



Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 24 May 2023 at Skelsmergh Community Hall

Present: John Chapman(JC) Chair
Parish Councillors: Freya Burrill (FB), Mick Crozier (MC), Angela Brand-Barker (ABB), Tim Maggs (TM)
Westmoreland and Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgeson (HH)
Clerk: Ron Anderson (RA)

Minute No:

12/23 Welcome.

Councillor Chapman opened meeting at 7.55pm and welcomed Cllr Hazel Hodgeson from the new Westmorland and Furness Council (W&FC)

13/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no changes of personal interest and no prejudicial interests were declared in any agenda item

14/23 Open Forum

Cllr Hodgeson briefed the council on developments in the new council. Locality Boards have been out in place to identify projects and funding for consideration by W&FC. Projects concerning Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg include consideration of footpath/cycleway past rugby club, PC will seek advice/feedback re proceeding and Cllr Hodgeson will put this forward. New W&FC committees have been set up and Cllr Hodgeson is on several of them. Cllr Hodgeson also updated PC on Appleby Fair arrangements and will take PC concerns to future planning meetings

15/23 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true and complete record. The Chair was authorised to sign them as such.

16/23 Consideration of new online bank account

Resolved: Clerk will research Unity Trust Bank (recommended and used by CALC) and report to next meeting

Plans for Pole Lathe Turning day; 25th June 2023

17/23 Year End Accounts

a.To receive and note the outcomes of the Annual Internal Audit

Resolved: Mrs Lynda Barron's reports were noted. Mrs Barron confirmed that the PC is compliant with all internal controls listed.

b.To receive and approve the Annual Governance Statement

Resolved: Unanimous agreement to to approve all points and to confirm that there is robust internal control and accounting systems in place.

c. To receive and approve the 2022-2023 Year End accounting statements as presented, giving a carry forward of £1768.25

d.To receive and approve the Certificate of Exemption

Resolved: Unanimous agreement that the exemption criteria apply; gross expenditure does not exceed £25000

e. Clerk and Chair to sign the Annual Governance statement.

Resolved: Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign Annual Governance Statement

f. Chair to sign Accounting Statements

Resolved: Chair was authorised to sign the Accounting Statement

g.RFO/Chair to set dates for Exercise of Public Rights

Resolved: Date set at 1 June 2023

h. Chair and Clerk sign Certificate of Exemption
Chair and Clerk authorised to sign Certificate of Exemption

18/23 Plans for 2023-2024 Budget

To consider payments to be made as per Clerk's report

Resolved: ABB and TM will authorise payments using online banking. Clerk will set up Direct Debit for ICO registration. Clerk will use float to upgrade Laptop

19/23 Updated Community Plan

Chair proposed assessments of new community plan to possibly include views of parishioners.. It was noted Skelsmergh Community Hall have been successful in engagement.

20/23 Correspondence highlighted by clerk

Email from parishioners concerned over traffic speeds on minor road near Mealbank

Resolved: Clerk will write to highways communicating concerns and lack of response

21/23 To note dates of future meetings

Wednesday 19 July 2023

Wednesday 20 September 2023

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Wednesday 24 January 2023

Wednesday 20 March 2023

The Chair formally closed Annual Meeting at 7.55pm

Signed

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