# Underskiddaw Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Underskiddaw Parish Council Annual Council meeting held in Underskiddaw Church Rooms at 16:30 on the Tuesday 11th July 2023

**Present:** Joe Saxton (Chair), Jan Boniface, Ellen Barker, Diane Griffiths

**In Attendance:** Becx Carter (Clerk & RFO), 2 members of the public, Jill Perry,

**Apologies**: David Horsburgh (Personal Commitments), Jana Lambert (Family Commitments)

With 4 councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 40/2023 Apologies for absence

**Resolved** by all present that the above-mentioned apologies be noted as received.

# 41/2023 Declaration of Acceptance of Office (all councillors)

Cllr D Griffiths completed her declaration of acceptance of office form which was witnessed by the Clerk & RFO of Underskiddaw Parish Council.

Cllr D Griffiths retained her Declaration of Interests form for completion and return to Cumberland Council within 28 days.

**Action: Clerk to process Cllr D Griffiths Paperwork when it is received.**

# 42/2023 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th May 2023

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Joe Saxton.

**Action: Clerk to upload the minutes to the website and circulate to all.**

# 43/2023 Request for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest

None

# 44/2023 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

None

# 45/2023 Public Participation

None

# 46/2023 Update from other bodies (If present)

## Cumberland Council

Cumberland Councillor J Perry attended and confirmed that she had filed a complaint about the lack of information regarding the bin strike. An update was received that there was a productive meeting in the first week of July 2023 where Allerdale Waste Services have agreed to several of the demands, and a further meeting is being held today.

A question was raised regarding compensation for rate payers.

Cllr J Perry confirmed there will be no compensation as the council tax is set to allow a balanced budget to be created and it isn’t just a service charge for the bins, so no refund will be due. Cllr J Perry confirmed that Allerdale Waste Services are currently employing agency staff (at unknown cost) to collect the black bins rather than using this funding to settle the strike. It is not yet clear the costs of the agency staff over this prolonged all-out strike.

Cllr J Perry responded to a question from the floor and confirmed that at the moment there is no date for resumption of services at this stage, but hopefully more information will be released later on this week.

Cllr J Perry informed all present that Cumberland Council have no responsibility for any damage caused to a vehicle by a pothole not reported or one that has been reported within less than 20 days.

**Action: All to report all potholes ASAP so they are on the list and then hopefully Cumberland Council insurance would cover any damage that did occur.**

Lakes to Sea Community Panel- The first meeting was held in June, and the next meeting will take place in September. The Chairperson is Cllr Andy Semple (Cockermouth) and he is hoping to tour the whole area of the Community Panel (Keswick-Maryport) over time. The role of the community panel is to draw up the community investment plan which will set their priorities, and prior to do this will be setting up network groups and inviting comments from communities etc these will then be enshrined into the community investment plan (needs completed by March 2024).

The panel has about 60K of funding for the whole area so any community group can submit an application for funding for a project, but as the group has not set its individual priorities yet any applications would need to meet the Cumberland Council wider priorities (as per the Cumberland Council plan). Applications should be submitted to Jackie.hayhow@cumberland.gov.uk (Community Development Officer).

Thanks were noted to Jill for attending.

## LDNPA

## Police

## United Utilities

Cllr J Saxton informed all present that he had decided to send a letter to United Utilities directly rather than it being a Parish Council letter.

**Resolved** by all present that United Utilities be invited to attend the September 2023 Underskiddaw Parish Council meeting to provide an update on the reinstatement of the Pipeline Easement within the Parish. It was also noted that once again communication has failed, and UU have not been proactively communicating with the Parish Council or residents.

**Action: Clerk to issue a formal invitation to United Utilities for the September 2023 meeting.**

# 47/2023 Clerks report

*CALC Extraordinary General meeting Delegated Authority*

The Clerk informed all present that CALC are holding a rescheduled extraordinary meeting to consider changing the legal status of the organise to a Ltd Company but that this required a majority of CALC members to attend and vote at a meeting, each Council has two votes one of which can be cast by the Clerk.

**Resolved** by all present that delegated authority be passed to the Clerk to attend this meeting and vote on behalf of Underskiddaw Parish Council.

**Action: Clerk to take this forward.**

*Cumbria Plan Bee Pledge*

**Resolved** by the majority of those present that Underskiddaw Parish Council formally adopt the Cumbria Plan Bee Pledge that recognises the importance of biodiversity and planting/management of green spaces to encourage pollinating insects and reducing/eliminating the use of pesticides.

**Action: Clerk to complete this pledge on behalf of Underskiddaw Parish Council**

*To consider Parish Maintenance/Grass Cutting*

It was noted that Andrew Wilson has now ceased undertaking this work, and to appoint a new contractor would require an open tender process.

**Action: Cllr Joe Saxton to circulate a list of the jobs to all for consideration, and this should be agenda’d for the Sept 2023 meeting for approval.**

*Broadband Provision in the Parish*

Cllr J Boniface raised concerns about the confusion over the various broadband suppliers/potential suppliers in the Parish, and the lack of progress with WeFibre.

It was noted that some of the telegraph poles on the Applethwaite Terrace need replacing and that this is causing delays, WeFibre is waiting for OpenReach to replace the infrastructure.

There is also Fibrous who have a government contract to deliver broadband to the 60,000 hardest to reach properties in Cumbria. They are doing a Commercial roll out in Keswick, and then will be looking at Threlkeld/Borrowdale as part of the government contract of ‘hard to reach’ properties.

Concerns were raised about how properties on the A591 are going to be served due to the lack of knowledge about where the lines run under the road.

# 48/2023 Finance & Accounts

## To receive note of the Bank Balances

**Resolved** by all present that the bank balance be noted as

Current Account £12,900.93 at 30th June 2023

## Invoices for approval

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| **To** | **For** | **Amount** |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £92.92 |
| Crosthwaite Church | Room Hire | £25.00 |
| Becx Carter  | Salary (Qtr 2) | £419.25 |
| HMRC | PAYE (Qtr 2) | £279.20 |

**Resolved** by all present that these invoices be paid.

**Action: Clerk to organise the payment of these accounts.**

## To consider & approve the bank reconciliation & spend against budget report

**Resolved** by all present that these be approved as a true and accurate record.

## Consideration of any grant requests received for the remaining UU grant funding

It was noted that no grant requests had been received.

**Resolved** by all present that that the remaining funds be transferred to the Village Hall as soon as possible

**Action: Clerk to confirm this request to UU.**

# 49/2023 Lake District National Park Authority

## Decisions

None received since the May 2023 meeting.

## Planning Applications for Consideration

**Ref: 7/2023/2121 & 7/2023/2122 (Listed building consent)**

Location: Scar House, Applethwaite

Proposal: Extension & Alterations

**Resolved** by all present that Underskiddaw Parish Council have no comments or objections to this application.

**Action: Clerk to submit this response**

**Ref: 7/2023/2123**

Location: Millbeck Towers, Millbeck Village

Proposal: Addition of secondary glazing and alterations to existing ground floor hearth

**Resolved** by all present that Underskiddaw Parish Council have no comments or objections to this application.

**Action: Clerk to submit this response**

# 50/2023 Members Reports

## Village Hall

Rooflights have been ordered, two indicative prices have been received for replacement windows & doors which are significantly higher than the surveyors estimates.

# 51/2023 Dates of next meeting.

**Resolved** by all present that dates for the forthcoming meetings of Underskiddaw Parish Council be set as:

12th September 2023 16:30- Underskiddaw Church Room

14th November 2023 16:30- Underskiddaw Church Room

9th January 2024 16:30- Underskiddaw Church Room

Meeting Closed 17:23