

Minutes
of the **Annual General Meeting** of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr David Ritson Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr David Halliday
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Brenda Parsons Dr Craig Ashton

Item

1 Election of Offices

- 1.1** All Councillors present signed their 'Declaration of Acceptance' of office
- 1.2** Cllr Eastwood **proposed** that Cllr Moore remain as Chair of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Ritson and there were no objections. The Chair said that, although he was happy to accept the role, he was only prepared to remain in office until the next AGM.
- 1.3** Cllr Mawson **proposed** that Cllr Goulding be made Vice-Chair. Cllr Eastwood seconded and there were no objections. Cllr Goulding accepted the office.

2 Apologies

None

3 Appointments

- 3.1** The Clerk read a letter from Dr Ashton requesting a place on the Parish Council. After due consideration Cllr Eastwood **proposed** that Dr Ashton be co-opted on to the Council. Cllr Ritson seconded and there were no objections. Dr Ashton then signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance' of office.
- 3.2** The following Councillors were appointed to Committees of the Parish Council. Amenities; Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Ritson, Cllr Goulding and Cllr Mawson. Planning; Cllr Moore, Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Mawson. Finance & General Purposes; Cllr Moore, Cllr Halliday, Cllr Dr Ashton, Cllr Eastwood. The Chair asked the Clerk to write to Mr David Morgan requesting that he remain the Flag Officer for the Parish, and thanking him for his excellent work in this role to date. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 3.3** The Council then considered appointments to outside bodies. Cllr Moore agreed to continue in his role as the main liaison with Sellafield and Cllr Goulding agreed to assist him. Cllr Ritson agreed to attend the 'Hazard and Risk Reduction' briefings given by Sellafield and associated businesses. Cllr Moore agreed to attend 'Emergency Planning' briefings given by Sellafield. Cllr Eastwood and Cllr Goulding agreed to be in liaison with the Low Level

Waste Depository at Drigg. Cllr Mawson agreed to attend meetings with the Cumbria Rail Users Group (CRUG). Cllr Eastwood agreed to continue as the Council's liaison with the Parish magazine and with the Sports Hall Committee. Cllr Eastwood and Cllr Mawson agreed to represent the Council on the Pavilion Committee. Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Mawson and Cllr Goulding agreed to represent the Council at meetings of the Seascale Recreational Association. Cllr Ritson informed the meeting that the Church Hall Committee was now defunct.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 7th May 2014

These were unobtainable.

5 Clerical matters

5.1 The Parish Council inspected and adopted the existing Standing Orders without alteration.

5.2 The Council considered and adopted the existing Policies of Seascale Parish Council.

6 Yearly Financial Report

6.1 The RFO gave a truncated overview of the finances of the Parish. He said that, due to the period of time spent without a Clerk/RFO, and the incomplete records, he was unable to give a full picture of the finance of the Parish at this time. However, he said that the work on the basic accounts was nearing completion in line with audit requirements. He also outlined the new budgeting system he was putting into place. He believed that the work to transfer accounts over to the Unity Trust bank would bear fruit in the coming year, and allow greater transparency and an accurate budget to be set for the following year. He outlined the assets and liabilities of the Council, and said that as soon as details were available and audited, they would be made available on the Parish website.

6.2 The RFO asked Councillors to confirm their wishes to be Account signatories. In addition to Cllr Moore, Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Halliday and Cllr Ashton, Cllr Ritson affirmed that he would like to be added to the list.

6.3 The RFO asked the Council to consider continuing annual subscriptions to CRUG and the Cumbrian Association of Local Councils. These were unanimously **agreed**.

6.4 The Council **agreed** to maintain the status of salaried employees for the year.