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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9th April 2015, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-Councillors Mr R Lord; Mr D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies; Councillor A Waite; Mrs S Glover.

Also present: 2 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

District Councillor Ann Thurlow; County/District Councillor Barry Doughty.

In the Chair, Councillor D Howarth.

32/15 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

33/15 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None

34/15 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th March, 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th March 2015 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord: SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.
Carried unanimously.

35/15 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 30/15 (b) Councillor Lord enquired about the candle factory, Wax Lyrical, and its interest in sponsoring the two planters on the A590, at either end of Lindal village. The Chairman confirmed that he was dealing with matter and hoped to be able to put Wax Lyrical in touch with the appropriate department at Barrow Town Hall.
- b) 30/15 (d) Councillor Lord asked whether there was anything to report regarding the pelican crossing in Lindal and the alleged difficulties with the timings. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to the Highways authorities who were happy with such timings. They had also indicated that the proposed upgrading of the lights had now been deferred until the summer.

36/15 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There was no officer in attendance.

37/15 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B21/20150204, extension to Spinning Croft, Railway Terrace, Lindal.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.

38/15 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 20/1/15 to 12/3/15. NOTED.
- c) Cumbria County Council; Draft Minerals and Waste Plan. NOTED.
- d) ACT gazette – newsletter. NOTED.
- e) Community Information and Safety. (including product re-calls etc.)
 - a) Fire and Rescue Service: recruitment of Junior Citizens. Volunteer adults needed to assist the Service with a project scheduled for June which was designed to inform and educate children on a range of safety issues. Further publicity regarding the project itself would be forthcoming in due course. Interested adults should contact 07825 011055.
 - b) Neighbourhood Watch: victims of fraud – details required for publicity materials (personal details will be withheld). Contact 0116 229 3118.
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

39/15 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.72: *Reserve* - £1548.86.
- b) Reference was made to previous discussions regarding the defibrillator donated by Councillor John Murphy and which was sited on the exterior wall of the Buccleuch Hall. Councillor Howarth submitted an invoice confirming that the cost of adding this item to the Hall's insurance was £26.50.
- c) The Clerk reminded the Council that it was not currently a member of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils, CALC. He was now recommending that the Council take up membership because of the potential for change within local government with

the consequential need for appropriate advice as and when required. The cost of membership was £177 per annum, with this discounted by 25% in the first year.

- d) The Clerk submitted an invoice from Red Syke Ground Care, for £150, in connection with the clearance of brambles and vegetation from the verges adjacent to the bus-stops by Anchor Gardens, Lindal. Such work and expenditure was covered by the Council's decision to employ a lengthman for such routine maintenance. (see minute 111/13, November 2013 *et al*)

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that:-

- The Council accept responsibility for the insuring of the defibrillator:
- The Council join CALC as from April 2015:
- Red Syke Ground Care be reimbursed £150.

and that cheques for £26.50 for the Buccleuch Hall and £150 for Red Syke Ground care be duly authorised, with CALC being asked for an appropriate invoice.

Carried unanimously.

From the floor, county Councillor Doughty suggested that he would be able to assist with the funding of a further session of vegetation clearance later in the year, the money to come from his Local Fund. This was NOTED with appreciation.

40/15 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported on the state of the War Memorial in Lindal, with a resident suggesting that it needed refurbishment. The Clerk undertook to check both Lindal and Marton's memorials.
- b) Councillor Lord commented on the arrangements for keeping all household rubbish, including recyclables, separated in specific containers. It appeared that such separation did not need to be so strictly segregated but it was NOTED that there had been no advice on the matter from Barrow Council.
- c) *From the floor*, a resident of Marton suggested that a few residents were intent on trying to tidy-up the village, with a litter-picking session planned and also wanting to install one or two planters to create a more pleasant ambiance. It was agreed that they should contact Barrow's Street Care department direct for the supply of bin-bags and the loan of equipment and that further information be provided to the Parish Council regarding the type and costs of planters. The Clerk would also make enquiries with the Parks Department regarding plants.

From the floor, County Councillor Doughty suggested that he might be able to provide some financial assistance from his Local Fund.

41/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting, which would be the Annual General Meeting, was AGREED as **Thursday, 14th May 2015**, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal. (the 1st Thursday, 7th May, would be election day when the Hall would be unavailable.)

(All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.)