

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. P Jackson (Chair)

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. E Hepplewhite - other commitments
Cllr. B McDermid - work commitments
Cllr. L Montgomery - work Commitments
Cllr. V Jackson - other commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

20/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

21/22 **Public Participation**

There were no members of public present.

22/22 **Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

23/22 **Christmas Light Switch On Event 2021**

Councillors received information on the Christmas Light Switch On event which had taken place on 27 November 2021.

The event had gone well and had been well attended. The live streaming of the event by Lanchester Partnership had been successful. Volunteers had managed the event. The music from Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral Society had been recorded in advance. Thanks to Cllr. McDermid for providing the recording equipment.

Storm Arwen the night before the event had meant that the Village Green and electrical supply had had to be checked prior to the event taking place.

It was agreed that for future events an enhanced sound system be considered.

Councillors discussed the lights which were extended throughout January. It was agreed that for future years, consideration be given to turning off the Christmas Tree lights after the Christmas period.

Recommended – that the information be received

24/22 Solar Planet Walk – Lanchester Valley Walk

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 15 December 2021. Notes from the meeting were presented to Councillors. The group had considered and discussed many aspects of the project including: route, scale of route, direction of walk, planet installation, design of installations etc.

Since the meeting several members of the group have walked the route and considered the scale of the walk. The group need to agree the route and progress the funding bid.

A large scale map of the route will be sourced to help with the process.

Recommended that:

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

25/22 Manor Grange Play Area

Councillors were informed that the order for the play area had been placed. The company will be in touch to arrange a site visit.

Recommended - that the information be received

26/22 Beacon – Relocation and the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon event

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 15 December 2021. Notes from the meeting were presented to Councillors.

It was confirmed that planning permission would be needed to permanently site the Beacon and this is being progressed.

With regard to the Beacon event on 2 June 2022 the following has been progressed: the event has been registered, forms have been submitted to the Safety Advisory Group at Durham County Council, a licence for the

event is being progressed, first aid provision has been booked, a piper has been secured.

Recommended that:

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

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Heritage 100 Walk

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 19 January 2022. Notes from the meeting will be presented at a future Council meeting.

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. It is planned that a walk in Lanchester be included in this second phase.

It will be necessary to seek community involvement, to involve stakeholders to help with the walk route and to 'tell the story'.

The first stage will be to develop the walk (ideally between 3 – 8 miles)

A meeting has been arranged for 29 January to walk the area and begin the process.

Recommended - that the information be received

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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 30 March at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 7.35pm