

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday
25 September 2013 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr M Wardle, Mr B Gray
Mr O Johnson,

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr S Walker - family commitments
Mr B Glass - away
Mrs M Gray - family commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

212/13 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

213/13 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

214/13 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance report. There were two large funded projects which affected the probable outturn for the year. The details of these projects and the effect on the budget were explained to Members.

Recommended - that the report be received

Members discussed the information received from Durham County Council on Medium Term Financial Planning and 2014/15 budget setting. The information received indicates that the Local Council Tax Support Scheme Grant received from the County Council this year is likely to be reduced over the next few years. Members considered the budget and precept setting timescales for 2014/15.

Recommended - that the budget is considered and set in November and December and that the final precept figure is set by Council in January

215/13 Lanchester Miners' Banner Group (min 181/13)

Members were informed of progress and considered the minutes and actions from the last meeting.

Progress on all elements of the project had been made.

The conservation works on the original banner and the production of a replica banner are well underway and should be completed in the autumn. The banner and dance workshops are being arranged. Work continues on gathering information for the information packs. A meeting to commence arrangements for the celebration event in June 2014 is taking place early in October.

Recommended - that the minutes of the recent meeting be received

216/13 Christmas Lights (min 182/13)

Members considered proposals for the event

Recommended that the following elements comprise the event:

- (i) the event be on Saturday 30 November
- (ii) the event will take place entirely on the Village Green
- (iii) the event will commence at 5.30pm for refreshments and Christmas Carols with the formal switch on taking place at 6.00pm
- (iv) two children from each primary school be invited to assist with the switch on
- (v) small thank you gifts are given to the 4 children
- (vi) County Councillors Ossie Johnson and Richard Young be invited to switch on the lights
- (vii) the brass band be invited to play between 5.30pm – 6.15pm
- (viii) a donation of £90.00 be agreed for Lanchester Brass Band
- (ix) refreshments in the form of drinks, cakes, sweets, fruit etc are provided for adults and children
- (x) a lucky dip is available for children offering small gifts
- (xi) spend of approximately £300 - £400 is approved for refreshments and lucky dip gifts
- (xii) posters are displayed throughout the village
- (xiii) a letter is sent to Reverent Kalus informing the Church of the arrangements this year

217/13 Farming, Wildlife & Environment Working Group (min 183/13)

Members were informed of progress and considered the minutes and actions from the last meeting. It is planned that a draft funding bid to Heritage Lottery Fund will be presented to the

Finance, Development & General Purposes meeting in November

Recommended - that the minutes of the recent meeting be received

218/13 Lynwood (min 184/13)

Members were informed that a meeting had taken place on 17 September with Derwentside Homes where discussions had taken place regarding the office accommodation and community space. The Parish Council had provided a list of questions for consideration.

There is a need for the Parish Council to continue discussions with Derwentside Homes regarding the community space and office accommodation.

Recommended - that discussions continue with Derwentside Homes

219/13 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 27 November at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 8.30pm