

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Grants Committee held on 6th June 2023 at 10.00am held in Wetheral Village Community Hall.

Chairman; Cllr White

Present:

Cllr Higginbotham

Cllr H Hughes

Cllr J Dobson

F&G 01/23 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved to appoint Cllr White as the Chairman of the Finance & Grants Committee for the ensuing year.

F&G 02/23 Apologies

Resolved, apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Higgs.

F&G 03/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2022

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2022.

F & G 04/23 Declarations of Interest

Resolved none declared.

F&G 05/23 Request for Dispensation

Resolved no requests for dispensation received.

F&G 06/22 Financial Review

Resolved to receive the bank reconciliation 31st May 2023

Current Account £22,208.65

Deposit Account £242,284.28

Cumberland BS £41,051.21

Total in the bank **£310,672.04** includes outstanding payments & receipts.

(ii) Noted receipt of HMRC payment £5073.65.

F&G 07/22 End of Year Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to receive the end of year accounts totalling £174,864.56 and to approve the earmarked funds for projects 2023 as £44,889.20.

(ii) **Resolved** to note the actual reserve of £129,975.00 from year ending 31st March 2023.

(iii) **Resolved** to note the AGAR and supplementary documents for year ending 31.03.23 have been submitted to Moore the External Auditor.

Note the following decisions are recommendations to the full council, for consideration and ratification.

F&G 08/23 Projects

(i) **Scotby Pavilion- Resolved** to authorise the final accounts for the contractor proportion of the Scotby Pavilion Construction by SEP Ltd totalling £190,090.00 with a retention of £8848.00.

(ii) **Cotehill** – Noted remainder of Parish Council Grant is £9368.00. Clerk to contact the Cotehill Committee to confirm the proposed projects for 23/24.

(iii) **Scotby Village hall roof**, tenders due 12.06.23.

a. **Resolved** to proceed with the roof replacement works this year as planned, additional scaffolding for the internal supports is required, this will potentially increase the cost substantially.

b. **Resolved** to increase the budget to £100,000. Clerk to forward the specification of the works to Cllrs, for information.

c. Clerk to inform the village hall committee of the Councils intentions, ensuring provision is made for the hall users, particularly the Scotby Pre-School.

(iv) **Aglionby The Strand**.- Noted pathways more expensive than anticipated, costs covered by current budget provision and grants received.

(v) **Scotby village green** – United Utilities update, no longer require access to Parish land to install new water supply pipes, an easement grant was anticipated.

(vi) **Cumwhinton Play area**- **Resolved** to proceed with the installation of additional equipment; climbing frame, pre-school slide, tightrope circuit & chimes at a cost of £21,783.93, to be reclaimed from S106 grants.

(vii) Update -Milk vending - possibility of a mobile milk vending machine to be located on Wetheral playing field car park and a site in Scotby. Further details to be provided to members.

F&G09/23 Expenditure to consider for budget 2023-24

(i) Cemetery

a. Noted, matters arising from the Cemetery meeting 15th May 2023 and follow up with Groundsman 1st June 2023.

b. **Resolved** to approve the Cemetery accounts 2022-23 for submission to Cumberland Council.

c. **Resolved** to approve the increased budget for the woodland memorial wall, currently under construction by £850, due to change to sandstone to match the cemetery. Memorial plaques will be sold, details to be confirmed.

d. **Resolved** to approve the purchase of a new lawn mower, (this was raised at the meeting of 1.06.23) at a cost of £1,100.00. The funding for this and the recently purchased strimmer to be allocated from the £2768.00 surplus from 2022/23.

(ii) Rights of Way

a. Grass Contract- Noted additional items now included in the contract- left of the entrance to Cotehill playing field and entrance to Buffs Croft W on Eden, at no extra charge.

b. Noted, the Strand contracted planned maintenance has been successful, long term should be considered as a reoccurring annual contract.

e. R of Way meeting re-scheduled, **Resolved** to consider any budgetary amendments at a further meeting of the F&G members.

f. Carbon Zero- Noted possible expenditure towards installation of EV charging points at Wetheral & Warwick Bridge may be required, further details to be supplied.

g. **Resolved** to proceed with the production and installation of a building sign for the Scotby pavilion at a cost of £683.00 in memory of the late Cllr Barry Earp.

h. Aglionby, The Strand – **Resolved** to increase the budget by £3000 to allow the inclusion of play items, signage & magnifying station. Noted the play equipment to be included as part of the Council Rospa inspections.

(iii) Establishment

- a. Noted increase in HMRC payments, payroll admin, and insurance.

F&G 10/23 Grants & Donations.

Grants considered.

- i. Scotby PCC- boiler replacement for All Saints Church project cost £33,000. **Resolved** to grant £1000 towards the project.
- ii. Churchyard maintenance, **Resolved** to grant £300 to the following churches.
 - a. St Johns Cotehill
 - b. All Saints Scotby
 - c. Out Lady, Warwick Bride
 - d. St Leonards, Warwick on Eden.

F&G 11/23 Village matters

Potential expenditure items were raised by members, these will be considered at the Rights of Way meeting and then for submission to this committee.

Next meeting To be confirmed.