which vehicle he believed best suited to the tasks he performed, and that the vehicle he had in mind was available for purchase at £4250 + VAT. Further, Mr D Morgan intimated that he would like the matter concluded soon, and was willing to cover expenses related to his use of the vehicle. To this end Mr Moore suggested that the Council purchase the ATV and make a gift of it to Mr D Morgan for the duration of his use, at which time the asset be returned to the council. This would have the advantage of legally avoiding the VAT. Mr Woollass stated that a precedent had been set for this when the mower was purchased for the Bowling Green, and he therefore saw no barrier to this course of action. Mr Woollass further suggested that the Council write to the donors to the fund upon the completion of the purchase, expressing the gratitude of Seascale Parish Council and of Mr D Morgan. He reported that Cllr Eastwood had made an application to the Copeland Community Fund for additional funding. Mr Moore **agreed** to accompany Mr D Morgan to make the purchase at his convenience, and enquire into any permits that might be necessary to use the ATV in the village.

The Chair thanked Mr D Morgan for his attendance, and Mr D Morgan left the meeting.

10 To consider matters relating to the BMX track

Mr Woollass reports that no progress has been made in the matter of grass-cutting around the BMX Track as yet, but is hopeful that a prior meeting with Mr John Davis of Copeland Grass-Cutting Services will yield a successful outcome. He also reports that a section of fence at the track is broken, and has **agreed** to contact Mr Darren Fawcett about the possibility of mending it.

11 To consider the matter of the Christmas Lights referred by the Amenities Committee

Mr Moore expressed concern that the quoted price for upgrading the Christmas lighting in the village was well beyond the allocated budget. He suggested that the Amenities Committee look for alternative sources for the additional money. Mr Woollass suggested that this matter be brought before the full meeting of the Council. The Clerk **agreed** to put this on the agenda for the next full meeting.

12 To consider asset transfers on-going in the Parish

- 12.1** Mr Moore reports that the transfer of the foreshore area has been delayed due to

excessive demand being experienced by the planning authorities. The present situation regarding the management of the foreshore will continue until there is any change in its status. Mr Woollass asked that consideration be given to policy regarding signs pertaining to the use of the Car Park.

- 12.2** On the matter of the asset transfer at 15 Whole House Road, Mr Moore reports that he is confident that the transfer is close to completion, and that there has been confusion around correspondence that has led to some delay.
- 12.3** Mr Moore reports that there has been no progress made on the asset transfer of the Bus Shelter at Cross Lanes.

13 Urgent Items Raised by Councillors

The Chair reports no progress on the provision of IT for the Clerk.

Mr Moore reports that he has sent a letter confirming the Council's objection to the wind turbine at Ponsonby.

Mr Woollass reports that he has received a complaint about digging at Inseivar.

Mr Woollass reports that he has received a letter from AON.

Mr Woollass asks the Clerk to include the renewal of the website contract in the agenda for the full meeting, which the Clerk has **agreed** to do.

Mr Woollass has asked the Clerk to include an item on on-going anti-social behaviour in the agenda for the full meeting, which the Clerk has **agreed** to do.

Mr Woollass has received a request from Mr Craig Ashton to become a Parish Councillor, and asked that this be put in the agenda for the full meeting, which the Clerk has **agreed** to do.

14 Schedule of Upcoming Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee

The next meeting of this Committee will be 23rd July 2014 at 7pm in Seascale Fire Station.

The meeting was closed at 8:30pm