

HOLME *ST* CUTHBERT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council held on: 30 September 2020 at 7.30pm in Holme St Cuthbert Parish Hall

Held under Covid 19 restrictions – full PPE

Present: Mrs M Knoery Chairman, Mr R Armstrong vice-chairman, Mrs S Donachy, Mr S Routledge, Mrs L Stevens and Mrs L J Housby Clerk

Apologies:

Members of the Public: Mr C Atkinson and Ms V Coleman members of LACP (Lowther Arms Community Project)

MK welcomed CA and VC they asked the Parish Council if they could assist with purchase of the Lowther Arms by applying for a PWLB (Public Works Loan Board) loan

LACP have secured loans from Plunkett Foundation and Community Share Investments but still need £84k They are seeking other investors e.g. Sellafield and Friends Mutual to reduce the funding target attached to the Lowther Arms, with a legal and binding agreement, the land title will be in the Parish Councils name as a capital asset PWLB loan

The LACP asked if the Parish Council would be willing to take out a loan of £50k over 50 years this would be a repayment of £1849.78 per year covering loan repayment and interest, CA said caravan site is within the village settlement line, could be sold for housing development, this could be a tangible asset for the Parish Council CA said there had been interest from a private buyer for the Lowther Arms, but until things were signed would be continuing to fund raise, there is time constraint the application for change of use is to come before Allerdale Borough Council, if granted would put a stop to all that has been done by LACP team

It was asked of CA about shareholders, holdings – their investment was locked in for three years, if successful to compensation 3% of investment (dividend pay-out) Investors could take their shares out after three years Possible £150k profit per year

Allerdale are supporting coastal villages visitors increasing in area, also cycle path could help pull in visitors Allerdale have planning policy to keep local public houses open, there has been a robust effort to sell pub since share application went public, but planning application change of use comes before planners 20 October 2020, Allerdale would like to bring this to a close. CA said that fund decision could be quite fast, loan done through CALC

CA and VC left the meeting

MK asked Councillors for comments

We do need guidance from CALC, clerk to make a telephone appointment as soon as possible where Chairman and Clerk ask questions about possible loan

Concern from Councillors about the length of time loan would be over, would be committing future generations to this loan, cannot see the Lowther Arms would prosper, environment changes and physical coastal changes

Members of the LACP committee have offered to buy the caravan field, with possible buyback when funds allow Before Councillors vote on this proposal, to contact CALC, possible meeting next week

Councillors would like with this Community Asset await findings from CALC

Planning Application:

Moss End, Silloth – Erection of steel portal frame building with concrete panel walls, box profile sheeting cement fibre Perspex sky lights. Proposed RA No objection, all in favour

Changes to Unitary Authority:

MK reminded Councillors about the possible changes within Cumbria, CALC Chairman SB would like comments from all parishes/town councils in Cumbria on their thoughts and concerns, would this mean more authority and finding funding for Parish Councils to discuss next meeting

There being no other business the next meeting will be as arraigned for Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30pm this will be the Budget/Precept meeting

Meeting closed 9.30pm