

Drigg and Carleton Parish

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE  
DRIGG AND CARLETON PARISH  
Held in Drigg Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00 pm**

**Attended:** John Jennings (Chair)  
Andy Pratt (Vice-Chair)  
Keith Murray  
Suey Browne  
Sadie Clarke  
Chris Gigg  
Karen Warmoth (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Jimmy Naylor  
Jo Whyte

Also attended by six members of the public

**1) Introduction and welcome**

- a) The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees

**2) Speaker:** Cllr David Moore

- a) Cllr Moore spoke on the current Government Consultation on Managing Radioactive Substances and Nuclear Decommissioning and the urgent need for all local bodies and individuals to respond to this proposed policy which will have a great impact on Drigg and Carleton and Seascale Parishes in particular
- i) <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-radioactive-substances-and-nuclear-decommissioning>
- ii) The consultation closes on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**3) Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting**

- a) **Minutes:** proposed by JJ and seconded by AP that the minutes were a true and accurate record, with all in favour

**4) Drigg and Carleton Parish Council Report**

- a) The Chair read a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the last year. All the activities were captured in more detail in the minutes of the Parish Council meetings
- i) **Joiners / Leavers:** Dave Millington, Parish Clerk for many years, stepped down and was replaced by Karen Warmoth, at first on a temporary basis and then from July 2022 on a permanent basis. Justine Robinson stepped down as RFO in September 2022 and in October 2022, Karen Warmoth took on this role. Chris Gigg was co-opted in December 2022. In April 2023, Keith Hitchen, a long standing councillor with Parish, District and County, gave notice to stand down at the end of his elected term. He was appointed Alderman for his years of service by Copeland Borough Council. Sadie Clarke joins the Parish Council in May 2023
- ii) **Village maintenance:** grass cutting and flower tubs continue, with a wildflower planting scheme to benefit pollinators proposed by a councillor in conjunction with County
- iii) **Celebration events:** Platinum Jubilee celebrations

- iv) **Planning:** CBC Local Plan has been produced; some planning applications were made with drainage being a key issue featuring in most of them
- v) **Website:** maintained by the Parish Council. Please use it to find info on PC activities
- vi) **Warm Hub:** well received and well attended, with over 120 people. Funded by County
- vii) **Hall improvements:** IT screens and proposed stair access to the loft storage space
- viii) **External bodies:** PC represented on Mid Copeland Community Partnership, CALC, LLWR
- ix) **LLWR / NWS:** Liaison Group meet to try and minimise the impact of LLWR on the village
- x) **LGR:** the Parish is now in South Copeland (Millom Without Ward)
- xi) **General:** defibrillators maintained, PROW management along the riverbank

## 5) Drigg and Carleton Parish Council Financial Report

- a) The Financial Report has been prepared in draft and will be finalised and published on the Drigg Community website when the accounts have been audited
  - i) **Total income:** £23,390.49
  - ii) **Total expenditure:** £21,916.07
  - iii) **Total balance in the PC account:** £6,807.99

## 6) Drigg Charity Report

- a) The Chair read a report on the activities of the Drigg Charity over the last year
  - i) **Community events:** the Charity supported Drigg Gala, the Bonfire and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, as well as gifts to senior households at Christmas
  - ii) **Village maintenance:** support for grass cutting and clearing the river bank, plus support for the Wildflower project
  - iii) **Community Awards:** support for St Peter's church refurbishment; money to Gosforth Nursery to support an autistic child and supply wet weather clothing; an award to Drigg Young Farmers to pay for transport to a national event; payment towards the labour costs of painting the village hall and preparatory work for the stairs project; and a donation to the Bursary fund
  - iv) **Bursary fund:** eleven bursaries were awarded for education and/or training, including four awards for transport costs for those post 16 students who have to pay to go to school

## 7) Village Hall Report

- a) **Hall painted:** improved the visual amenity of the hall
- b) **Usage:** AP reported that over the last year the hall has increased usage to greater than pre-Covid levels, with a wide range of users from the community
- c) **Projects:** staircase project is ongoing
- d) **Kitchen:** a member of the public praised the modern kitchen and asked for additional cutlery and utensils to be supplied
- e) **Safeguarding:** the hall now has a formal Safeguarding Policy, with appropriate numbers to call displayed in the hall kitchen
- f) **Thanks:** a vote of thanks to KM proposed by AP for managing the hall

## 8) Close of meeting

- a) Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Karen Warmoth

Parish Clerk

Drigg and Carleton Parish Council

17<sup>th</sup> May 2023