

**Minutes of Beckermat with Thornhill (BwT) Parish Council  
Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 17 July 2024 commencing at 19.00hrs  
Venue: The Reading Rooms, Beckermat**

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

**1 Apologies**

(EJ) E Jewitt and (KC) K Cook.

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

None.

**3 Public Participation**

None

**4 Approve the minutes of the BwT PC meeting held on 19 June 2024. Review actions from previous meetings.**

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

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

19/06/2024(A14) - BwT PC is incredibly disappointed with the after sales service from Playdale and their proposal to charge for tightening the bolts on the swings and the roundabout at Thornhill. This is unacceptable considering the amount of business they have had from the installation of both play parks.

Follow on action: TC to write to Playdale to express formal dissatisfaction with their service.

**5 Finance**

June Finance Report

Report noted.

Approve Clerk's July 2024 salary and allowances

**APPROVED.** Allowances to be reviewed in September.

Annual Governance and Accountability Review (external audit requirements)

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

Due to funding received, BwT PC is over the £25k income limit for the previous financial year. Therefore additional information had been requested by the external auditor. Clerk and Chairman worked with the Internal Auditor to prepare the additional information which was submitted on 12 July.

Going forward if BwT PC receives funding in excess of the £25k income threshold an exemption from external audit cannot be applied, triggering a requirement for external audit.

Approve continuation cost of current website platform

**APPROVED.**

Implement new model Financial Regulations

Regulations discussed. It was **AGREED** to include a statement on the March agenda to confirm that an effectiveness review of our Internal Controls has taken place ahead of the Annual Governance process.

**ACTION 1: TB/TC to work through the Financial Regulations in track changes and re-circulate to full Council for formal acceptance**

**6 Planning Applications**

There are no objections/comments.

**ACTION 2: Clerk to advise the Planning Department**

**7 Reinstate bus stop at Thornhill**

Not feasible.

**8 Pedestrian access gate at Thornhill Football pitch**

SC to organise for work to start.

**9 NDA Funding Update**

The funding application form has been submitted.

**10 Progress Reports**

20mph speed limit outside Beckermest School and village

Chairman had written to all party candidates, seeking support for the speed limit outside the school.

A number of vehicles had been observed speeding again through Beckermest using the village as a rat run. The idea of recording the offender's vehicle registration number and reporting to the police and their employer was discussed.

Asset Transfer form – land at Thornhill

Still no response from Cumberland Council.

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

Sellafield to Seascale Cycle track

No update.

.gov.uk e-mail addresses

During the Summer break Clerk to complete necessary training to set up .gov.uk e-mail address for Parish Councillors.

Beckermet in Bloom Update

BwT PC would like to thank all those people involved in the Beckermet in Bloom project; the village looks wonderful. Judging will take place in October.

**ACTION 3: TB to place a thank you message on the village Fb page**

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

Feedback from meetings

None.

Minor matters

Look at feasibility of a tarmac surface and a seating area at Cemetery car park.

**ACTION 4: SC to investigate and feedback**

**12 Recruitment of additional councillors**

BwT PC hope that additional representatives, particularly from Thornhill, will come forward to join the Parish Council.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 18 September 2024 commencing at 19:00hrs, in Thornhill Social Club.

It was **AGREED** to continue with nine Parish Council meetings per year.

**All business concluded; the meeting closed at 20.50 hrs**