

Drigg and Carleton Parish Council**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2022 ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
DRIGG AND CARLETON PARISH COUNCIL  
Held in Drigg Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Attended:** John Jennings (Chair)  
Andy Pratt (Vice-Chair)  
Keith Murray  
Jo Whyte  
Suey Browne  
Jimmy Naylor  
Karen Warmoth (Temporary Clerk)

**Apologies:** Justine Robinson (Responsible Financial Officer)  
Keith Hitchen  
David Millington

- 1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**
  1. There were no amendments to the Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 2. Resolution to approve and signature of Minutes**
  1. Proposed by KM and seconded by AP that the minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were a true and accurate record; agreed unanimously by members and subsequently signed by the Chair as such
- 3. Apologies for absence**
  1. Noted above
  2. Keith Hitchen tendered his resignation to the Chair on personal grounds
- 4. Financial Matters**
  1. **Finance Report:** the RFO sent the Chair an email with an updated financial statement. The statement was shared with the members and a copy was available at the meeting. The total balance was £6,532.97
  2. **Payments:** an invoice for £20 payable to CALC for Training of the Temporary Clerk. Payment approval proposed by AP, seconded by JJ, approved by all
    - i. **Employee wage claim:** DM submitted an expenses and pay claim for the last financial year (less three months due to absence) but quoted the old rate of pay. Payment agreed at the current official NALC rate of pay of £10.04 per hour totalling £337.20 proposed by AP, seconded by KM, with all in favour
    - ii. **RFO wage claim:** JR emailed the Chair an invoice for pay and expenses which was circulated to all councillors shortly after the meeting. Payment of £1117.20 was approved by KM and seconded by GC with all in favour
  3. **NALC / CALC rates of pay:** the NALC rate of pay has increased 1.75% to £10.22 per hour. AP proposed paying the NALC rate for all council officers, seconded by KM, approved by all
- 5. Actions and Matters Arising from previous Council meetings**
  1. **9/2:** ongoing with KH.
  2. **Action Point 3/1:** Chair to contact KH for closing statement
  3. **11/1:** CCC Highways speed measurements – the measurements project will be repeated in six months' time. The contact is the Highways Officer

4. **Action Point 3/2:** Clerk to request that in future the Parish Council should be consulted before deciding on the location of the measurement device
  5. **2/1:** completed
  6. **2/2:** completed
  7. **2/3:** completed. Parishioners have registered their intention to light a Jubilee Beacon on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 at 9.45 pm and carry out a risk assessment
  8. **2/4:** completed
- 6. Reports from County and District Councillors**
1. **County:** Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) - Holmrook is currently 12<sup>th</sup> on the list to go on the temporary SID rota. Devices cost £4,000 and CRASH will not directly fund them.
  2. **Action Point 3/3:** Clerk to request details from KH to follow up this action
  3. **Copeland:** AP reports CBC going into pre-election purdah
- 7. Public Participation**
1. One member of the public raised two issues, the planning decision at Partfield House and a suggestion to apply for GDF funding to build a road to LLWR bypassing Drigg / Seascale
- 8. Communications**
1. **Cumbria Nuclear Constabulary:** CNC propose to undertake daytime firearms training on the LLWR site
  2. **CALC News:** highlights parishes, this week St Bees. Details of council officers' NALC pay rise
  3. **Local Government Reorganisation:** election is in May, shadow council for one year then Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle will merge to form Cumberland. By May 2023 all services should have transferred safely and legally to the new authority
- 9. Planning Applications**
1. **CBC Ref 4/22/2070/001 – LAND NORTH OF STATION ROAD, DRIGG:** JJ declared an interest and took no part in this discussion. Application for planning permission to build nine houses, with no indication of whether affordable houses, reserved for local occupation, etc. Land not within the boundary of the local plan but there is an acknowledged local need for family housing. PC would consider supporting the development if satisfied on the following points:
    - i. Are the drainage / sewerage issues managed appropriately?
    - ii. Are the houses sustainable family homes and is there a local need for them?
    - iii. Has development on other sites within the local plan has been considered?
    - iv. Why is development outside the local plan being considered?
    - v. Is the development proportionate to the area?
  2. **CBC Ref 4/21/2534/001 – LAND AT BOWRIE FAULD, WEST OF SMITHY BANKS, HOLMROOK:** this planning application has been amended to remove the number of proposed dwellings
  3. **Action Point 3/4:** Clerk to request an extension of time for comments from CBC Planning Dept to allow the PC time to consider this update
- 10. Cumbria Association of Local Councils**
1. **CALC Report:** See CALC Newsletter
  2. **Action Point 3/5:** Clerk to email DM for CALC login details
- 11. Reports from Representatives**
1. **GDF Community Partnership:** name changed to GDF Mid-Copeland to avoid implying a link to Nuclear Waste Services. Drop-in sessions ongoing. Fund may be sub-divided according to subjects:

- i. Farming and Agriculture
- ii. Youth
- iii. Tourism
- iv. Business

**2. Action Point 3/6:** SB to add drop-in dates at Drigg to Drigg and Carleton Community website

**3. LLWR Liaison:** March meeting due to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 5 pm

**12. Matters to be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting**

1. Year End accounts
2. Bowrie Fauld (see 9.2)
3. LLWR request for joint PC meeting with Seascale PC and Drigg and Carleton PC on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Info needed on near surface disposal. The meeting is now confirmed for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022
4. Proposed LLWR building with community use in the evening
5. Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7 pm in Drigg Village Hall

**Summary of Action Points**

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2. **Action Point 3/2:** Clerk to request that in future the Parish Council should be consulted before deciding on the location of the measurement device
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