



**Heysham
Neighbourhood
Council**

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**Executive Meeting
Wednesday 25th January 2017
Heysham Cricket Club
Start: 19.30**

In The Chair: Peter Whaley

Secretary : Allison Thomas

Members Present: Mick Coffey, Sylvia Welberry, Rob Kitchen, David Wilcock, Kath McVernon, Keith Browne,

Also present: Cllr David Brayshaw
Cllr Colin Hartley
Kyra Physick (Heysham Village Institute)
Zoe Kelly (Heysham Village Institute)
Mac Edwards (Inspire, Heysham Village Institute)
Diana Wakefield (Inspire, Heysham Village Institute)

1. **Apologies** – Michael Charlton, Cllr Knight
2. **Minutes of the meeting – 23rd November 2016** at St Peters Church Hall, Heysham Village were accepted as a true record and were proposed by Sylvia Welberry Charlton and seconded by Keith Browne.
3. **Matters Arising**

Item 5. Councillor Feedback

Bay Cottages play area is now cleared
4. **Correspondence**
 - (a) Letter from Lancaster City Council regarding the signing of a new contract for the Heysham Village toilets management for 2017/8. It is understood that the funding from Lancaster City Council will be £3k – Cllr Hartley to check and confirm. The Chairman advised that there are sufficient funds in the facilities account to support the maintenance of the toilets for the next 12 months.

- (b) Information pack received from the National Grid Connection project.
- (c) Invite to a Community Land Trust meeting at Wray Village Hall on the 7th February.

5. Finance

Latest figures from The Treasurer:

Current account	£3315.51 as at 05/01/17
Facilities account	£3469.97 as at 02/12/16
Reserve account:	£1695.99 as at 05/12/16

Viking Festival Income:	£7477.23
Viking Festival Expenditure:	£4943.18
Net profit:	£2534.05

6. Councillors Feedback

Cllr David Brayshaw

Attended a recent meeting regarding the Bay Cottages play area – the rides are now ordered and there will be a gate at either end for access. Tree pieces from the recently felled trees in St Peters Churchyard area will be incorporated into parts of the play area. Lancaster City Council will maintain the play area which is due to open end of Spring 2017.

Cllr Colin Hartley

Reported that the 3 community pools have been handed back to Lancaster City Council (Heysham, Carnforth and Hornby). All three schools have put bids in for funding, with Lancaster City Council allowing a 6 month extension for ‘realistic business plans’ to be organised.

CCTV camera installations in Lancaster and Morecambe is still progressing.

7. Events

(a) Viking Festival 2017 - 15/16 July 2017

- No sponsor for the event yet. The Chairman has had correspondence from the Viking organiser to advise that the costings for staging the event this year will be **£2,900** (£2,000 for the Vikings and £900 for the Viking Boat)
- There are discussions regarding Viking lectures and an evening talk around the campfire.

- Christine Stebbing has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the bookings of the stalls again this year. There will be an increase in stall charges.
- Car parking was discussed with the possible addition of Half Moon Bay carpark this year – David Brayshaw advised that he would speak to Volker Brooks about helping to clear the site.
- As the plans are to have the Viking battles on the football pitch area this year, it is hoped more income will be taken in the collection buckets, as visitors will have to pass the volunteers with buckets at the entrance.
- St Peters School and Trumacar School will be invited to get involved again this year – secretary to organise.
- Heysham PCT Healthcare to be approached to check if they are happy with the carpark being used over the weekend – Rob Kitchen to ask.

(b) Car Show 2017 – 6th August

Plans going well – there will be a leaflet to advertise the event

8. Parish Council Status

The working group which consists of Sylvia Welberry, Cllr Colin Hartley and Keith Browne have now met and discussed proposals with Lancaster City Council.

Lancaster City Council advised that there will be a review of Parish Councils 2017/8, in May 2019 it will be possible for Heysham to vote on the decision of whether to become a Parish Council.

Information regarding the size/boundaries of the parish will be required, the precept would be set for the first year and after that elected members would organise.

The working group will further look at a draft budget and what services to be included in the budget and will report back to the committee.

9. Heysham On-Line

David Wilcock discussed the merits of social media and how Heysham Neighbourhood Council can best use this channel in addition to the website.

It was acknowledged that not everybody uses social media and it was also felt that social media was not an appropriate channel for distributing the meetings, minutes and financial details relating to HNC, and the website still has its role.

10. Heysham Village Institute

Sheila gave an update on the accounts relating to the Institute advising of income and expenditure, supported by the different organisations that use it.

Mac Edwards and Diana Wakefield from Inspire Church who use the Institute for Inspire Church Services were welcomed to the meeting and told the committee that they are very keen to get involved with improving the facilities.

Carol Melling (not present) has asked Kyra Physick and Zoe Kelly who are involved with organisations that use the Institute to outline the problem areas that include a new stair lift, revamping and improving the toilets and work on the gutters.

The Chairman advised that he is looking at the possibilities of a grant from Banks Re-newables and that he will look at the work required as soon as possible.

11. Heysham Village Toilets

See Item 4a

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____