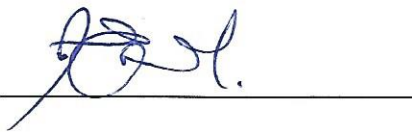


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**Minutes of Beckermat with Thornhill Parish Council  
Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 17 May 2023 commencing at 19.00hrs  
Venue: Thornhill Social Club**

Present: (JN) Julie Nugent, Chairperson, (TB) Tim Barlow (Vice Chairman), (KC) Kath Cook, (MS) Michael Slater, (EJ) Eric Jewitt, (SC) Steve Caddy, (TC) T Church (Clerk)

**1 Apologies**

None.

**2 To declare any interest in items on the agenda**

A member of the public in attendance declared an interest in the Thornhill play park agenda item.

**3 Public Participation**

Two members of the public from Thornhill in attendance.

**4 Approve the minutes of the BwT Parish Council meeting held on 15 March 2023. Review actions from previous meetings**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. Chairperson to sign.

The actions were reviewed, updated, closed out or marked as ongoing, as appropriate.

**5 Finance**

Year End Finance Report

Report noted.

March and April Finance Reports

Reports noted.

Approve Clerk's May salary

**APPROVED** for payment.

Approve NALC/CALC Annual Subscription

**APPROVED** for payment.

Chairperson's signature



### Rental Review

It was **AGREED** that a rental review would be carried out towards the end of 2023 ahead of setting the budget and precept.

In addition to a rental review the land owned by the Parish Council will need to be valued for asset recording purposes.

### Agree and Approve Funding for Plants in Thornhill

It was **AGREED** to fund £450 for plants.

## **6 Annual Governance and Accountability Review (AGAR) 2022/23**

### Internal Audit Report

Report noted.

BwT Parish Council thanked our Internal Auditor for her continued support with the Internal Audit part of the AGAR.

The Internal Auditor informed the Clerk (outside the meeting) that this year's books were a pleasure to audit.

### Approve AGAR Submission

**AGAR APPROVED.**

#### **ACTION 1: Clerk to submit Certificate of Exemption to External Auditor**

BwT Parish Council thanked the Clerk for her sterling work on completing her third AGAR in less than 18 months.

As part of the AGAR discussion an asset figure of £256,000 was **AGREED**. This figure would be included on the AGAR documentation ahead of publication.

## **7 Midtown Barn Site Visit - Beckermat**

It was **AGREED** to carry out a visit of the Midtown Barn Site.

#### **ACTION 2: Clerk to arrange**

## **8 20mph speed limit outside school, Beckermat**

Residents have asked the question "why isn't the speed limit outside the school 20mph as is the case with other local schools?"; the speed limit is currently 30mph.

JN has mentioned this issue to the local MP previously who was supportive of a reduced speed limit. In addition to the 30mph speed limit the inconsiderate parking near the school is not helping.

#### **ACTION 3: Chair to investigate with a view to seeking a speed reduction**

## **9 Community Hub Power Loss**

It was **AGREED** not to complete the questionnaire.

Chairperson's signature \_\_\_\_\_



## 10 Progress Reports

### Play Parks/signage at Beckermet and Thornhill

'Private property' car park signs to be ordered and erected to act as a deterrent to those non villagers (Sellafield workers) using the car park in Beckermet. The parking is becoming a real problem preventing local residents using their car park when accessing the play park with their children.

### Play Park inspections – Thornhill

The Clerk had made contact with the local resident who had very kindly offered to assist the Parish Council with regular inspections of the play park.

The inspection check list for both play parks is to be redesigned.

As part of the GDF Community funding application it was **AGREED** that two new benches and two new bins would be included in the quotation for the play park at Thornhill.

It is hoped that a decision on funding would be made soon. BwT Parish Council is confident that a new play park will be of great benefit to the community of Thornhill as is the case with the new play park at Beckermet.

The TVA members left the meeting at 20.40hrs

## 11 Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council/Report Minor Matters

### Feedback from meetings

MS gave an update from the Site Safety meeting.

MS gave an update from a GDF meeting. Professional advice and funding are available to assist Parish Councils with the development of Community Lead Plans where needed.

JN gave an update from a Canadian GDF meeting.

## 12 Recruitment of additional councillors

Ongoing.

It was **AGREED** to design a poster which would be placed in the notice board and the TVA Facebook page to encourage residents of Thornhill to join the Parish Council to help their community.

## 13 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at 19.00hrs. Venue to be advised.

**All business concluded; the meeting closed at 21.00hrs.**