

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Torpenhow Village Hall on Wednesday 10th
January, 2018 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs. J. Bowe (left the meeting at 9.10pm), A. Little (Chair), W. Powley, A. Raine and R. Richardson.

Also present: Cllr. J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council, Cllr. A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council (left the meeting at 9.10pm).

S. Mooney and D. Watson, United Utilities.

One member of the public (for agenda item 5 – Public Voice Slot)

2012 Apologies for absence

None.

2013 Minutes 8th November, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November, 2017 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2014 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

2015 Dispensation Requests

None received.

2016 Public Voice Slot

Shirley Muir was in attendance and raised the following matters:

Trees at Blennerhasset – Members were asked for an update regarding the work on the trees on Blennerhasset Village Green.

Blennerhasset Playing Field– Members were advised that the childrens play area had been closed as repairs are required. Volunteers are also needed to inspect the play area on a weekly basis to comply with the terms of the insurance. Regarding the recent letter sent to the parish council Members were asked to consider paying the Cricket Club's grass cutting costs for last year as this had been included in the parish council's budget for 2017. Allhallows Parish Council had been contacted regarding contributing towards the future grass cutting costs of the field. The Playing Field Committee are considering distributing a questionnaire to residents of Baggrow and Blennerhasset regarding the future of the field. The next meeting of the Playing Field Committee will be held on 6th February.

The representatives from United Utilities gave an up-date on the West Cumbria Water Supply Project. A presentation was provided which outlined the different stages of the work in Phase I and work to be undertaken in Phase II. Members were advised that the Legacy Fund had been launched and will be managed by Cumbria Community Foundation. Details of the application process will be relayed to Parish Councils in due course.

The following issues were raised:

- Lighting to the compound
- Debris on the public highway
- Highway verge repairs
- Accesses into fields
- Speed Limits on the Public Highway

United Utilities advised they would raise these matters with the contractor in a meeting planned for the next day.

The Chairman thanked United Utilities for attending the meeting. The representatives from United Utilities left the meeting and 8.35pm.

A letter had been received raising issues with a street light outside Beech House, Beech Terrace in Torpenhow, blocked road drains on the outskirts of Torpenhow, pot holes in the access roads to/from Torpenhow. These issues will be reported to the relevant authorities.

Cllr Raine reported that Highways had visited the Parish and carried out some work in the Whitrigg area. The issues had improved but were not resolved. Cllr Raine agreed to draft a letter to Highways and take some photographs to substantiate the Parish Council's concerns.

(b) Speed Monitoring Device

The results of the traffic surveys carried out in Torpenhow had still not been received for the meeting.

2022 Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated to members:

SAAA Ltd. – Notification of external auditor appointments for 2017/18 financial year.

CALC – External auditors changes clarification

United Utilities - West Cumbria Supplies Project – October Update

Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations – Focused Consultation – Additional Sites Submitted and Policy Options 2017

Allerdale Borough Council – Statement of Parish Precept

Cumbria County Council – Torpenhow flooding issues

Blennerhasset & Baggrow Playing Field Committee – Letter of thanks for the Parish Council's donation

CALC – New General Data Protection Regulations 2018

Cumbria Community Foundation – Grant application outcome – Public Access Defibrillator

United Utilities – West Cumbria Supplies Project – Update on Road Closures

Cumbria Police – Aspatria Rural Partnership meetings

ARP Update

ARP – Draft agenda General Meeting 4th January 2018 & Minutes 2nd November 2017

CALC Circular – December/January

Minutes – Playing Field Committee – 7 November 2017

Beaty & Co. – Land at Blennerhasset

Additional correspondence received:

Clerk's and Councils Direct

Cumbria Children's Dyslexia Project

Connecting Cumbria Better Broadband event Allhallows Centre Fletchertown Thursday 8th February at 7.00pm

GDPR Update - The new General Data Protection Regulations 2018 will come into effect on 25th May 2018.

The contents of the email from CALC was noted and will be discussed at a future meeting once further information is known.

Department for Transport public consultation on future funding on the SRN

Allerdale Borough Council's Budget Consultation

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2018

2023 Blennerhasset Playing Field

(a) Registration of the Legal Title

It was reported that no progress had been made regarding the signing of the transfer document for the strip of land at Blennerhasset. It was suggested that a copy of the Land Registry title be sent to the existing Trustee advising that the land should be registered in the name of the Parish Council as a corporate body rather than in the name of individuals. Members also noted that the registration of the playing field is progressing.

(b) Playing Field – Grass Cutting 2017

It was reported that the Playing Field Committee had returned the cheque for £600 being the Parish Council's contribution towards the grass cutting of the playing field for 2017. The letter also contained a request that the Parish Council consider paying Baggrow and Blennerhasset Cricket Club the sum of £1400 for the grass cutting in 2017. Members considered the contents of the letter and the report previously received regarding the maintenance of the playing field. The matters raised in the Public Voice Slot in relation to the Playing Field were also considered. It was agreed to await the outcome of the questionnaire that will be circulated to residents of Baggrow and Blennerhasset regarding the future of the playing field. Members noted that the next meeting of the Playing Field Committee will be held on 6th February.

2024 Village Greens

- (a) Blennerhasset Village Green - Cllr Powley reported that he had spoken to some of the residents at Blennerhasset to enquire if they would be willing to contribute towards the repairs to the road running in front of their properties alongside the village green. It was agreed that a price should be obtained for the repairs to the road and a separate price for fencing to prevent cars encroaching onto the Green. Cllr Powley agreed to contact Tolsons for a quotation.
- (b) West End, Torpenhow - Cllr. Powley reported that a price of £267 had been obtained for the supply of matting. It was suggested that a site visit should be made to discuss and mark out the area and inform residents in the vicinity of the parish councils proposals. It was noted that moles are again evident on the green. Cllr Raine agreed to instruct a local mole catcher.

2025 Layby adjacent to Church, Torpenhow

Cllr. Powley reported that due to other work commitments the contractor had not yet carried out the work at the layby.

2026 Map Boards

The Clerk and Cllr Richardson had both written to Alan Norman regarding the retrieval of the map boards. No response had been received. A price had been obtained from Arlosh Graphics for a replacement map at £45.00. RESOLVED that a replacement map of Torpenhow be ordered.

2027 Tree Trimming - Blennerhasset

The Clerk reported that an application to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area had been submitted to the Borough Council. There is a six-week consultation period, after this the Parish Council has two years to carry out the work. Cllr Powley reported he had a site meeting on Friday 12th January with the Compliance Officer at the Borough Council to discuss a 5-day Notice for the removal of any dead/dangerous trees.

2028 Blennerhasset Village Hall

Further to minute ref. 2005 the Deed of Appointment and the transfer document transferring the legal ownership of the Village Hall to the Parish Council had been signed by Cllrs Bowe and Powley and forwarded to the solicitors. An update was awaited from the solicitors.

2029 Funding for Defibrillators

Further to minute ref. 2006 a grant application had been submitted to Cumbria Community Foundation. Unfortunately, the application had not been successful. It was agreed to consider submitting an application to the United Utilities Legacy Fund once details of the fund are known.

2030 Community Emergency Plans

Further to minute ref. 2007 confirmation was awaited from the Village Hall Management Committee that a keyholder would be willing to open the village hall in the event of a community emergency.

2031 Replacement of Notice Boards

Cllr Powley reported that an alternative quotation of £650.00 had been obtained for one notice board. It was agreed that only the notice board at Torpenhow would be replaced at the moment as this is in need of repair. As the village map is to be incorporated into the notice board, once the map is received it would be passed to Cllr Powley to confirm sizes/measurements to the contractor.

2032 Donation Request – St Michael’s Church, Torpenhow

This item had been deferred from the last meeting. The request for financial support was considered. RESOLVED to support the request and grant £250.00 towards the grass cutting at St. Michael’s Church.

2033 Agenda items for the Next Meeting

Cumbria Children’s Dyslexia Project

2034 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th March, 2018 – 7.30 pm – Baggrow and Blennerhasset Social Centre.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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Chairman
Date.....