

Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council

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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 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**
 - 1) The Council met 11 times in the year, once per month except for the month of August. Meetings were held in Beckermet or Thornhill.
 - 2) 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 (noting the extra one-off Copeland payment made the total received £13891.90). Following an assessment of the parish's finances, it was decided that the precept for 2015/16 would be increased to £13000.
 - 3) 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 in all the play areas where needed (including following malicious damage). We have utilised

the Lengthsman for many repairs and also completed a number ourselves.

- 4) 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.
- 5) We haven't granted or donated any money towards Parish projects or groups in the year. We have installed a noticeboard on School Green and two new benches (one in Beckermet and one in Thornhill). Four emergency event shelter locations have been identified (two in each village).
- 6) The Parish Council have responded to numerous consultations this year, with a range of topics including the Nuclear Waste, Pylons and County and Borough Council 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.
- 7) Siân has continued to complete her role as our Clerk and RFO with professionalism, efficiency and enthusiasm.
- 8) We worked closely with CCC Highways on traffic in the village and various improvements have been made. We have also met twice with EM Highways to discuss possible improvements on the A595. *Thanks John.* We also understand that the street lighting in Beckermet is due to be replaced by CCC when Electricity North West come to remove and replace the existing electricity poles, this is expected to happen in 2015/16.
- 9) We have kept all of our councillors during the year but still have some vacancies. I'd like to thank all of you for the effort you've put into supporting the work of the Parish Council.
- 10) For the upcoming year, we are keen to progress the improvements to the parish. 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, especially as the decision points are coming up for the Moorside site.

11) Financial Statement

first day	01/04/2014
last day	31/03/2015
today	15/05/2015
Precept	£13,891.90
From Reserves	£0.00

	Original	Current	Balance against Budget
TOTAL	£13,891.90	£13,981.90	£3,464.44
Admin	£200.00	£200.00	£258.82
Audit Fee	£400.00	£400.00	£276.00
Grants	£1,300.00	£1,300.00	£108.00
Parish Maintenance	£4,600.00	£5,945.90	£5,376.70
Insurance	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£569.51
Room rent	£320.00	£320.00	£239.00
Salary	£3,100.00	£4,000.00	£3,830.00
Subs	£350.00	£350.00	£217.00
Travel	£180.00	£96.00	£96.00
Internet	£96.00	£180.00	£180.00
Projects	£2,345.90	£190.00	-£7,686.59

12) Date and location for next meeting

The next annual meeting will be held in April 2016.