

Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2018, 7pm, at Thornhill Social Club

1) Present

P Manning, D McGhee, S Caddy, S Meteer, K Woolley,
D Humphreys, K Cook, W Johnson and S Tucker (Clerk)

2) Apologies

J Edwards, J Smith,

3) To declare any interest in items on the agenda

KC declared an interest in Item 7, the History Group Notice Board. SM declared an interest in item 8, Boundary Commission proposals for Copeland Ward areas.

4) To consider approvals of the minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the January 2018 Parish Council meeting were approved.

5) Public participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The Council co-opted Wendie Johnson on to the Council.

6) Finance

It was resolved that the following payments requested to be made by the Clerk, should be made:

To Pay	Comments	Amount
Sian Tucker Clerk	January Salary - £368.30 Internet - £15 Travel - £8 Expenses - £29.99 (Replacement power adaptor for PC laptop)	£421.29
Thornhill Social Club	February Meeting	£20
CRUG	Annual Subscription	£10

The Council received a grant request from Beckermet Nursery, which would go towards a new kitchen. The Council agreed that a letter should be written to the nursery firstly suggesting to contact NuGen. If they have no success then they should re-submit their grant request to the council.

ST to write to Beckermet Nursery

7) Budget Update

The budget report provided by the Clerk was accepted. It was noted that £14,601.06 had been spent up to 9th February 2018 from the £13,941.16 of funding available to date (a precept of £13,000 plus £941.16 of additional income). It was noted that although this suggested that the funding limit had been exceeded the expenditure included a total of £4062 of spend on picnic tables and benches for the play areas plus improvements to the Thornhill Football Club car park and part or all of this sum will be recovered from the Parish Council Reserve funds at the end of the financial year. The reserves were adequate to cover this amount.

8) Progress Reports

Police Report

No police report had been received this month.

Traffic & Highways Report

It was reported that there are no new comments on the traffic and highways report that was last updated in October 2017. JE asked at the January meeting for Councillors to send him any comments/changes or additions they would like to be included in an up to date schedule.

CCC will update the council of the outcome of the consultation on the proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Beckermot and it would not be formalised until it had been considered by the Highways Working Group and CCC's Copeland Local Committee and this may take until April.

JE had asked about making a FOI request to obtain data on Mill Lane traffic use. The council was not enthusiastic, and SM offered to try to get it via a different route. It was decided not to request the information through FOI.

SC – JE to contact Highways Agency regarding the litter and drains on the A595 from St Thomas Cross to Sellafield.

KC – JE to consider contacting Highways Agency to have some yellow lines outside the former Kirkbeck stores as this is becoming a dangerous place to park.

New Clerk Recruitment

ST updated the council stating that 3 applications had been received. It was agreed to carry out interviews on all 3 candidates before the March meeting. ST to organise interviews asap.

Website Update

DMc has updated the asset register. ST to send all the declaration of interest forms and Wendie Johnson's contact details to DMc to update the website.

Lengthsman Scheme

ST obtained an update from Works 4 U indicating the work carried out this past month. ST to contact Works 4 U regarding outstanding work, particularly involving some weeding in Thornhill.

Data Protection

The UK Data Protection Act would become law in May 2018 and that as a result the Parish Council need to ensure that procedures were in place to enable them to demonstrate compliance. PM noted that anyone included on the e mail distribution list used by the Parish Council (to distribute up to date news) would need to give their approval for the Parish Council to use their e

mail address for this purpose. He would arrange that.

ST was compiling a list of areas that needed consideration and would bring it back for agreement. Where members had forwarded info to the clerk, their records needed to be considered also. The council never knowingly passes on personal info to a third party. It was agreed to include Data Protection as a regular agenda item until all actions associated with compliance were completed.

Positioning of the History Group Notice Board in Beckermat

KC noted that she had submitted the application to CBC for planning approval, and it was being circulated according to procedures.

Thornhill Football Club – Change Room extension

SM reported that all necessary documentation to support a grant application had been submitted to the Copeland Community Fund, and he was waiting for a response.

Copeland Community led housing fund

SM is in communication with Homegroup regarding the scheme. The Council support the scheme for there to be more homes in Thornhill. SM will update the council when necessary.

Participation in Copeland Pride of place scheme

KW provided information on the Copeland Pride of Place initiative that is being promoted by the Elected Mayor of Copeland, Mike Starkie, to make the community proud of Copeland.

Beckermat Swing Bridge

SM updated the Council. Ongoing repairs need to be made to the bridge, which CCC have agreed to do. It was important not to let the issue drag on.

Reactor siting consultation

The Council agreed for PM to submit the circulated comments to the consultation. The closing date for the consultation is the 15th March. The conclusions from the consultations should be known in Autumn 2019.

GDF Consultations

The consultations are ongoing until April 2018. After discussion, it was agreed that the PC should respond, and PM was asked to draft something.

Grass Cutting Contract for 2018/19

ST has received a good amount of interest in this year grass cutting contract. A number of quotes have been received already. The closing date for tendering is 2nd March, 2018.

Other Projects

It was requested that the Thornhill telephone box should be removed. ST to action.

The Beckermets telephone box needs to be cleaned. ST to action

9) Boundary Commission proposals for Copeland Ward areas

The response that had been agreed at the last meeting had been formally submitted. We had been informed that Copeland BC had made an alternative proposal, which also seemed to be reasonable for Beckermets.

10) Response to Highways England Strategic Road Consultation

KW noted that he had sent a response on behalf of the Parish Council

11) NuGEN

PM gave an update. Recorded actions have been received from the meeting with Trudy Harrison on 11th January. This stating that NuGEN are offering no property support. It is expected that this will be communicated to the relevant Government Minister to see if any action can be prompted. PM to update at the March meeting.

12) Parish Action Plan

No update was given. This is an ongoing agenda item.

13) Planning Applications received

Ref 4/18/2038/0F1 – Porch extension, 12 Ehen Road, Thornhill

Ref 4/18/2046/0F1 – Extension to sun room, 3 Burnside, Sellafield Rd, Beckermets

Comments on these planning applications will be sent to CBC
Action- ST

14) Meetings at which the council is represented

WCSSG – PM had circulated an update on the (decent) progress being made at Sellafield. Details of the intended park/ride were shared, with a note to communicate any ensuing problems to the site liaison man.

Proposals to develop a *Cumbria Vision* were discussed, although it was not clear how the area intended to take it forward.

15) Councillors reports-upcoming meetings

KC – Emergency Meeting, 12th March

Sellafield parishes meeting on Feb 20.

3 tier meeting on Mar 1.

16) Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 21st March 2018 at Beckermets Reading Rooms starting at 7pm.