

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday
29 January 2014 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr M Wardle, Mr P Jackson
Mr S Walker, Mr Peter Richardson

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr O Johnson - work commitments
Mrs A Cook - ill
Mrs J Richardson - other commitments
Mr Philip Richardson - other commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

14/14 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15/14 Public Participation

The public participation policy was distributed for the benefit of the public present.

16/14 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance report. Members discussed the garage rents.

Recommended that:

- (i) the report be received
- (ii) the garage rents are reviewed when the budget for 2015 / 16 is considered

17/14 Lanchester Miners' Banner Group (min 260/13)

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

Progress on all elements of the project had been made.

Recommended - that the minutes of the recent meeting be received

18/14 Banner Celebration Event

Members were informed that this event would be organised through a working group of the Parish Council.

Members were informed that forms had been submitted to the safety advisory group of the County Council. They had considered the event and have asked for additional forms and information to be forwarded to them.

A meeting of the Banner Celebration Event Working Group will take place on Thursday 30 January.

Recommended that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) future updates are presented at the Ordinary meeting of the Council

19/14 Christmas Lights (min 261/13)

Members considered the Christmas Light Switch On event which had taken place on Saturday 30 November and agreed that it had been a great success.

The lights on the Christmas Tree on the Village Green were discussed.

Recommended that:

- (i) the Christmas Light Switch On Event for 2014 take a similar format to the event in 2013
- (ii) prices be sought to replace the old lights from the Christmas tree with new LED coloured lights

20/14 Farming, Wildlife & Environment Working Group (min 262/13)

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

Members were informed that a meeting had taken place with Heritage Lottery Fund which had been positive.

The next meeting of the working group is due to take place on Wednesday 5 February.

Recommended - that the information be received

21/14 Lynwood (min 263/13)

Members considered the draft document outlining our proposals regarding office space for the Parish Council and the management arrangements for the community space.

Recommended – that our proposals are sent to the Chief Executive Officer at Derwentside Homes from the Chair of the Parish Council with a copy forwarded to Keith Tallintyre and Steve Melvin

22/14 World War One – Centenary Events (min 11/14)

Members were informed of a Centenary Poppy Campaign organised by The Royal British Legion in association with B & Q which will provide Flanders poppy seeds to plant.

The seed packs cost £2.00 with £1.00 donated to The Royal British Legion.

Recommended that:

- (i)** 50 packs of seed are purchased initially
- (ii)** the seeds are planted on Parish Council land
- (iii)** the packs are offered to the schools and the community for planting

23/14 Parish Council Newsletter

Members considered the draft quarterly newsletter.

Recommended - that the newsletter be approved

24/14 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 26 March at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 8.15pm