



**Minutes of Beckermat with Thornhill Parish Council  
Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 20 March 2024 commencing at 19.00hrs  
Venue: The Reading Rooms, Beckermat**

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

**1 Apologies**

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

None.

**3 Public Participation**

Member of the public in attendance to discuss Beckermat in Bloom.

**4 Approve the minutes of the BwT PC meeting held on 21 February 2024. Review actions from previous meetings**

The minutes from the February Parish Council meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

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

**5 Finance**

February Finance Report

Report noted.

The savings account paperwork to be signed (three signatories) after this meeting.

To ensure good governance, and in addition to the routine checks of the Parish Council's bank statements, KC and MS to review the bank statements after this meeting.

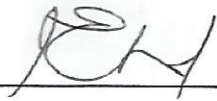
Approve Clerk's March 2024 salary and allowances

**APPROVED** for payment.

**6 Planning Applications**

There are no comments/objections on the planning applications.

Chairperson's signature



## 7 Calling in Planning Process

It was briefed that the Chairperson had signed the letter of support, drafted by Ponsonby and Calderbridge Parish Council in relation to the neglect and demolition of properties owned by the NDA,

The list of identified properties had been circulated to full council.

In addition, to the letter of support to be sent to the NDA, an e-mail relating to the 'Call in Process' had been circulated to full council. This process is used, to escalate concerns to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, if there is disagreement on how properties are being managed leading to neglect and demolition within local Parishes.

**ACTION 1: JN to obtain more information about the process**

**ACTION 2: Clerk to feedback BwT PC support to Ponsonby and Calderbridge PC**

## 8 NDA Funding Update

Waiting for quotes ahead of submitting and application. Quotes to be circulated when received.

Lack of availability of the application form is an issue.

## 9 CALC Local Council Award Scheme

TB to look at the application for accreditation process and feedback any benefits.

**ACTION 3: TB to take forward**

## 10 Progress Reports

### 20mph Speed Limit outside Beckermest School

It is envisaged that a 20 mph rule will be applied to all schools when a decision is taken by the Highways Executive.

### Asset Transfer Form – Land at Thornhill

Ongoing.

### Sellafield to Seascale Cycle Track

Ongoing. Signs had been erected re-directing cyclists to an alternative route.

### New Website

Part one of the process is complete. However up to date photographs needed to be provided to the web designer for uploading on to our new website.

**ACTION 4: TC to check what quality of photos are needed**

**ACTION 5: All to suggest areas to be photographed in both villages**



Kirk Beck River Erosion

Ongoing.

Hole on Braystones Road

This repair work would be carried out in FY 2024/25.

Beckermets in Bloom

This item brought forward and covered under Agenda item 3.

The Member of the Public (MoP) in attendance updated the Parish Council on the Beckermets in Bloom community project.

A funding proposal paper had been circulated to full council. It was **AGREED** that a £450 donation would be provided to the BVA to assist with the project.

**ACTION 6: TB to provide BVA bank details to Clerk**

**ACTION 7: KC to organise for mounting block to be re-located**

**ACTION 8: KC to organise a plaque from The History Society to be placed on the mounting block**

*The MoP left the meeting after this agenda item.*

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

Feedback from meetings

KC and MS had attended the Ponsonby and Calderbridge PC meeting.  
MS didn't manage to attend the Sellafield Site Stakeholder meeting.  
TB had attended a Visioning workshop. Slides had been circulated.  
JN had attended a GDF meeting.  
JN had attended a visit to the Geological Society in Nottingham.  
TC had attended the Clerk's Forum

Minor matters

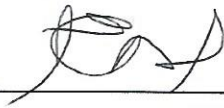
- Nineteen acres of land is for sale alongside the River Ehen near Beckermets which could be used as a community asset when the appropriate funding is available.
- It was **AGREED** to hold the Fraud Prevention talk at a Beckermets coffee morning held on a Tuesday.

**ACTION 9: EJ to take forward**

**12 Recruitment of additional councillors**

BwT Parish Council would welcome additional representation from Thornhill.

Chairperson's signature



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**13 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting**

The next meetings will take place in The Reading Rooms on Wednesday, 15 May 2024 as listed below:-

- 19.00hrs - Annual Parish meeting
- 19.15hrs - Annual Parish Council meeting
- 19.30hrs - May Parish Council meeting

**All business concluded; the meeting closed at 21.02hrs**