

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Ulverston Town Council. Emergency Executive Meeting Monday 20 April 2020 @ 4.15 pm. Minutes.

Attendance by Zoom: Cllrs: S Webster (Chair), J. Airey, C. Pickthall, M. Wilson, J. Jenkinson, A Rigg, Clerk.

1. **Business Support:**

Council had received one application for the emergency grant from Ford Park. Whilst the application form did not confirm that Ford Park had applied for available Government grants, the committee agree to a one-off emergency grant of £1500.00.

Proposed: Cllr J. Jenkinson. **Seconded** Cllr C. Pickthall. Unanimously approved.

2. **Proposals to support the town following the end of the current lockdown:**

- **Charter Festival:** Clerk is developing plans for Charter festival as a family fun day and would produce a paper for the next meeting. As many of the usual summer festivals had been cancelled it was expected that Charter Festival would be the first one of the year, followed by a provisionally rescheduled Retro Rendevouz Festival together with Lantern Festival towards the end of September.
- **Car Park Subsidy.** When the current lockdown is lifted, SLDC will recommence car park charges which are currently suspended. September may be the date when it is agreed to commence the councils parking subsidy for Buxton Place Car Park (50p for first hour and £1.00 for 2 hours)
- **Shop Local/Buy Local.** Cllr Jenkinson proposed the launch of a shop local campaign which could co-incide with the above and build on the support already received for local businesses who were also delivering to homes. It was unanimously agreed that this was a good idea. The clerk will liaise with the BID and the Coronation Hall to develop proposals.
- **Ongoing support for communities.** Cllr Wilson said that people and groups would need to come together to offer support to groups of people who continued to struggle. Cllr Rigg said that the Ulverston Isolation group were planning to carry on with their work and were receiving support, input and help from all local groups and agencies.
- **VJ Day.** 14 – 16 April. The Mayor proposed that, if possible, an event be organised to commemorate this following the cancellation of the VE day events.

3. **Salaries.**

Exec noted that the proposed salary increases for 2020/21, whilst still to be finally agreed nationally would be 2.75%. The council had budgeted for 2%.

4. **Bench on Gill Banks.** Cllr C. Pickthall.
A bench had been vandalised on Gill Banks and was to be repaired free of charge by a volunteer. The metal squirrel bench had also been moved and this had been bolted down temporarily. Cllr Pickthall proposed that a new bench be purchased by the town council and installed adjacent to the repaired bench. The new bench would be dedicated to all those from Ulverston who had lost their lives to Coronavirus and their families.
Proposed: Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Jenkinson. Unanimously approved. **Action:** Clerk to provide quotations and proposals for the bench,
5. **Accounts 2019/2020**
 - Committee noted an underspend of 35k for the year. This is because of projects which have not been yet been delivered: Reroofing Gill Toilets, New wall at County Sq., Highways Projects with CCC. It was agreed that this sum be transferred to the reserve account under projects.
 - Accountant. It was agreed that the accountant would be invited to the first available F&GP and full council meeting to present the accounts for 2019/2020.
6. **Any Other urgent business.**
Green Bins. Cllr M. Wilson reported that SLDC is considering re-starting green bin collection.
Bring Sites. Cllr Airey reported that CCC was developing plans to potentially re-open the bring sites. Work on the Blue light Hub was also continuing.
7. **Next Meeting.** It was agreed that the clerk would bring forward any urgent business and that the Exec would meet as and when required in response to this.