

Lindal and Marton Residents' Association

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Thursday, 23rd January 2003 at 17 Railway Terrace, Lindal

Present: Mrs H Johnston (in the Chair)
Mrs P Clarke
Mr J Collings
Mrs J Lloyd
Mr A J Postlethwaite
Mr R Quirk

- 1) **Apologies:** Mr A Moir and Ms Gail Knopfel (*Voluntary Action Cumbria*)
- 2) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2002 having been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairperson. A report of the first Open Meeting held on 14th November 2002 was also accepted and a copy included in the Minute Book.
- 3) **Matters arising:** None
- 4) **Finance:** The Treasurer, Mr Jim Collings, reported that a payment of £800.00 had been made to Lindal & Marton Parish Council in fulfilment of the Association's commitment to fund Stage 1 of the landscape appraisal of The Green. This was £50 less than originally quoted. Costs relating to the November Open Meeting were £7.64 for refreshments and £5 for the hire of the Hall. These payments were approved.
- 5) **Open Meeting review:** Gail Knopfel had expressed her satisfaction with the meeting. It was agreed that little more can be done than was done to publicise such events. The value of inviting written responses was affirmed.
- 6) **Play Field development plans:** The Secretary reported that the Barrow Parks Manager had been less than enthusiastic about our preference for the Playdale scheme and advised our seeking a further quotation from a small Barrow firm called Playsafe. This was awaited. In the meantime a representative of ShanksFirst was to make a visit to discuss our application for Landfill Tax funding on Monday next. It was agreed that members would try to assess the merits of the Playsafe scheme if it came to hand before the Monday deadline.
- 7) **The Green: landscape appraisal:** Following the favourable reception shown to Des Metcalfe's presentation at the Open Meeting it had been agreed with the Parish Clerk that he should be invited by the Parish Council to extend the appraisal to include the entire area of The Green. The cost of this further work was priced at £500 which could be met from the £2000 of grant-aid we were awarded. The report on Stage 2 had been seen by the Parish Council at its January Meeting and accepted in principle. Copies of the illustrated

scheme were tabled and received an enthusiastic response. It was agreed that these further proposals should go to another Residents' Open Meeting. This was fixed for Thursday, 27th February 2003 at 8 pm in the Buccleuch Hall. The date would be advertised in the next issue of "Aspects" and in the "Evening Mail". It was agreed to invite Gail Knopfel to chair the meeting if she is available. Dick Quirk would arrange the printing and circulation of posters. Pauline Clarke undertook to provide tea and biscuits. The Secretary would send notice of the meeting to listed supporters and provide response sheets for those attending.

- 8) **A590 Route Management:** Nothing more had been heard about the proposed Highways Agency route survey. Comment was made about the quantities of litter and glass on the Ulverston Road verges and the Secretary was asked to bring this to the attention of the Mouchel Amey JV road maintenance manager.
- 9) **The Haematite Heritage:** No reply had been received to the letter to Alen McFadzean. The Secretary was in communication with Mrs Jan Bennett, a local resident, who is Secretary to the Cumbria Industrial History Society. It was noted that the Cumberland & Westmorland Antiquarian & Archaeological Society also had an Industrial Archaeology section, a member of which is Jonathan Wignall - an authority on the Furness iron industry. It was agreed that we should quietly work to test the waters to see if there is a measure of support for a collaborative drive for a conservation project focused on one or more aspects of the local mining heritage. Dick Quirk undertook to raise the matter with Paul Timewell of the Mining Amenity Trust and reported that they were supportive of the recovery of a surviving Lindal mines bogey for conservation and possible installation on The Green.
- 10) **Correspondence:** The Secretary reported briefly on problems relating to the adoption of the road and sewer in the newer section of Railway Terrace. It was agreed to support the complaints of residents over the obstruction of a footpath and turning head by a wall. It was also agreed to bring to the attention of the Barrow BC Environmental Health Officer the condition of the yard between nos 13 & 14 London Road where there was reported to be evidence of rodent infestation and general unsightliness.
- 11) **Any other business:** It was agreed to hold the Association's 2003 AGM on Thursday, 22nd May subject to the availability of the Hall. As a focus of interest it was agreed, through "Aspects", to invite residents to come with any old photographs of the villages and their people.
- 12) **Next Meeting:** A meeting was set for Thursday, 20th March 2003 at 7.45 pm at 1 Lane Ends, Marton (by kind invitation of Dick Quirk).