



**Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on
Monday 23 November 2020 via Zoom Video Conference**

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

To be presented at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on Monday 02 March 2021

PR53	/20	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Howes.															
PR54	/20	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration of interest from Cllr Mitchell regarding the car park cleaning contract.															
PR55	/20	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 19 October 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair at a later date to be confirmed.															
PR56	/20	EV Charging: Quotes had been received from PodPoint and EO, but a quote was still awaited from Flowbird. Since this company provided our ticket machine and the software was able to integrate it was RESOLVED to make no decision until this quote had been received and the item will be deferred until the next meeting.															
PR57	/20	School Boiler Loan: It was noted that the governors had now repaid £2000 of the original loan due to receipt of a further donation from the Memorial Hall Committee. The governors had requested that the council considers converting the remaining £3500 into a grant and this will be considered at item 6 on the agenda.															
PR58	/20	<p>Grants 2020-2021: At the last meeting the committee had agreed to set a budget of £6000 for dispersal as grants and adverts had been placed on noticeboards, website and Facebook with a closing date of 20 November 2020. 8 applications had been received requesting a total of £11,750. After some discussion regarding each of the applications it was RESOLVED to recommend to full council the following awards:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Dent Pre-School Ltd</td> <td>£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent CE Primary School</td> <td>£2,700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Johns Church, Cowgill</td> <td>£632.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Great North Air Ambulance Service</td> <td>£318.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Memorial Hall</td> <td>£350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent CE School Governors</td> <td>£1,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£6,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	Dent Pre-School Ltd	£500.00	Dent CE Primary School	£2,700.00	St Johns Church, Cowgill	£632.00	Great North Air Ambulance Service	£318.00	Dent Memorial Hall	£350.00	Dent CE School Governors	£1,500.00	Total	£6,000.00	
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		It was further RESOLVED to recommend to full council that the school governors be given 6 months to repay the remaining £2,000 outstanding from the original loan.	
PR59	/20	<p>Car Park Tariffs: The meeting was presented with tariffs from other car parks in the local area (Sedbergh, Kirkby Lonsdale and YDNPA). There was some discussion regarding the tariffs and it was RESOLVED to recommend to full council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free overnight parking remains • The following tariffs be applied <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Up to 1 hour = £1.50 1 – 2 hours = £2.50 2 – 3 hours = £3.30 3 – 4 hours = £4.00 4+ hours = £5.00</p> <p>These tariffs shall be reviewed after 3 months.</p> <p><u>Annual Permits</u> Motorhomes – It was RESOLVED to recommend to full council to increase the price to £150.00 for 2021 with a review of the classification of all vehicles. Holiday Cottages/Second Homes – It was RESOLVED to recommend to full council that the price of each permit be increased by £5.00 .</p>	
PR60	/20	<p>Budget 2021-2022: Further discussion took place regarding the budget for 2021-2022. The increase in precept resulting from the previous meeting was deemed unacceptable and so savings needed to be made. It was noted that taxpayers were already being charged for Verge Maintenance by Cumbria County Council and that this council should be looking to recoup the money for this activity from them or not completing further Verge Maintenance work. It was RESOLVED to recommend the precept be increased by £1465.00 to £18,820. This equates to £53.42 per annum for a Band D property or £1.03 per week.</p>	
PR61	/20	<p>Clerk's Performance and Pay Review: This item had been deferred from the last meeting until the outcome of the Clerk's CiLCA qualification was known. The Clerk received confirmation he had passed the qualification and advised the council he believed he deserved an increase in pay from the current SCP 23 level. The clerk left the meeting.</p>	

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		<p>After some discussion it was RESOLVED to recommend to full council that the Clerk's salary be increased to SCP 25 on the NJC scales.</p> <p>The clerk re-joined the meeting.</p>	
PR62	/20	<p>Local Government Reorganisation:</p> <p>It was noted that only SLDC had given any information on their proposal and that SLDC felt that this was the only viable alternative to a Unitary Cumbria.</p> <p>The question being asked was whether the Parish Council wishes to support SLDC's proposal?</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to recommend to full council that we wait for the formal consultation in 2021 before making any comment.</p>	
PR63	/20	<p>Consultation on Standards in Public Life:</p> <p>It was noted that the Code of Conduct and Standards in Public Life was a very important subject and that the councillors had to ensure that their behaviour met the standards at all times.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that Cllr Manners-Armstrong will write a response to the consultation and circulate to all councillors.</p>	
PR64	/20	<p>Meeting Calendar 2021:</p> <p>The clerk presented a proposed meeting calendar for 2021. It was explained that all of the Planning Committee meetings were scheduled for one week before the corresponding YDNPA Planning Committee meetings. It was RESOLVED to recommend that this calendar be accepted.</p>	
PR65	/20	<p>Cllr. Manners-Armstrong enquired whether any information had been received about SLDC awarding money to parishes who complete phase 1 of the Greening Campaign. Cllr. Mitchell agreed to find out what he could.</p>	
PR66	/20	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 22 March 2021, venue to be arranged.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 22.00</p>	

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