

Tuesday 19th November 2019
6.30 pm
11 Blencathra View

Present – R Vidler (chair), D Frost, I Hartland, R Siddall, P Thurrell, W Thurrell.

Apologies – B Graham, L Harrison, H Lancaster.

Bank balance as of 21/10/19 £4556.54

AGM - only six residents, need to think of ways to encourage more people to come.

Final reminders for 2019 contributions - after discussion agreed to leave and incorporate into letter for 2020. Also discussed ways of making letters more personal, put in envelope, put name (if known) on them. Could also tailor make letters to individuals.

Also discussed how to best approach the long outstanding issue of 'section 106' contributions never received (in respect of previous planning conditions).

AP1 - RV to expand letters and send round for comments.

Introductory letters to new residents also discussed and how we can keep check on new residents arriving other than word of mouth. Believed that Land Registry now in the public domain and may be useful. Electoral register also suggested but may be a time lapse.

AP2 - PT will complete introductory letter for review at next meeting.

Letters to be prepared for 2020 and distributed about March time, this seemed to have better response this year

AP3 - DF & RV to work on letters, templates held from last year.

Road safety improvements - various options discussed from putting in road calming, roundabouts to putting down white lines. DF had some pictures of various examples. Was agreed to ask Tolsons about putting down white lines when doing walk round. Would need to consult all road users and have a couple of options to put to them.

Comments from people say they expect the money they pay to be used for improving the roads and would not be happy if spent on road safety work so would have to be careful about funding any improvements and only after consultation. Other funding options to be explored. Threlkeld Activities Association may be able to give grant but probably too late to apply for this year, WT to approach Moira to see if she will come to next meeting to discuss process.

AP4 - DF to look at other options and possibly cost them for next meeting.

AP5 - RV to ask BG and HL if they know any avenues to funding.

Road safety advice, especially for young people was another option suggested to improve individual safety.

Dark Skies initiative - DF thought this something worthwhile. Friends of the Lake District are spearheading it. The aim is to try and reduce light pollution so that the night skies become much more visible and at the same time reducing energy consumption. The initial proposal was for all street lamps to be switched off completely between 31st March and 31st October, then switched on until 9 pm only between 31st October (when the clocks go back) and 31st March. DF felt that a request from our committee might carry some weight. Appears this will need to be discussed with either Allerdale BC or Cumbria CC?

AP6 DF to find out who and also what would be the mechanics of such a proposal. Need to be cautious about these as cannot do on our own initiative. Again would need to consult with all the residents and business users before going ahead.

Any other business

Names needed as signatories for bank, agreed that RV and LH (if still OK to do so) and PT.

AP7 - RV to contact bank to arrange.

Next meeting-
Tuesday Feb 11th 2020. This, with time and place, to be confirmed