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# Minutes of Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 commencing at 19.00hrs Venue: Thornhill Social Club

Present: (TB) Tim Barlow (Chairman), (JN) Julie Nugent (Vice Chairperson) (SC) S Caddy, (MS) Michael Slater, (KC) Kath Cook, (TC) Tina Church

1 Apologies

(EJ) E Jewitt

2 To declare any interest in items on the agenda

None.

3 Public Participation

A MoP raised that a stile on the Low Mill to Egremont footpath needed some attention. Whilst the stile is not BwT Parish Council's responsibility the Clerk agreed to pass the info on to the relevant authority to investigate and repair.

ACTION 1: MoP to obtain W3W location and send to Clerk ACTION 2: JN to send contact details to Clerk

A member of the TVA, in attendance, requested funding for the flower tubs in Thornhill.

It was **AGREED** that BwT Parish Council would cover the cost of flowers (£300) for those tubs that would be watered by volunteers in the village. The TVA **AGREED** to reduce the number of tubs in the village and dispose of those tubs beyond repair.

ACTION 3: TVA treasurer to send invoice to Clerk for payment ACTION 4: Clerk to place this item on the February agenda 2025

4 Approve the minutes of the:-

BwT Parish Council meeting held on 15 May 2024

**APPROVED**. However the 'February Finance report title' should have read 'March/April Finance report'. Minutes to be amended before sign off.

ACTION 5: Clerk to amend and arrange sign off

The March/April Finance report had been issued again (with the May Finance report) for formal sign off at the June meeting.

Annual Parish meeting held on 15 May 2024

**APPROVED** 

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# Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15 May 2024

#### **APPROVED**

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

# 5 Finance

TVA donation request for flowers

APPROVED.

March/April/May Finance Reports

Reports noted.

Approve Clerk's June 2024 salary and allowances

APPROVED.

Annual Governance and Accountability Review

APPROVED. Certificate of Exemption to be signed, submitted and AGAR published

ACTION 6: Clerk to submit paperwork to Moore

Approve NALC/CALC Subscription 2024/25

**APPROVED** 

ACTION 7: Clerk to pay subscription

Bank account minimums

It was AGREED that the minimum balance in each bank account would be:-

- Transactional account £5,000
- Project account £100
- Savings account to contain monies surplus to the figures above

ACTION 8: Clerk to check what the minimum account balance is to keep accounts active and transfer funds into savings account accordingly

Quarterly VAT reclaim - end of March 2024

VAT reclaim submitted to HMRC.

Implement new model financial regulations

Deferred to July meeting

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# 6 Planning Applications

There are no objections/comments in relation to the Sellafield application.

# ACTION 9: Clerk to inform Planning Department

BwT PC to look at planning application 4/24/2165/OF1 – Midtown Farm/Tarn Head Farm, and advise Clerk of any issues by the end of June.

# ACTION 10: All to give feedback to the Clerk

# 7 NDA Funding Update

JN to complete the application form to access the funding. The application process is proving very complicated and time consuming.

# ACTION 11: Councillors to provide ideas for projects to be carried out in Thornhill and Beckermet

# 8 Progress Reports

#### 20mph Speed Limit outside Beckermet School

An application has been submitted, to the relevant authority, but no feedback received to date. There is a question of whether the police would monitor speeding in this area.

BwT Parish Council thought it would be useful to write to a local politician, to gain support as part of their general election canvassing.

#### ACTION 12: TB to write to local politician

# Asset Transfer Form – Land at Thornhill

Ongoing. Still no response from Cumberland Council.

#### Sellafield to Seascale Cycle Track

This issue had been raised again at the Parish Forum. The cycle track has deteriorated further and it appears that none of the responsible authorities are working together to resolve the issue.

#### **New Website**

Ongoing.

#### Beckermet in Bloom

The village is looking good. The judging is taking place soon.

A Green slate plaque, containing the village logo, to be priced up for the area opposite Croft House.

ACTION 13: KC to take forward

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# 9 Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of BwT Parish Council/Report Minor Matters

# Feedback from meetings

JN gave feedback from the:

- Local Parish Forum
- A GDF meeting is planned for next week with a visit to Wasdale

### Minor matters

Bolts on the junior swing seats at Thornhill play park are loose.

ACTION 14: Clerk to report to Playdale

ACTION 15: Clerk to send volunteer's (to help with Thornhill play park inspections) contact details to MS

The football posts at Mill Lane still need to be painted.

ACTION 16: Obtain an update on handyman situation from EJ

ACTION 17: Clerk to check if an alternative handyman would be able to assist

# 10 Recruitment of additional councillors

BwT Parish Council continue to hope that additional representatives, from Thornhill, would come forward to join the Parish Council.

# 11 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will take place in Beckermet Reading Rooms on Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at 19:00hrs.

ACTION 18: JN to make room booking arrangements with the choir

All business concluded; the meeting closed at 21.08hrs