

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 2nd November 2022
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr Lizzie Mawson
Councillors Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr David Moore
 Cllr John Spokes
 Cllr Ian Tallentire
Clerk Jill Bush

Members of the Public

C Fox
B Parsons
K Warmoth

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1. Apologies

Cllrs Eileen Eastwood, John Graham

2. Announcements from the Chair

No specific announcements as only 2 weeks since the last meeting, but, given the weather, welcomed those who have attended.

3. Declarations of interest by Councillors in respect to agenda items

Cllrs K Mawson. L Mawson & I Tallentire

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Spokes and seconded by Cllr Harvey-Chadwick

5. Matters arising

(12.2) Cllr K Mawson reported the house for auction, remains unsold as did not reach reserve
(13.3) Response from GNAAS (great north air ambulance service) thanking SPC for its positive response to their appeal and will be in touch to discuss any upcoming stalls or events. They hope to be in contact to arrange the option of hosting a community talk in the near future.

6. SUP festival August Bank Holiday 2023

Whilst the tide will be out, there will be opportunities to learn more about paddle boarding. Mr Fox anticipated up 1500 people attending the event. Car parking may be an issue, however, Porta loos will be supplied, as the toilet block alone would not be sufficient and additional litter collection facilities will also be supplied.

The council are fully supportive of this venture; however, concern was expressed that the August B/H is the busiest weekend of the year, and it is not known how many stalls there will be and this would obviously have an impact on the local foreshore businesses, especially those recently

opened.

To ensure this event is a success Mr Fox will attend the January meeting and discuss the full plan, with a risk assessment, H&S considerations and confirm the event will be covered by public liability insurance.

7. To consider any planning issues

7.1 Pre-planning consultation of replacement radio mast – No Objection

7.2 4/22/2362 /OF1 – 14 Wastwater Rise – Following a site visit, the proposal is sound and does not overlook neighbours – No Objection

8. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

8.1 Community Partnership Meeting – Cllr Moore reported SPC Chair Lizzie Mawson has been formally enrolled and taking over the role from David Halliday.

Mid Copeland Community Partnership is on track to spend £1 million by the end of year 1. The budget will re-set on the 11th November and there are projects in the pipeline, such as the library refurbishment. There have been 11 Events, in 7 different locations throughout the Search Area, between 27th September to 20th October. These events have been well attended, 64% attended for the first time. A baseline survey in each area to establish knowledge of GDF (geological disposal facility). Young people will be welcomed, because decisions made now will affect future generations and that is why it is important to involve them. The Allerdale primary school curriculum includes this sort of scientific information. Cllr K Mawson suggested the young farmers group be contacted and perhaps Andy Pratt may help to build enthusiasm and encourage them to get involved.

8.2 Christmas lights – There will be the usual event in the Pavilion/bowling green area, with mulled wine, tea & coffee and mince pies on Sunday 11 December at approx. 5p.m. after the carol service.

There will be a Christmas tree again, but sadly it has proved difficult to procure replacement lights. Cllr Moore will ask Tony if he can carry out the switch on this year.

The water tower needs to be emptied and this will be organised by Cllr Moore in liaison with Tony and Cllr Spokes has volunteered to help with the clear out.

9. Finance

9.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for October is £81,286.48 There are no outstanding payments or receipts

9.2 The authorised October payments are listed below:

Creditor	Debit (gross)	VAT Comments
Pelleyounters	31.29	5.21 Toilet block cleaning supplies
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	70.00	Foreshore litter bins - September
Louise (Pegram) Elsom	50.00	Foreshore litter bins - September
Waterplus	463.93	Toilet block water & wastewater - Aug - Sept
Waterplus	86.41	1.17 Library water x 4 charges -Aug - Sept
Copeland BC	408.67	68.11 2 x concrete plinths - amended invoice
Copeland BC	31.85	Library trade waste bins Oct - Dec incl
Copeland BC	702.00	Trade waste bins Oct - Dec incl
Octopus Energy	56.05	2.67 Toilet Block Electric - September
Utility Warehouse	11.50	0.84 Library gas - September
EE Ltd	19.67	DAV monthly SIM maintenance

9.3 To date the authorised November payments are listed below

Creditor	Debit (gross)	VAT Comments
Npower	1669.27	286.16 outstanding invoices - less overcharged credits
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	40.00	Foreshore litter bins - October
Ian Rigg	115.00	Public toilet/library repairs
Waterplus	126.48	Toilet block water & wastewater - Sept/Oct
Waterplus	69.11	0.30 Library water x 4 charges - Sept/Oct

The clerk explained the reason for the large Npower electric bill for the library is because, despite more than one request for a bill after the replacement meter was fitted in December, the first bill was for March and over £2,500, which was queried. Later monthly bills were also for extraordinary amounts given the library is only open 10 hrs a week. All these have been robustly challenged until late last month. This contract ends in March 2023 and the supplier will be changed.

The Chair noted the public toilet water bill has dropped quite substantially from the previous month, so it would appear the leakage problem has been resolved.

10. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

10.1 Library – Nothing to report

10.2 Play areas – Nothing to report

10.3 Toilet block – The disabled toilet seat needs to be replaced/fitted. Cllr L Mawson will purchase one and have it fitted

10.4 BMX track – United Utilities lorry damaged one of the bollards. They quickly contacted SPC and advised of this and offered to replace the 3 locking bollards and fit a lockable swinging barrier and also provide SPC a key. SPC accepted this proposal

10.5 CCTV – Nothing to report

11. To consider matters relating to highways and transport

11.1 It has been reported that a County Cllr is looking to find £85,000 for traffic lights at Arch Hill. Historically, there have been discussions with highways about traffic lights and it was agreed to be unworkable: If installed, traffic lights would need to be placed at the top of the hill and the foreshore side of the tunnel. By doing so, this would only create problems of queuing traffic at the top end blocking vehicles entering and leaving the rail station, the sports hall and Sella Bank. The same problem would occur at the bottom of the hill restricting vehicles entering and leaving the car park and Albert Street. Whilst there has been near misses, despite the increased traffic there has still not been any accidents. It is not known if this latest proposal considers there is no footpath along this stretch and pedestrians must walk along this single lane road. If a footpath was created, it would stop larger vehicles, such as fire engines getting through. With the alternative being a 6-mile+ detour to get from the fire station to the other side of the bridge. Whilst there is an objection to traffic lights and a preference to save taxpayers money, by just replacing the mirror. However, it was also suggested that perhaps it would be useful to know the details of Cllr Turners and it be discussed. Highways to be contacted. Actioned

11.2 Foreshore path. There have been highways workers on site, but it is not clear what is being achieved. Cllr L Mawson spoke to C Cllr Turner who advised it was reported. It has already been reported to highways on more than one occasion.

12. Urgent items raised by Councillors

12.1 Cllr K Mawson reported the recycling bins are inclined to blow over and spill its contents into the street and was there any way of weighting them down? Cllr Moore agreed they may seem rather light, but not a problem in other areas. He explained the box system was purely a Copeland

decision and not necessarily the cheapest option. With the amalgamation of the councils, this effectively a consolidation decision.

13. Correspondence

13.1 CALC is considering changing from an unincorporated association to charitable status. SPC have no objection to this proposal.

14. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

14.1 Brenda Parsons complained about the previous meeting minutes. She read out an extensive complaint about the car park and Council in general. She was asked if she had any questions but continued to read from her paper.

She was advised her allotted time was up and further advised SPC is under no legal obligation to respond. However, she continued to speak.

The other members of the public were asked, but had no questions and the Chair declared the meeting closed

15. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 7th December