

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 29 September 2021 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. P Jackson (Chair)

Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner,
Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. K Harrison
Cllr. O Johnson

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. J Considine - away
Cllr. E Hepplewhite - other commitments
Cllr. T Jones - away
Cllr. B McDermid - other commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

164/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

165/21 Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

166/21 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

167/21 Year on Year Budgets

The Clerk presented report B which provided budget information on income and expenditure over the past several years.

Recommended - that the information be received

168/21 County Durham Association of Local Councils – AGM

Councillors considered attendance at the AGM

Recommended - that Councillors inform the Clerk if they wish to attend

169/21 Manor Grange Play Area (min 129/21)

Councillors were informed that the tender process should be completed in a few weeks. There will then be a technical assessment to reduce the returns to three companies. The Parish Council will then be able to see the final three submissions and comment on them. One of the companies has asked if they can change the shape of the play area from a circle. The County Council have advised that a different shape may provide a more efficient and better value for money project.

Recommended that:

- (i) the submitted tenders may change the shape of the play area
- (ii) the information be received

170/21 Beacon – Relocation and the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon Event (min 130/21)

Councillors were informed that Burnhope Parish Council have confirmed that they wish to jointly organise the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon Event with Lanchester Parish Council.

Recommended that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the arrangements are progressed

171/21 Neighbourhood Plan – Launch/Celebration event (min 158/21)

The format and details for a launch/celebration event for the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan had been agreed at a previous meeting.

Councillors were informed that the room had been booked, invitations had been sent out, displays had been requested and the buffet had been booked.

A response from the schools was expected shortly.

It was agreed to ask The Orchard group from the Lanchester Partnership to also provide a display.

It was agreed to ask the press to attend.

Recommended that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the arrangements are progressed

Councillor A Gray attended the meeting – 7.25pm

172/21 Christmas Light Switch On Event 2021 (min 133/21)

Councillors considered and agreed the proposals for the switch on event which would be similar to that organised in 2019.

This would include an event on the Village Green, music and singing, refreshments, presents for children, someone to switch on the lights accompanied by schoolchildren. Clearly arrangements may have to change if Covid guidelines alter.

The date agreed was Saturday 27 November.

It was agreed that Christine Monaghan and Frank Redfern be invited to switch on the lights.

It was agreed that the lights be lit from 27 November to 31 January between 7am – 9am and 3pm – 12midnight

Recommended that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the arrangements are progressed

173/21 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 24 November at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 7.35pm