

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday
26 September 2012 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr M Wardle, Mr P Jackson
Mr S Walker, Mr B Glass, Mr K Leary, Mr A Nairn
Mr O Johnson, Mr M Clarke, Mr A Myers

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:
Mrs A Cook - sick

The above apologies were received and accepted

229/12 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

230/12 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

231/12 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance information.
Recommended - that the report be received

Members were informed that from November onwards the budget would include a probable year end position.

Members were informed that a 2013/14 budget and precept report would be presented at the November Finance meeting.

232/12 Lanchester Miners' Banner Group

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

Recommended that:

(i) the information be received

233/12 Christmas Lights

Members were informed that the order to renew the lights on one tree on the green with LED lights had been placed. Durham County Council intend to undertake this work from the end of October.

Members discussed the provision of Christmas Lights in other parts of the County.

Recommended - that a letter is sent to Durham County Council requesting financial support towards the provision of Christmas Lights

Members discussed the larger project to replace all the Christmas Lights on the Village Green.

Recommended - that a working group meeting is arranged for the New Year to progress the project

Members discussed the Christmas Light Switch On event. Following several suggestions the following was agreed

Recommended that:

- (i) the event be used to celebrate the sporting clubs and activities in the Parish particularly in reference to the successful Olympic year
- (ii) Dennis Laycock (Olympic Torch Bearer) be asked to switch on the lights
- (iii) the event take place on Saturday 24 November at 6pm
- (iv) further details of the event be presented at the October Ordinary meeting

234/12 Kitswell Park Football Field

Members were informed that works had been completed although play was still not permitted on the area.

235/12 Fidelity Guarantee

The Lead officer informed members of the current level of fidelity guarantee and the report received from the external auditor requiring the council to review this level annually.

Recommended that:

- (i) the level of fidelity guarantee remain at its present level
- (ii) the amount of fidelity guarantee be reviewed annually

236/12 Jubilee Oak

Members considered the letter received from Lanchester Partnership offering a Jubilee Oak for location within the Parish.

Recommended - that the kind offer is accepted and that a suitable location is agreed

237/12 Lanchester Lions – Fireworks Display

Members considered a request from Lanchester Lions for use of Kitswell ground and financial support for the forthcoming fireworks display

Members expressed some concern of parking issues in recent years and possible damage

Resolved that:

(i) permission be granted for use of the ground subject to the usual insurance, safety and maintenance conditions

(ii) financial support of £400 be given towards the event

(iii) a letter be sent to the Lanchester Lions outlining the concerns regarding parking arrangements for the event

238/12 Gateway Project

Members considered details received from the Area Action Partnership on the final elements of the Gateway scheme which proposed erection of a white picket fence and signs announcing 'Lanchester welcomes careful drivers' at both entrances to the village on the A691.

Members expressed concern about the maintenance of the fence and the cutting of grass in front of the fence to maintain visibility

Recommended - that a white picket fence be agreed

239/12 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 28 November at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 8.05pm