



**Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 25 August 2020 via Zoom Video Conference**

Present: Ian Mitchell, Gary Seekins, Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong

*To be presented at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on
Monday 19 October 2020*

PR33	/20	Election of Chair: RESOLVED that Cllr Seekins would chair this meeting.	
PR34	/20	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that there were no apologies as everyone was present.	
PR35	/20	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest.	
PR36	/20	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 23 March 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair at a later date to be confirmed. It was noted that the School Governors had been successful in obtaining a grant of £5500 from the Sustainability Fund at YDNPA. This meant that the governors now had the £11,000 required and any further grant funding should be used to repay the loan from the council. It was noted that the CCMS system had now been handed over to the Clerk of the Council for administering.	
PR37	/20	Committee Restructure: Due to the number of resignations and new councillors in recent months it was deemed necessary to look at the Committee Structure currently in place. The current structure was used as a starting point for this discussion. It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that each committee should elect its own chair at the first meeting after the full council meeting in May each year. It was further RESOLVED to recommend that all councillors should be able to nominate a reserve councillor to attend any committee meeting if they were unable to attend. Car Park Committee – Recommendation to full council that the car park attendant be removed from this committee and be invited to meetings if there is relevant discussion. Further recommendation that this committee be merged with the Policy and Resources Committee. Playing Field Committee – Recommendation to full council that the grounds maintenance contractor be removed from the committee and be invited to meetings only for relevant discussions. It was noted that representatives from other bodies on this committee outnumbered councillors and so one	

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		<p>of these representatives should be removed. The Clerk will speak to the representatives to decide which one will leave. Recommend that the membership is three councillors plus two representatives from other committees.</p> <p>Planning Committee – This committee had recently been strengthened to five members. Recommend that the next new councillor elected/co-opted be placed on this committee in place of Cllr Woof who had gone on this committee on a temporary basis.</p> <p>Amenities and Environment Committee – Recommend that membership increased to five with the addition of a vacancy to be filled by the next councillor to be elected/co-opted.</p> <p>Policy and Resources Committee – Recommend merge with Car Park Committee and increase membership to five. The three existing members plus the remaining member of the Car Park Committee plus the addition of one other councillor.</p> <p>School Governors – It was noted that there was no longer a specific requirement for the governors to have a representative from the council. However, it was considered that this was a good idea and the requirement for representative be left on the list as vacant currently.</p> <p>Dent Combined Charities/Grammar School/Memorial Hall – It was noted that recently resigned councillors had indicated that they were happy to remain on these committees as representatives. Concern was raised about how we would receive information from these committees. It was agreed to recommend that if councillors wish to volunteer to go on these committees then they would do so.</p> <p>Upper Dales Health Watch – Recommend that either Cllr Richardson or Cllr Akrigg join this committee as representative as they are the councillors from Cowgill.</p> <p>Sedbergh and Dent Community Charity – It was agreed to recommend that a new councillor is appointed as representative to this committee as it provides a number of grants to the dale. The Clerk will find out how many meetings are involved.</p>	
PR38	/20	<p>Emergency Action Plan: The new Emergency Action Plan has been signed off by Cumbria Action and has now been sent to the emergency services. It was RESOLVED to set up a Working Group to deal with further changes to the Emergency Plan. This will include two members from the council plus up to three representatives</p>	

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		<p>from the public. Cllr Seekins will approach Cllr Richardson to be on this working group.</p> <p>The sand bags have finally arrived and are being stored at Bath House, Rise Hill Mill. A method of advertising and distribution was discussed and it was RESOLVED that this would be via Facebook, CCMS and Dentdale.com. A log of who takes bags should be kept to give the council information about which properties are affected by flooding.</p>	
PR39	/20	<p>Devolution White Paper:</p> <p>It was noted that this paper has yet to be published and so there is no requirement to make comment as yet.</p> <p>It was noted that there are a number of suggestions for Cumbria but that Cumbria is a big county with a lot of rurality and that some of these suggestions might not be practical.</p> <p>It was noted that this was not likely to happen quickly and that we should keep a watch on North Yorkshire who are currently further ahead in the process.</p> <p>RESOLVED to keep this item on the agenda for this committee and to keep abreast of information.</p>	
PR40	/20	<p>Clerk's Performance Review:</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllrs. Manners-Armstrong and Seekins will conduct the review and a date will be arranged towards the end of September.</p>	
PR41	/20	<p>Date of Next meeting:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Monday 19 October 2020, to commence at 7.30pm. likely via Zoom Video Conference.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:51</p>	

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