

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. P Jackson (Chair)

Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner,
Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. K Harrison,
Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. T Jones,
Cllr. V Jackson, Cllr. D Toner

PCSO Andrew Tonge
PC Ian Raine

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. A Gray - other commitments
Cllr. E Hepplewhite - other commitments
Cllr. B McDermid - other commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

215/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

216/21 Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

217/21 Police

PCSO Andrew Tonge and PC Ian Raine were welcomed to the meeting.

PCSO Tonge presented a Police report covering part of the month of November. A full month report will be provided for the full council meeting.

Amongst other things, they are working on parking problems around the schools and are undertaking patrols when possible.

PCSO Tonge confirmed that his work area was Lanchester and Burnhope with some surrounding rural areas.

Councillors asked for more detailed information on statistics and crime detection results.

The Community Speed Watch scheme was discussed and the Police were asked to attend Ford Road at peak times.

Councillors informed the Police that they had attended a recent meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was suggested that a Police report could be submitted to the re-launched Village Voice.

The Police were thanked for attending the meeting.

Recommended - that the information be received

218/21 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

219/21 Meeting – Police and Crime Commissioner

Councillors were informed of a meeting arranged with the Police and Crime Commissioner to which representatives from Parish and Town Councils could attend.

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

220/21 Christmas Light Switch On Event 2021

Councillors were informed that arrangements had been made for the event on Saturday.

Music had been recorded from Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society. A sound company would attend to provide the sound system and the County Council electrician would attend. All those involved in the switch on were aware of arrangements and volunteers to steward the event were confirmed. All equipment had been sourced and the risk assessment had been completed.

Recommended – that the information be received

Councillors confirmed the decision to contribute up to £300.00 to pay for the presents to be distributed by Lanchester Partnership at their Santa Walk on 11 December.

It was agreed to offer the schools the art materials left over from last years event.

It was agreed to make a donation of £90.00 to both Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society.

Recommended that:

- (i) A contribution of £300.00 is made to pay for presents for the Santa Walk
- (ii) The arts materials are offered to the two primary schools
- (iii) A donation is made to Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society

221/21 Solar Planet Walk – Lanchester Valley Walk

Councillors were informed that Councillor Friesner and the Clerk had attended a meeting with the funding officer from the Area Action Partnership.

A lengthy meeting had taken place and the officer had been very supportive of the project going forward.

It was suggested that the project could include the provision of defibrillators.

Recommended that:

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) The project be progressed

222/21 Manor Grange Play Area (min 129/21)

Councillors were informed that four out of five tenders had been returned.

A technical assessment is being undertaken by the County Council to reduce the returns to three companies. The Parish Council will then be able to see the final three submissions and comment on them before a final decision is made

Recommended - that the information be received

223/21 Newsletter

Councillors considered the newsletter

Recommended - that the newsletter be approved for distribution

224/21 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 26 January at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 7.45pm