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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd May 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; R Lord; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: 1 member of the public was present.

In attendance:- Apologies from PCSO L. Johns. District Councillor Mrs A Thurlow.

48/18 Election of Chairman.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

49/18 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

50/18 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

51/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th April, 2018

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

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth: SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.
Carried unanimously.

52/18 Matters arising from those minutes.

42/18. Councillor Mrs Glover had been made aware of a local resident who had been concerned about the apparent lack of openness regarding the proposal for a housing development at London Road, Lindal. The Chairman pointed out that:-

- The proposals were included in the agenda and publicised via the notice boards and web-site.
- The proposals did not constitute a planning application, as had been stressed at the last meeting;
- Any such planning application, as and when it was submitted to Barrow Council, would be forwarded to the Parish Council for comments in the normal way;
- As and when such application was received it would be identified within the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council and publicised via the two notice boards, in Lindal and Marton, and via the village web-site; www.lindal-in-furness.co.uk

53/18 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

Apologies were received from PCSO Louise Johns who also reported that there had been only one recorded theft, of money and a mobile phone, from a house-party in Lindal on 30 April 2018.

54/18 Data Protection. New regulations.

The Clerk pointed out that new regulations regarding Data Protection were due to come into force on May 25th, 2018 although the impact would be limited as far as the Parish Council was concerned. The only data being held was a few email addresses for those who had requested that agendas and minutes of the Council be forwarded electronically. The Clerk would contact such persons to seek confirmation that such arrangements were acceptable. NOTED.

55/18 Northern Rail. Reliability issues.

Reference was made to the extremely poor rail service being experienced by Furness residents, with the local franchise holder, Northern Rail, being unable to guarantee a totally reliable service, with many cancellations and delays. The cancellations, in particular, were having a severe impact on those who depended on rail travel, with those travelling to and from work, or farther afield, such as to and from Manchester Airport, suffering severe inconvenience.

As an example, during the month of April, out of 1,002 trains timetabled to use the Furness line, 8.78% (88 trains) were either cancelled or over 30 minutes late, whereas the franchise requirement is for a maximum of 1.7%. Similar difficulties were experienced on the Lakes line (to Windermere). The excuse offered by Northern Rail for cancellations on most occasions was “crew-training” on proposed new rolling-stock.

However, these matters would be exacerbated once Northern’s new timetable was implemented on 20th May because of, for example, changes which would create a longer school day for some schoolchildren who rely on rail travel between Millom, Barrow and Ulverston, with consequential additional staffing costs for the schools concerned.

Local MP, John Woodcock, was heavily involved in discussions with other local MPs, as well as various transport bodies and also the Department for Transport, given that the inadequate performance of Northern Rail was not limited to the Furness and Lakes lines, with similar problems creating immense difficulties in, for example, the Bolton area.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council note with concern the deficiencies apparent within Northern Rail's service and that, dependant on future developments as mentioned above, the Council give further consideration to the matter at the next meeting(s).

56/18 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

57/18 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. The Clerk confirmed that the latest on-line list from Barrow Borough Council had been received and forwarded to Councillors. NOTED.
- b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

58/18 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.77: *Reserve* - £1589.12.
- b) The Clerk referred to the Annual Audit requirements for 2017/2018:-
 - 1 The Internal Audit Report, as completed by the internal auditor, Mr J Bentley. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.
 - 2 The Annual Governance Statement.
 - 3 The Accounting Statements.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that items 2 and 3 be approved. Carried unanimously.
(Items 1, 2 and 3 would be published via www.lindal-in.furness.co.uk)
- c) The Clerk requested re-imburement of his petty cash in the sum of £28.10, together with authorisation of payment of the Council's annual subscription to the Cumbria Association of Local Councils, CALC, in the sum of £186.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the matters referred to in item (c) above be duly authorised. Carried unanimously.

59/18 Any Other Business. None.

60/18 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 7th June 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

(Council meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes can be supplied by email to any resident on request and similarly, they can be seen, along with other documents, on the community website, www.lindal-in-furness.co.uk)

