

# CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



**Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 24 June 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.**

**Present :** Councillors W Cook (Chair), D Bray, S Cooper, G McGann, D Rostance and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney  
Police Special Sergeant Nathan Beavin  
3 Police Representatives  
4 Members of the Public

### **31. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence from Councillors J Foran and G Pentin, and the Clerk be accepted.

### **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that the following declaration of interest had been made by Councillor D Bray:  
**Agenda item 12** – Grants Application from the Cranton Gala Committee  
**Nature of Interest** – Past Gala involvement

### **33. MINUTES**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Annual Meeting held on 14 May 2018 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **34. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Tommy Glynn, who represents a group that liaised with the police on public nuisance issues in Widnes Park. He outlined examples such as cameras that were temporarily installed and diaries recording observations. He was happy to pass on his information to Dave Rostance, in the hope that they might be of use in a solution to Cranton's Pasture problems with large gatherings of youths from other areas.

Mr Byrne asked about the progress of defibrillator training and was assured by Councillor S Cooper that this was in progress.

### **35. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**It was resolved** that the unconfirmed minutes of undermentioned Committees be noted:

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 3 June 2019
- (b) Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 3 June 2019

### **36. POLICING AND SPEEDING ISSUES IN CRANTON**

Special Sergeant Beavin reported that the police were targeting the Pasture and Pex Hill on a regular basis. He indicated that they had not come across any issues that they could act upon when they attended.

Dave Rostance reported that there are 50-60 young people on the Pasture on Friday evenings who were very noisy and left a mess of litter including gas cartridges. Most of them were outsiders drawn to this area because they had been moved on by Cheshire police. The Council

was aware that some had ASBOs, and troublemakers were mixing with otherwise well behaved locals. It was apparent that there was nil co-operation with Cheshire Police. Pressure needed to be applied to Cheshire police and/or the Crime Commissioner. Calling 101 was a waste of time. Dispersal orders also needed to be considered. Calls to 999 were even misdirected to Cheshire police, as exemplified by the recent incident in Chapel Lane.

Sergeant Beavin replied that the police were very overstretched and resources were always being diverted to high crime areas of Knowsley. Dispersal orders were available but not for situations where risk was considered low. He would come back to the Council on Cheshire Police liaison and dispersal orders. He gave an alternative no. for 101 which is 0151 777 6010. The misdirected 999 call was a matter for BT.

Ged McGann asked about speed gun training and was offered an opportunity to do this with the safer roads police representative.

### **37. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The Ward Councillor explained his recent induction tour. He had been informed of adverse effects of traffic on Cronton by the major Halsnead development. Also the Knowsley partnership team could help with the Pasture issues. On the speed issue he indicated that he would look into getting a smiley face camera on a permanent basis, via safer roads/school partnership scheme.

### **38. REPORTS**

- (a) **Policing** – It had been covered.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – No report.
- (c) **Environment** – No report.

### **39. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning application notices were received from Knowsley Council.

### **40. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

Members received for consideration the Budgetary Control Report as at 14/6/19.

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 14/6/19 be accepted subject to the clarification of the Uncommitted Reserve.

### **41. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**It was resolved** that receipts and payments as listed in the attached Appendix be noted and approved.

### **42. GRANTS APPLICATION**

A late application had been received from the Cronton Gala Committee without supporting documents.

**It was resolved** that the application be refused due to the lateness and lack of supporting documents as specified in the Grants Applications Policy. This did not meet the audit requirements.

The Committee would be notified accordingly.

**43. CONSULTATION ON LGPS**

It was resolved that the consultation LGPS: Changes to the local valuation cycle and the management of employer risk be noted.

**44. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- (a) The Pasture and Police issues had been covered earlier.
- (b) Sign issue had been raised with the Holy Family Social Club by Knowsley Council.
- (c) The refurbished fingerpost was a welcome addition to the village.

**45. CRONTON NEWS**

The next newsletter was in progress.

**The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 29 July 2019