



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors: Mike Mann (MM) – chair, Neil Punnett (NP), Rebecca Kennington (RK), Clive Christensen (CC)

Officers: Clerk - RFO - Lesley Smyth, Westmorland and Furness Councillor R Audland

23-24/21	Apologies for Absence. Received and accepted from: Helen Chaffey: Keith Halford: Pete McSweeney: Steve Porter: Josh McLeod.		
23-24/22	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.		
23-24/23	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 th May 2023, pages 19134-19135 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.	MM	
23-24/24	Co-option of New Member. RESOLVED that Darrell Lancaster be co-opted as a Member of Arnside Parish Council.		
23-24/25	<p>Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from Westmorland & Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: -</p> <p>Members of the Public: Alasdair Simpson (Commodore) and Jim Jackson, two Members from the Arnside Sailing Club were in attendance and presented a visual report on their two distinctly separate projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Improvements to changing facilities at the Sailing Club</u> – the following was noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The feasibility Study • Current limitations • Development considerations • The number of stakeholders (of which Arnside PC is one) • Drawings of the proposed internal and external layout, and their conscious effort to adhere to the current environment • The cost is estimated between £250,000 – £300,000. • Discussions with the Planning Authority will commence in the near future. • During the works access via the beach will be required. Bye-laws will need to be inspected. • A realistic timescale for the completion of works is 3-5 years. 2. <u>Proposals for the Crossfields Boat yard</u> - the following was noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The property has been vacant since 1985 ◦ The owner and ownership layout ◦ The possibility of creating a Heritage Centre similar to the Ruskin Museum at Coniston. ◦ The cost of a feasibility study is in the region of £5,000. <p>The aim of the Sailing Club is to promote the maritime heritage of Arnside. The Club has 350 Members operating over three sites; the facilities and courses available and number of attendees was noted and in 2022 they became a Registered Charity. The two members expressed a desire to give an update/ progress report to the Council in 6-9 months. The Chair and Members thanked them for their excellent presentation. They retired from the meeting at 8.05 pm.</p>		

	<p>Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Update: Cllr.R Audland noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A positive vibrant good relationship with the new Westmorland and Furness Council and the Locality Board, of which Cllr H.Chaffey is the Chair. 2. There is a Funding Window to be opened aimed at Public Buildings. He recommended the Council identify their projects so as to be ready to apply for funding once the window opens. The Members asked if the Sailing Club and Playing Fields would be suitable projects, but as the funding is for public buildings the Council would need to seek guidance. There is an action plan to submit a list of ideas for funding to the Westmorland and Furness Locality Board. 3. The Highways Departments are in the process of undertaking walkabouts, to establish a list of required works. Jet-patching of potholes is currently being undertaken. The Members said urgent re-surfacing works are required on the promenade. Cllr Audland recommended in the coming 10 days the Council put together a list of works required in the Arnside area, ranging from important to less important, and to give the list to Cllr H Chaffey for her to present to the Locality Board. He confirmed the budget for highways works has been approved. <p>The Members noted the wall near the entrance to the school is in a dangerous condition, and if falls it will be on a public right of way. This issue to be passed to the Westmorland and Furness Council who will directly contact the landowner.</p>			MM
23-24/26	<p>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: None</p>			Clerk
23-24/27	<p>Cemetery Report Previously distributed by J.McLeod. No questions.</p>			
23-24/28	<p>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to consider the financial summary for June, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report be received, noted and approved. The Plusnet Contract has been terminated. b) to consider the Receipts and Payments Account for the Financial Year 2022-23. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Statement be received, noted and approved. c) to consider the AGAR 22-23 Accounting Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Statement be received, noted and approved for Audit submission d) to consider the Notification for the exercise of Public Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Notice be received, noted and approved. 			RFO RFO RFO RFO
23-24/29	<p>Toilets Report: RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The public toilet cleaning and maintenance contract with DANFO is due for renewal in August. 2. Preliminary work is underway to explore options, including working with other local councils on a joint service provision with either the existing or new service provider. 			MM
23-24/30	<p>Review of Council Documents The following documents had been distributed prior to the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standing Orders 2. Financial Regulations 3. Code of Conduct <p>The Chair to form a Finance Working Group consisting of The Chair, The Clerk, The RFO and Cllr R.Kennington to review these three documents.</p>			MM
23-24/31	<p>Allotments: RESOLVED that Cllr D Lancaster to appointed as responsible officer for this service.</p>			DL

23-24/32	Affordable Housing Proposal -Update Cllr N Punnett reported on a meeting attended by himself and Cllr H Chaffey with South Lakes Housing. They inspected a new development at Halton consisting of 20 affordable homes built to the highest eco standards. He is now awaiting for Westmorland and Furness Council to confirm the Arnside funding so the project may progress to the next stage of design. Presently there is only himself and Cllr H Chaffey on the Housing Committee, so in the future he may be seeking additional Members to assist.	
23-24/33	Healthy Arnside Group - Deferred to the next Meeting.	Clerk
23-24/34	Wood Burning Stoves in Arnside – Deferred to the next Meeting	Clerk
23-24/35	Tennis Club Proposals for a new Club House. RESOLVED that The Parish Council are awaiting a presentation by the Tennis Club. The Chair to contact T Griffiths and invite him to the next Meeting.	MM
23-24/36	Review Memorial Benches Prices. RESOLVED that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Residents price raised to £1150 2. Non-Residents Promenade price raised to £1300 3. Non-Residents Pier price raised to £1500. These increases to be effective as from this date.	
23-24/37	Review of Action List The action list was reviewed and an updated version sent to all Members. Attached at Appendix 1	
23-24/38	Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10 th July 2023. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 30 th June 2023 and finance items to the RFO by this date.	
23-24/39	Meeting closed at 20.50 pm	

Chair:

Date: