Beckermet Village Association
Minutes of Meeting – 13th April 2017

1. The Acting Chairman opened the meeting by thanking those present for attending.

Members present: Peter Manning, Doug and Linda McDevitte, Frank McKee, Margaret and Keith Woolley, Alan Kiel, John Edwards, Kathleen Cook, Doreen Head, Sarah Moore (Secretary), John Mackay (Chair), Margaret Benn, Lynn Hobbs, Dianne and Iain Irving

Apologies received: Andrew Moore Anne Dickinson Margaret Collinson, Lillian Tyson, Gwen Rea,

2. Previous meeting minutes were agreed with no actions outstanding

3. BVA Financial Update

Income	
	0.00
Total Income to date	0.00
Expenditure	
Newsletters	85.00
Reading Room rental	72.00
Copeland Rail User Group	10.00
Total expenditure to date	167.00
Brought Forward	416.13
Net surplus year to date	-167.00
Carried Forward	249.13

Dianne Irving very kindly donated the takings from the White Mare Easter Sunday quiz to the BVA

4. First Responders Update

Donations	165.00
Total Income to date	165.00
Expenditure	
Quarterly Pager Hire	535.26
Reading Room Rental	162.00
Total expenditure to date	697.26
Brought Forward	2,240.74
Net surplus year to date	-532.26
Carried Forward	1,708.48

The team had dealt with very few callouts since January 2017. New team members are always welcome, and interested parties should contact Alan or any member of the team for details. 4 members have taken and passed their annual assessments.

5. Traffic Issues

Iain Irving gave an update on developments, and advised that on behalf of the small businesses in Beckermet, including the BVA, the proposal continues to be challenged, with very little engagement from CCC. No response has been received the FOI request submitted. The Ombudsman has been made aware of the issues and this route will be progressed should no further progress be made. Full support has been pledged by Trudy Harrison, MP and Mike Starkie, Mayor.

The Parish Council have also written to CCC to advise that they do not support the method in which the ETRO is proposed to be introduced, and are awaiting a formal response from CCC.

6. NuGen Moorside Proposal

Peter Manning provided an update on NuGen issues:

The Parish Council have been keeping n regular touch with NuGen, and advised that they are a long way away from responding to the consultation.

Technical meetings have been held to consider flooding issues, and ENW have been discussing their plans for some of the 132KV line.

Toshibas position was discussed given their now 100% stake in NuGen.

It was noted that the permission has been granted for AP1000 reactors – any change to the type of reactor would be subject to a new approval process.

No further details available on timescales.

7. Parish Council

The PC has a new website www.beckermetwiththornhillpc.org.uk

The Parish Council responses to NWC / National Grid proposals are yet to be responded to but clearly any progress in this area is dependent on the Moorside New Build.

The Parish Council has responded to the Health Consultation with support from Keith and Margaret Woolley.

The Parish Council should have 14 members abut following a review, this has been reduced to 12, however the PC still has 3 vacancies should anyone wish to put themselves forward.

The Lengthsman scheme is to continue for a further year.

Thanks were expressed to John Ball for concluding the works on his boundary with the playing area, and for the excellent job made.

There are to be 4 more Sellafield Site Exercises this year with the first being in early May. And 3 more in the autumn. Residents are encouraged to sign up to the cascade alert system.

The Boiler Park is due to be commissioned in July and August, which could result in some venting steam.

1st Steering group for the community led plan is to go ahead but the group requires more people to provide input.

8. Newsletter

Next newsletter due in early June and all contributions would be gratefully received by Margaret – deadline for inclusion is 21st May

Please email contributions to becknews@btinternet.com

9. **Matters of concern to residents.**

Beware of a driver of a white van knocking on doors wanting to carry out repairs.

Dog mess is still an issue in some areas of the village, along with litter dropping.

10. AOB

Beckermet Scouts would like to place a planter in the village and maintain it. They would also like to purchase a public use defibrillator trough fundraising. JE to take to Parish Council for a decision.

A study is being carried out on conservation areas with a report being prepared being submitted to the parish council.

The survey by the White Mare into requirement for a 'services hub' following the loss of the shop had 24 responses and it was deemed not viable to provide a newspaper service., however essentials like bread and milk could be provided.

Summer Quiz will be available in July.

It should be noted that the BVA does not have an appointed Vice-Chair. Any interested parties should contact the Secretary (Sarah Moore)

12. Dates for 2017:

BVA Meetings: All meetings 7.30pm in the village Reading Rooms. Everyone welcome

13th July 2017 (AGM)
5th October 2017

Sarah Moore
Secretary – Beckermet Village Association
July 2017