

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 30 March 2022 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. P Jackson (Chair)

Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. B McDermid,
Cllr. K Harrison, Cllr. O Johnson

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. E Hepplewhite - other commitments
Cllr. S Walker - ill
Cllr. D Smith - ill
Cllr. J Considine - away
Cllr. T Jones - away
Cllr. V Jackson - other commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

77/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

78/22 Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

79/22 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

80/22 Solar Planet Walk – Lanchester Valley Walk

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 23 February and the 8 March 2022. Notes from the meetings were presented to Councillors.

Information on the project with the proposed route has been sent to the County Council so that they can begin undertaking some due diligence on the scheme. A project summary has been prepared and provisional prices are being sought to enable funding applications to be prepared. The County Councillors and Parish Councils where the route passes through have been informed of the proposed project.

Councillors discussed a S106 fund held by the County Council available for development of open space recreation. It was agreed that this source of funding should be explored for this project.

Recommended that:

- (i) the notes from the working group meeting be approved
- (ii) the project brief be approved
- (iii) the information be received
- (iv) the project be progressed

81/22 Manor Grange Play Area

Councillors were informed that the utility maps and information had been forwarded to the play company. A site meeting and start date is awaited. It was agreed that the signage for the play park should include reference to the funding received from the county Council.

Recommended - that the information be received

82/22 Beacon – Relocation and the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon event

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 16 February 2022. Notes from the meeting were presented to Councillors.

A planning application has been submitted to the County Council to seek permission to locate the beacon permanently.

With regard to the Beacon event on 2 June 2022 feedback from the Safety Advisory Group is awaited along with confirmation of the licence for the event from the County Council.

The organisation of the event is progressing.

Recommended that:

- (i) The notes from the working group meeting be approved
- (ii) The information be received
- (iii) The project be progressed

83/22 Heritage 100 Walk

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 19 January 2022. Notes from the meeting were presented to Councillors.

The Heritage 100 walk project aims to create 100 circular heritage walks across County Durham. The project created 5 walks in the first phase. The second phase will create a further 15 walks. Each walk will tell a story about the heritage of the area. A walk in Lanchester will be included in this second phase.

An article on the walk has appeared in the Village Voice and the Parish Council newsletter.

A route has been developed following a meeting of the group. Councillors considered the draft walk route.

Recommended that:

- (i) the notes from the working group meeting be approved
- (ii) the information be received
- (iii) the draft route be approved

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Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 25 May at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 7.40pm