

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blennerhasset & Baggrow Social Centre on
Wednesday 17th July, 2019 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs. J. Bowe, M. Giddings (for part of the meeting), A. Raine and one member of the public.

As Cllr Little had tendered her apologies it was proposed and seconded that Cllr Raine chair the meeting.

2215 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. A Little, Cllr. M. Grainger, Allerdale Borough Councillor and Cllr. A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor.

2216 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 8th May 2019 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

2217 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

2218 Dispensation Requests

None received.

2219 Public Voice Slot

The following matters were raised:

- Cast iron finger post sign at Stanger Hill – Cumbria Highways had advised that the finger post at Stanger Hill is on the list for repairs.
- A letter had been received from a resident in Blennerhasset regarding the area in front of Ellen Bank bungalows. The letter advised that the area is hazardous due to the poor maintenance of the path with weeds growing up between the slabs. It was agreed this area is the responsibility of Home Housing. The resident's concerns will be forwarded to Home Housing for their attention and the resident advised accordingly.
- Complaints had been received regarding a van parked on the road in Blennerhasset which is not licensed and an unsightly skip and rubbish left outside a property in Blennerhasset. It was suggested the complaints be reported to the relevant authorities.

2220 Reports from Outside Bodies

- (a) Allerdale Borough Council – Apologies had been received from Cllr Grainger
- (b) Cumbria County Council – Apologies had been received from Cllr Bowness
- (c) Police Community Support Officer – A report had been received advising that two incidents had been reported to the police since the last meeting, neither of these were of public interest. Members noted that Hannah Donaughee and Peter Nicol are the new PCSOs for the area.

2221 Vacancies/Co-option of New Members

W. Powley was in attendance and expressed an interest in being co-opted back onto the Council. It was proposed, seconded therefore RESOLVED that W. Powley be co-opted back onto the Council. Mr Powley signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was provided with a register of disclosable pecuniary and other registerable interests form for completion.

2222 Highways

- (a) Maintenance

Cllr Raine reported that the road sweeper had been in the area but had still not swept the passing places on the Torpenhow to Bothel road. This will be reported again to the Borough Council.

Cllr Little had requested that Cumbria County Council Highways be requested to spray the weeds in the villages.

(b) Speed Monitoring

Leanne Pettit from Cumbria Constabulary had contacted the parish council to discuss the speeding issues in Blennerhasset. Leanne is contactable on the 101 number.

(c) A595 Improvements, Bothel

Cllr Raine had responded to the second public consultation on the proposed improvements to the A595 at Bothel. It was suggested that the parish council should write to Bothel & Threapland Parish Council to offer their support and requesting that this parish council be kept informed of any future public meetings regarding the proposed improvements.

2223 Planning

(a) Applications received:

OUT/2019/0026 – The Oldsawmill, Blennerhasset
Outline application for a single dwelling

No Objections

(b) Decisions:

HOU/2019/0069 – Orchard House Blennerhasset
Demolition of shed and replacement with new shed plus car/boat port

FULL PLANS APPROVED

2224 Finances

(a) The financial statement at 30th June, 2019 had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances at 30th June, 2019

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| Nat West | £ 1,193.15 |
| Cumberland Building Society | £13,673.88 |

Income Received:

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| COIF Charity | £ 0.40 |
| Electricity NW – Wayleave | £78.88 |

(b) The following payments were approved for payment:

Torpenhow Village Hall – Room Hire 8.5.19 – £16.00
Clerk's account Quarter 1 – £339.73
HMRC – PAYE Quarter 1 - £84.80
Clerk's expenses Quarter 1 - £131.78
Allerdale BC – Annual Play Area Inspection - £67.20

Donations granted to

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| Citizens Advice Allerdale | £ 50.00 |
| St Michael's Church Torpenhow | £250.00 |

(c) Cheque Signatories

A new mandate had been obtained from Cumberland Building Society and was duly completed by the signatories present. Once the form has been completed by Cllr Little, Cllr Raine agreed to return the mandate to the Cumberland. Possibilities for online banking were discussed.

2225 Correspondence

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

Playground Inspection Report
Binsey Mission Community – (Chair of Parish Council) - Invitation to Licensing Service
CSFP Independent Chair Recruitment Campaign
MP – Blennerhasset Playing Field
CALC – Minutes Three Tier Meeting 26th March 2019

2226 Blennerhasset Playing Field

(a) Playing Field Committee – The following matters were discussed:

- A meeting of the Playing Field Committee had not taken place since the last Parish Council meeting.
- No further correspondence had been received from the MP regarding the grass cutting of the playing field.
- It was suggested that a waste bin should be sited at the field.

(b) Registration of the legal title

No progress had been made regarding the transfer of the land at Blennerhasset.

(c) Blennerhasset Play Area – Annual Inspection

The Annual Inspection report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. No High Risks had been identified. Findings reported included evidence of rot in some timber posts and stepping logs which should be monitored.

2227 Village Greens

- (a) Blennerhasset – It was agreed not to take any action at this time but to discuss the filling of the pot holes and the possible removal of the timber stumps at the Village Green at the next meeting. Further reports regarding cars parking encroaching onto the village green had been received.
- (b) Torpenhow – The work on the green at West End had not been carried out. The Clerk was requested to contact the contractor for an update.

2228 Weed Control at the Riverbank, Blennerhasset

No update was available. Members noted that the riverbank had not been strimmed in June. The Clerk was requested to contact the contractor.

2229 Notice Board/Map Board - Torpenhow

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the contractor who had confirmed the notice board is nearly ready for installation. Options for the map board were discussed and will be considered further at the next meeting.

2230 Defibrillator – Torpenhow

No progress had been made in relation to raising funds. This item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

2231 Trees at Blennerhasset/Tree Liabilities

Cllr Giddings reported that he had obtained quotations for the work on the trees. The quotations will be considered at the next meeting.

2232 Repainting Bus Shelters

It was reported that the bus shelter in Torpenhow needs re-painting. It was agreed that the shelter in Blennerhasset did not require re-painting at this time. It was agreed to obtain quotations to be considered at the next meeting.

2233 Donation Requests

Requests for financial assistance had been received from Citizens Advice Allerdale and St Michaels Church Torpenhow. The requests were considered and it was RESOLVED to grant £50.00 to Citizens Advice Allerdale and £250.00 to St Michaels Church Torpenhow towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

2234 Agenda items for the Next Meeting

No additional items were added.

2235 Date of Next Meeting

Subject to availability of the Village Hall the next bi-monthly meeting will be held on 4th September 2019 (not the 11th as previously agreed) at Torpenhow Village Hall at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed.....
Chairman
Date.....