

Lanchester Parish Council

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

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr M Wardle, Mr Philip Richardson
Mr O Johnson, Mr Peter Richardson

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr S Walker - away

Mr A Nairn - work commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

176/13 Election of Chair

Resolved - that Mr C Burton be elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

177/13 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved - that Mr M Wardle be elected as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.

178/13 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

179/13 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

180/13 Budget Position

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

181/13 Lanchester Miners' Banner Group

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

Progress on all elements of the project had been made. Companies to undertake the conservation works to the original banner, produce a replica banner and undertake banner workshops had been appointed and work was progressing in all areas.

Recommended - that the minutes of the recent meetings be received

182/13 Christmas Lights

Members discussed the Christmas Light Switch On event and agreed that a more community based event centred around the Village Green would be good.

Members raised concerns over the cost and organisation involved in a larger event.

Recommended that the following elements comprise the event:

- (i) the event be on Saturday 30 November
- (ii) the event commence at 5.30pm with the switch on at 6.00pm
- (iii) two children from each primary school assist with the switch on
- (iv) County Councillors Ossie Johnson and Richard Young be invited to switch on the lights
- (v) the brass band be invited to play from 5.30pm
- (vi) refreshments are provided for adults and children
- (vii) firm proposals and costs are presented at a future meeting

183/13 Farming, Wildlife & Environment Working Group

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

Recommended - that the minutes of the recent meeting be received

184/13 Lynwood

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

Recommended - that a meeting is arranged with Derwentside Homes to continue discussions

185/13 Newsletter

Members considered the draft quarterly newsletter.
Recommended - that the newsletter be approved

186/13 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 25 September at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 8.20pm