

Seascale Parish Council
Minutes
of the
Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee
held on
Wednesday 27rd August 2014 at 7pm
in Seascale Fire Station

Present	Chair	Mr D Halliday
	Members	Mr D Moore Mr A Woollass
	Councillors	Mr P Taylor Mrs E Eastwood
	Clerk	Mr I Turner

Item

- 1 Apologies**
None
- 2 Announcements from the Chair**
None
- 3 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda Items**
Mr Woollass states that he is related to a resident of 15 Whole House Road
- 4 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 23rd July 2014**
These were **proposed** as fair and accurate by the Chair, and seconded by Cllr Moore and there were no objections
- 5 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 23rd July 2014**
The Chair reports that he is engaged in protracted negotiations with Mr Neil Forman of the Unity Bank PLC, and will update the full council at the next meeting.
- 6 Public participation**
None
- 7 Reports from the Clerk/RFO**
 - 7.1 The Clerk gave a report of the financial transactions conducted by the parish in July and August.
 - 7.2 The RFO was unable to give a financial statement, as he is still unable to access the bank accounts of the Parish.
- 8 To consider the matter of the Christmas lights referred by the Amenities Committee**
Cllr Eastwood updated the committee on this matter, stating that Cllr Eric Barker of the Mid-Copeland Partnership had transferred the funds necessary for this project to commence. Cllr Woollass **proposed** a vote of thanks to Cllr Eastwood for her continuing efforts in this matter, which was seconded by

Cllr Moore and there were no objections. Cllr Woollass asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr Eric Barker from the Parish Council. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. Cllr Woollass further **proposed** that Mr John Garner be asked to carry out this work at his earliest convenience, Cllr Moore seconded and there were no objections.

9 To consider matters relating to the All-Terrain Vehicle for Mr D Morgan of the Parish

Cllr Moore asked that the Clerk issue a formal letter to Mr Morgan on behalf of the Parish reiterating the terms of use for the vehicle as set out in previous meetings. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. Cllr Moore **proposed** that future donations for the All-Terrain Vehicle be ring-fenced as a contingency against future expenditure on the vehicle, Cllr Woollass seconded and there were no objections.

10 To consider the matter of the water supply to the Health Centre

Cllr Moore reports that, due to the age of the mains supply pipe that feeds the village in the vicinity of the Health Clinic, it has burst frequently in the last months. Cllr Moore **proposed** that the Parish send a letter to United Utilities Ltd, asking that they address this matter as soon as is practicable, for the benefit of public health. The Chair seconded and there were no objections. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

11 To confirm payment of monies owed to employees of the Parish

Cllr Woollass **proposed** that employees of the Parish be paid monthly until the end of the financial year. This was seconded by Cllr Moore and there were no objections.

12 To consider matters relating to the on-going asset transfers in the Parish

12.1 Cllr Moore reports that, on the matter of the asset transfer of the Seafront Amenity Area, the process continues satisfactorily and minor questions that Gough's Solicitors had had, had been addressed.

12.2 Cllr Moore reports that on the matter of the asset transfer of the Bus Shelter at Cross Lanes, it is now complete and should now be removed from future agenda, and added to the asset register of the Parish and related insurance. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

12.3 Cllr Moore reports that on the matter of the asset transfer of 15 Whole House Road, it is almost complete, pending the communication of our VAT status to Gough's Solicitors.

13 To consider the provision of training for the Clerk

The Clerk reports that he has been offered a training day by the Cumbrian Association of Local Councils (CALC) costing £120 to take place on the 2nd September. As he is also the Clerk for Muncaster Parish Council, he states that Muncaster Parish Council have indicated that they will share the cost, subject to approval at their next meeting. The Chair **proposed** that the Clerk accept the offer. Cllr Moore seconded and there were no objections.

14 To consider the formulation of a Policy on the use of the Seafront Amenity Area

Cllr Moore expressed a concern about the formulation of a Policy on the use of the Seafront Amenity Area. After general discussion it was **proposed** by Cllr Woollass that there should definitely be one. Mr Moore seconded and there were no objections. It was suggested by the Chair that this matter be brought up at the next

Full Council Meeting.

- 15 To consider the maintenance of the toilet block at the Seafront Amenity Area**
Cllr Woollass reports that graffiti has appeared on the exterior walls of the toilet block. Cllr Moore suggested that the Council consider a formal 'public works programme' that would enable general maintenance to be carried out on all Parish assets, present and future. In the mean-time, Cllr Woollass asked the Clerk to ask the 'Mr Alfresco' business in the village for a quote for repainting the exterior. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 16 To consider the matter of website provision for the Parish Council**
The Chair reports that this project is on-going, and that now he was able to express the Council's wishes concerning the format of the website to Cllr Ashton. He expects to receive a more detailed report at the next Full Council Meeting, in which he suggests that the matter of a policy update on the use of the website be discussed also.
- 17 Urgent Items Raised by Councillors**
Cllr Eastwood expressed concern that the bill from Npower Ltd was inaccurate. Cllr Moore **proposed** that Cllr Eastwood and the Clerk work together to resolve the issue. Cllr Woollass seconded and there were no objections.
- 18 Schedule for the upcoming Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee**
The next meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee will be held on Wednesday 24th September at 7 pm in Seascale Fire Station.