**UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING held in the Underskiddaw Church Rooms on Tuesday 17th January 2017**

**PRESENT :** Mr J Wilson (in the Chair), Mrs B Bulman, Mr C Corder, Mrs J Boniface, Mr I Hall, Mr T Gibbs, Mr T Ryan, Cath Johnson LDNPA

In attendance: Becx Carter Clerk

**2017.01 Apologies for absence.**

**Resolved** that apologies be noted from PCSO Catherine Smith

**2017.02 Minutes of the 15th November 2016**

 **Resolved** that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr J Wilson in his role as Chair of the meeting.

 **Action: Clerk to upload minutes to website.**

**2017.03 Declarations on Interest.** The Chairman requested Members should declare any interest they had in any of the Agenda items.

 No declarations of interest or requests for dispensations were received.

**2017.04 Opportunity for Public Participation**

 No members of the public present.

**2017.05 Update from other bodies on relevant issues.** (*If present)*

1. Police Report

Website only updated to end Oct/early Nov.

1. Lake District National Park Authority

Cath Johnson attended and provided an update on the Keswick-Penrith Railway Path Project. Capita have now presented the route options at a number of drop in sessions w/c 9th January 2017. Three options were presented, of which the ‘Brown/Route 7’ option is the favourite/preferred option from most local people. (Reinstatement of the original route as far as possible including the re-opening of the ‘big tunnel’ and slight alteration of the route around lost embankment). A number of routes were presented to the public as part of this process is for the LDNPA to gather a body of evidence that can be used when applying for funding for these works. Funders look for public demand and opinion as part of the supporting information.

In addition the LDNPA are also currently having a social & economic value for money assessment prepared to support funding applications.

**Action: Clerk to circulate power point from the drop in sessions to all via email.**

**Resolved** by all present that Underskiddaw Parish Council submit feedback to the LDNPA strongly supporting the Brown Route/Route 7 as the only viable option presented.

**Action: Clerk to submit a letter/email in full support of Route 7/Brown Route.**

In the meantime the LDNPA are looking at re-opening a section of path from the track bed past Low Briery up into the remaining un-damaged Brundholme Woods Path which would in turn link to the un damaged section of Brundholme Road.

Cath confirmed to the meeting that the rationale for the re-opening of the ‘big tunnel’ is that the board walk is within 5 years likely to reach the end of its life and the replacement of such structures is very costly. As part of the on-going surveying for the possible options to replace/repair the tunnel a specialist firm of contractors are going to be entering the tunnel to undertake inspections.

Cath also informed the meeting that the LDNPA had now received a 3 million grant to help the recovery work, this funding will cover the repairs to circa 560Km of paths (out of the circa 3100km that were damaged). The LDNPA have increased their staff by 7 flood field rangers who will be starting this work in March time.

The Parish Council thanked Cath for attending.

*No other bodies were present to provide an update.*

**2017.06 Clerks Report**

All matters were covered in the Clerks written report circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

1. Defibrillator Fundraising

It was noted by the meeting that £1410 had been raised via fundraising, along with the confirmed Lake District National Park Sustainable Communities Grant. Full funding is now in place.

The project is being delayed by an ‘extended’ consultation on this phone box by the LDNPA.

**Action: Clerk to continue to pursue this matter and report back at the March meeting.**

1. Keswick Garden Centre Update

The Clerk updated the meeting that the LDNPA had received information and attended the site and confirmed that the owner stated a business was still operating from the site. The LDNPA are considering next steps relating to this site.

**Action: Clerk to update at the March meeting.**

1. Derwent 7- Consideration of the Future Paper

**Resolved** that Underskiddaw Parish Council continue to support the Derwent 7 and support the proposal for a rotating position of chair. Cllr J Wilson to attend the Derwent 7 meeting on the 30th January 2017.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments back to the Derwent 7.**

**2017.07 Finances**

1. *Bank Balances*

**Resolved** that these were noted as:

Current Account £4,641.17 on 5th Dec 2016

Money Manager £2,626.01 at 31st Dec 2016

1. *Cheques*

**Resolved** that the following cheques were approved by all present and signed by Cllrs Wilson & Boniface

Becx Carter Expenses £40.80

Crosthwaite Church Room Hire £20.00

 Andrew Wilson Grass Cutting (16) £265

 Andrew Wilson Drain/leaf clearance £30

**Action: Clerk to process the above payments**

1. *Approve financial reports*

**Resolved** by all present that the Bank Reconciliation and Spend Against Budget Report be approved.

1. *To consider draft budget for 17-18*

**Resolved** by all present that the precept for 17/18 be set at £5,487.49 (a 15% increase) which equates to 7p per band D household per week. The rationale for the increase is to bring the council to a break even point, and to future proof the council against future precept capping.

**Action: Clerk to submit the relevant papers to ABC.**

**2017.08 Lake District National Park Authority**

1. Decisions:

**Resolved** that the below decisions be noted.

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| **Ref** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| 7/2016/2278 | Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane | Temporary use of agricultural fields to accommodate campers and caravans | Approve with conditions.  |

1. Sewage Works

Cllr J Wilson informed the Council that a very successful meeting had taken place in late 2016, during which UU agreed to clad ALL the kiosks including the Shower Cubicle in a ‘Lakeland dry stone wall effect plastic’ to help them blend in better with the local environment.

**Resolved** by all present that this was a positive step forward in reducing the aesthetic intrusion of this site.

**Action: Clerk to chase up a fitting date for this plastic covering**

**Action: Clerk to ask UU if they have any ‘spare’ covering if they could wrap the tanks as well.**

1. Planning Applications for Consideration

**Ref: 7/2016/2337**

Location: Red House Lodge, Underskiddaw, Keswick

Proposal: New fence, internal boundary walls & drainage walls.

**Resolved** by all present that the Council have no comments relating to this proposal.

**Action: Clerk to submit the above comments to the LDNPA.**

**2017.09 Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

a) The Council noted the receipt of the monthly circulars from CALC

 b) The Council noted receipt of the minutes (29/6/16)

 c) The Council noted the next meeting date as 19/1/17

 **Resolved** that apologies be sent to this meeting from U/S Parish Council.

 **Action: Clerk to submit the apologies of the Council.**

**2017.10 Members Reports**

1. Village Hall-None received.

**2017.11 Date & Time of the Next Meeting**

 Tuesday 28th March 2017.

Meeting Closed at 15:00

*Items raised after the meeting:*

-Emerald Lodge Woods- Several trees have fallen during the winter storms, some are in/across water courses. Concern has been raised about the possible impact of this damage during future severe weather events.

**Action: Clerk to contact the landowner to ask if they are aware of the issues and if they are intending to undertake any actions to deal with this damage.**