Kells Lighting Petition

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Summary and Recommendation:To receive and consider a petition from Kells residents requesting that lighting be provided in two open areas to the rear of residential properties just off High Road.

1. Background

1.1. The Council has received a letter and petition from Kells residents containing 290 signatures. The petition, which is attached as Appendix A, says:

"We the residents of Kells present this petition with regards to the present situation of no street lighting of any kind to illuminate the rear two areas of residential land /roads and dwellings to the rear of North Row, South Row, West Row, Mid Street and High Road.

We feel that this problem needs an urgent solution being either street lights being installed around the perimeter where the roads run or one centre flood light in the centre of each area of land on the top back field and bottom back field."

2. Petition Scheme

2.1 Under the Council's Petitions Scheme most petitions received which relate to Council responsibilities are to be formally reported to a meeting of members. The subject of this petition is relevant to this Committee. Under the Scheme the petition organizer is permitted to attend and briefly address the meeting on the relevant matter. The organizer has been invited to attend but hasnot confirmed to date.

3. Petition

3.1 The majority of street lighting in Copeland is the responsibility of Cumbria County Council, but in many areas off the main roads the lighting is classed as footway lighting which generally comes within the remit of this Council. In the area referred to in this petition all of the lighting on the streets listed belongs to the County Council. Copeland Council currently has no lighting in the vicinity.

- 3.2 Copeland does have a right to install lighting in this situation but not a statutory duty. However if we do provide it we then clearly have a responsibility to maintain it.
- 3.3 The Council's current position regarding assets, such as footway lighting, is that existing items should be maintained but that no additional liabilities should be taken on.
- 3.4 A map of the area showing existing and required lighting positions is attached as Appendix B.
- 3.5 An estimate of the cost of providing lighting to an adequate level in the area is attached as Appendix C.

4. Conclusion

4.1The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to recommend any specific measures in response to the petition at this time.

Appendix A – Residents letter and petition
Appendix B – Map showing lighting positions

Appendix C – Cost estimate to install footway lighting

Consultees: SLT

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We feel that this problem needs an urgent solution being either street lights being installed around around the perimeter where the roads run or one centre flood light in the centre of each of land on the top back field and bottom back field.

We ask for this lighting to this residential area in the interest of safety, to also cut down on anti social behaviour and street crime.

In the past few months we have had a number of crimes/anti social behaviour two of which have been arson to vehicles and a caravan which in the residents opinion could have avoided had some sort of illumination been present in the area to act as a deterrent.

On the subject of safety, street lighting would be an advantage in particular to the rear back roads/lanes where many cars are parked and also wheelie bins out for collection by Copeland borough council, some of which are left out for several days or weeks not to mention other household refuge carpets, fridges, and other large items which remain at peoples back gates in the lanes. These hazards to both pedestrians and motorists.

The top area of rear land nearest to high road also has a foot path running top to bottom of the land which is totally unused after darkness falls due to the lack of illumination to it.

We as residents feel immediate attention to the matter is now required and is well over due for the matter to be solved as proposals were in place apoximatly ten or so years ago to put lighting in these two areas? But nothing was ever done about the situation .We advise a member of of your highways department visits this area in darkness to see the full extent of problem we face and understand our complaint and Why some thing must be done urgentlyto solve this matter.

RESIDENTS PETITION TO COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL TO SUPPLY STREET LIGHTING

TO THE REAR OF NORTH ROW, SOUTH ROW WEST ROW, MID STREET AND HIGH ROAD KELLS TO PREVENT ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND VANDALISM

AS IN RECENT EVENTS AND TO MAKE THE AREA A SAFER ENVIRONMENT TO LIVE IN.

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Existing County
Council Lights
Required lighting
positions

Appendix C

Kells Lighting Es	<u>stimate</u>				
	Cost	Number	Total	Note	Work by
5m column installed	£ 350.65	14	£ 4,909.10	Fixed cost	Amey
Power supply	£ 945.00	14	£ 13,230.00	Some possibility for reduction using lighting contractor to do maximum of 10 of these connections	Electricity Northwest
Cable /m	£ 10.00	500	£ 5,000.00	Fixed cost / m Some possibility for reduction using lighting contractor to do the trenching (probably	Electricity Northwest
Trenching /m	£ 70.00	500	£ 35,000.00 £ 58,139.10	about 50%)	Electricity Northwest