

Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council

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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May, 19:00 at Thornhill Social Club

- 1) **Present**
E Matthews (Chair), C Boothroyd (vice chair), J Edwards, D McGhee, D Humphreys, S Meteer, P Manning, Clerk
- 2) **Apologies**
K Cook, B Taylor, S Caddy
- 3) **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public in attendance.
- 4) **Chairman's report**
 - The Council met 11 times in the year, once per month except for the month of August. Meetings were held in Beckermet or Thornhill.
 - We met all of the statutory requirements for budget setting, provision and auditing of accounts, quorate meetings and proper conduct of Parish business. The Parish achieved all of its work within the precept of £12750. Following an assessment of the parish's finances, it was decided that the precept for 2014/15 would be held at £12750.
 - Regular on-going responsibilities such as grass cutting in the parks and playing fields have been properly discharged and we have arranged for statutory safety inspections of play equipment in the parks. Repairs have been done where needed (including following malicious damage). We would like to give our thanks to Janice Oliver for all of the work she put in for fundraising and organising the Play Area improvements for Beckermet. We

have had lots of positive comments for the new play equipment and it is being well used.

- Our website for the parish council has proved to be a useful communication method and store for parish related information. We are very pleased with the improvements made to the website, so thanks to the Webmaster (Donna McGhee) for her work on this. This has also provided a valuable platform for the recording of the parish assets and the list is now fully up-to-date.
- We gave money to the Beckermets Reading Rooms towards the funding of a new noticeboard. We also supported the BVA by providing funding towards their costs.
- The Parish Council have responded to numerous consultations this year, with a range of topics including the GDF, Pylons and CBC funding. These responses have been compiled with accuracy and in a succinct and timely fashion. The benefit of making these responses is that the parish's voice is being heard in these consultations and this has been reflected in the changes that have been made to documents that have been consistent with our responses.
- I've been very pleased with how Siân has performed as Clerk and the professionalism and efficiency with which she has undertaken her duties and her enthusiasm for the job. I look forward to working with Siân in the forthcoming year.
- We conducted a survey within the village for the residents views of speeding traffic through the village. The response turnout was very low, and indicated that those responding either did not believe there was a problem or felt that engineered improvements would not be appropriate. We worked closely with CCC Highways on this and the Gateway features were installed in March. We also understand that the street lighting in Beckermets is due to be replaced by CCC when Electricity North West come to remove and replace the existing electricity poles.
- We have had four councillors resign during the course of the year, and have taken on two new councillors during the year. I'd like to thank all of you for the effort you've put into supporting the work of the Parish Council.

- For the upcoming year, we are keen to progress the improvements to the Football Pitch at Thornhill. We will also continue to work closely with the BVA, TVA, CBC and CCC as appropriate on different issues affected the parish. We are looking forward to continuing to meet NuGen and Sellafield as appropriate.

5) Financial Statement

The audit has been completed. The report was received and agreed.

Precept	£12,750.00
From Reserves	£0.00

	Original	Current	Balance against Budget	Spend %
TOTAL	£12,750.00	£12,750.00	£9,591.56	75%
Admin	£200.00	£200.00	£203.49	102%
Audit Fee	£400.00	£400.00	£174.00	44%
Grants	£1,300.00	£1,300.00	£300.00	23%
Parish Maintenance	£4,600.00	£4,350.00	£3,884.28	89%
Insurance	£1,000.00	£750.00	£625.58	83%
Room rent	£320.00	£250.00	£261.50	105%
Salary	£3,100.00	£4,100.00	£4,024.00	98%
Subs	£350.00	£350.00	£222.00	63%
Travel	£180.00	£180.00	£180.00	100%
Internet	£96.00	£96.00	£96.00	100%
Projects	£1,204.00	£774.00	-£379.29	-49%
Playground Imps (balance)	£17,079.00	£17,079.00	-£10,623.30	-62%
Playground Imps (spend)			£30,528.42	

6) Date and location for next meeting

The next annual meeting will be held in April 2015, date to be confirmed when the regular