

LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 7 October 2021 held at Lowick Community Hall.

Present Cllr S Bailey, Cllr J Edmondson, Cllr L Ingham, Cllr G Sanderson and Cllr J Townsend

064/21 Apologies

There are no apologies.

065/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 September 2021 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

066/21 Declaration of Interests

Resolved to accept there are no declarations of interests.

067/21 Public Participation

There were no public in attendance.

068/21 Planning Application

7/2021/5153 – Rose Cottage, Lowick Green, Ulverston, LA12 8DY

Demolition of out building and replacement with garage/store with annexe accommodation over.

Resolved to write a letter with concerns regarding the lack of information regarding the usage and car parking spaces. The Parish Council will support any concerns from the neighbouring properties as they are the ones most affected.

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission

SL/2021/0714 - Beech End, Lowick Green, Ulverston

069/21 Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan

The strategy is based on a rather simple-minded model of several major strands eg. 'Energy Coast' and 'Heart of the Lakes' but doesn't see any linkage between them thus the strategy misses out important issues. The main missing link is the lack of a transport strategy along the Crake Valley.

We don't fall into 'Manufacturing Coast' because we are not in Barrow and we don't fall into 'Heart of the Lakes' because we aren't the main tourist route from the M6. Instead, strategy will have us either using cars to move up and down and out of the valley or heading through Ambleside and Windermere to Kendal to catch public transport to Barrow and Ulverston.

No account is taken of our natural topography which results in a community (Coniston, Torver, Sunny Bank, Lake Bank, Water Yeat, Blawith, Lowick, Spark Bridge and Penny Bridge) of both working and retirement age residing in a straight line between Coniston and Greenodd which works, uses services, shops, takes leisure, gives birth and dies in Ulverston and Barrow.

Until a somewhat deeper understanding of how the Crake Valley community works is developed we will continue to be overlooked.

It is recognised Barrow and even Ulverston have significant lower skilled youth and younger adult unemployment. It's also well known that the hospitality industry up and down the valley is crying out for people. Better transport up and down the valley would make it possible for young people to travel up the valley to work. We don't think the strategy has got past how to get more well heeled tourists

coming to strengthen our economy. The industry also needs less well off workers to get here to help the tourists spend their money!!

070/21 Working Groups

Cllr Sanderson agreed to attend an initial working group meeting with a neighbouring Parish.

071/21 Parish Plan

Resolved to put a summary of the responses into the newsletter and more information on the website.

Cllr Sanderson will look into the next steps now that the data is available.

072/21 Next Meeting

The date of the next ordinary meeting is on Thursday 18 November at 7.30pm