

# Minutes of the F&GP Committee

## Wednesday 1 February 2022 @ 6pm

Item	Minutes	Action
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs: M. Wilson (Chair) D. Webster, S. Webster, P. Jones. D. Fletcher Cooney, M. Scrogam. N. Bishop Rowe, B. Brown. Clerk. Assistant Clerk.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr T Irving.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Minutes.</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b> The Chair said that Cllr P. Smith was unable to attend meetings due to work commitments and was replaced by Cllr S. Webster.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b> <b>Bank Statements, Bank Reconciliation and Reserve Account</b></p> <p>The clerk answered questions on the bank statement to the satisfaction of the committee. One query was dealt with the following day.</p> <p>Committee <b>resolved to approve</b> the documents which were signed by the chair and <b>recommend approval</b> to full council.</p>	
4.	<p><b>SLDC – Road Closure Orders:</b> Cllr M. Scrogam informed members about the difficulty many festival organisers were experiencing in getting a road closure order from SLDC. It was very expensive and could be as much as to £900.00. She gave examples of the issues that volunteer organisers were having to deal with. The challenges have resulted in Retro Rendezvous committee, for example, making the decision to move from the event from the town centre to Ford Park. SLDC had previously agreed that advertising in the local press, which is very expensive, was not necessary but continued to request that this is done as ‘custom and practice’. Following discussion, it was resolved to recommend that council write to SLDC to complain about high charges and onerous ‘red tape’ and ask for a more straightforward and transparent process.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The council is <b>recommended</b> to write to SLDC regarding the matter</p>	
	<p><b>Grants:</b> Committee considered a request from Mr Alan Brenton that council underwrite the cost of Retro Rendezvous for 2022 at a cost of between £1000 - £2000.00. The event is moving to Ford Park for this year. Following discussion, it was decided that this was not affordable and would also set a precedent for other festivals. It was agreed that the festival could apply for a grant as in previous years.</p> <p>Committee considered whether F&amp;GP wishes to recommend to council</p>	

	<p>to pay the £10,000 grant to the Coronation Hall for financial year 2021/2022 following the meeting with UCE and the production of the business plan.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That council is <b>recommended</b> to approve the grant payment to Coronation Hall for 2021/2022.</p>	
	<p><b>Multi Use Footpath (Canal – Next Ness) -paper attached</b></p> <p>The clerk updated the committee on the ongoing talks with Network Rail and the meeting with Sustrans who had submitted a proposal to manage the works on behalf of the council. Since the meeting the council has been awarded a £10,000 grant from Cumbria County Council so can proceed subject to agreement with phase one of the project – Technical drawing and submission of planning. The clerk said that Sustrans would be able to provide a more accurate estimate of the potential maintenance costs.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The council is <b>recommended</b> to proceed with phase one of the works on the footpath and to send a press release out on the matter.</p>	
	<p><b>Planning and conservation area:</b></p> <p>Following issues and concerns with some planning applications in the conservation area and elsewhere, most recently at the Police Station it is proposed that council write to the head of planning at SLDC and the portfolio holder to complain that the conservation area is being compromised and ask for this to be robustly addressed.</p> <p>Council will work in conjunction with the Civic Society using their evidence to show real examples where works have been carried out without permissions or without due regard for the conservation area and express the councils’ real concerns at the lack of enforcement on many aspects of planning in the Conservation area.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That council is <b>recommended</b> to write to Portfolio Holder and Head of planning using examples from the Civic Society.</p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday March 2 @ 6pm</p>	