

**Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blennerhasset  
& Baggrow Social Centre on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 7.30pm**

**1902. Present**

Cllrs. J. Bowe, A. Little (Chair) W. Powley, A. Raine, R. Richardson  
Also present: Three members of the public

**1903. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

**1904. Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**1905. Public Voice Slot**

Members of the public present were invited to ask questions relating to the item on the agenda.

Mr. Peter Turner presented members with a letter that outlined developments since the Cricket Club's letter of 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The letter stated that volunteers had come forward to take on the roles of chairman, vice chairman, treasurer and secretary. Discussions had been held with the Headteacher at Blennerhasset Primary School, the Village Hall Committee plus other village members. It had been agreed that the preferred option 1 would be the way forward with members from the various organisations being part of the new committee. The letter also stated that the new committee would adopt the cricket club constitution and the recent grass cutting tender forwarded to the Parish Council would remain.

**1906. Dissolution of Baggrow and Blennerhasset Cricket Club**

The Chairman reported that following receipt of the letter from Baggrow and Blennerhasset Cricket Club at the last meeting it had been agreed that advice should be sought from a local solicitor as to the Parish Council's responsibilities and liabilities. The solicitor had advised that the best solution would be for a new management committee to be formed to take over responsibility for the management arrangements. It had been suggested that an open meeting should be held to establish whether there would be any volunteers from Baggrow and Blennerhasset to take over the management of a newly formed committee.

The following matters were discussed regarding the option put forward in the public voice slot.

- Whether the existing public liability insurance for the pavilion, equipment, and cutting of the grass would be renewed in April 2017;
- If a new committee is formed the existing constitution of the cricket club would need to be updated prior to adoption by a newly formed committee. It was noted that the Charity Commissioners governing document already exists for the playing field and sports ground;
- The newly formed management committee would take over the responsibility for the playing field, sports ground and children's area;
- Whether Allhallows Parish Council should be approached to request financial assistance towards the grass cutting.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Mr. Turner would report back to the next Parish Council meeting on the progress with the formation of a new management committee and the updating of the constitution
- (b) Mr. Turner would contact Allhallows Parish Council regarding financial assistance towards the grass cutting of the field
- (c) Mr. Turner would forward confirmation to the Parish Council that the public liability insurance had been renewed; and
- (d) The Clerk would send a copy of the Charity Commissioners governing document for the playing field and sports ground to Mr. Turner.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....