**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Baggrow and Blennerhasset Social Centre on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs. J. Bowe, A. Little (Chair), W. Powley, A. Raine.

Also Present: Two members of the public for part of the meeting

**2303 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Giddings, Cllr M. Grainger, Allerdale Borough Councillor and Cllr A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor.

**2304 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2020 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

**2305 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**2306 Dispensation Requests**

None received.

**2307 Public Voice Slot**

Two members of the public were present at the meeting. The following matters were raised:

Defibrillator for Torpenhow – A resident from Torpenhow addressed the meeting and advised that several people had got together to raise funds to provide a defibrillator for Torpenhow. A constituted Group had been formed and funds will be raised through events and activities in the village hall. The Village Hall Management Committee had given the go ahead for the defibrillator to be sited at the entrance of the Hall. Details of funding streams were discussed. The Parish Council was asked to consider providing funding to maintain the defibrillator once installed.

Unmade road adjacent to the Village Green, Blennerhasset – A resident from Blennerhasset enquired whether it is still the parish council’s intention to carry out some work on the unmade private road adjacent to the village green in Blennerhasset. The road is in a poor state of repair with several potholes that are potentially dangerous to cars using the road. Large vehicles including the bin wagon and delivery vehicles using the road are worsening the condition. Members advised that they had submitted a grant application to the United Utilities Legacy Fund for funding to do the work but this had been unsuccessful. Members suggested that if the affected residents are willing to agree to making a contribution towards the cost of the work, they may consider resurfacing the area.

**2308 Reports from Outside Bodies**

(a) Allerdale Borough Council – Apologies had been received from Cllr M. Grainger

(b) Cumbria County Council – Apologies had been received from Cllr Bowness

(c) Police Community Support Officer – The police newsletter for the Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton area was circulated at the meeting.

**2309 Highways**

1. Maintenance – The Clerk was requested to raise the following issues with the relevant authorities:
* No response had been received to several letters to Cumbria County Council. It was suggested that the letters should be forwarded direct to the Highways Network Manager for a response.
* Work that had been carried out was of a poor standard particularly the drain cleaning
* It was not evident that the road sweeper had been in the Parish
1. Speed Monitoring
* Cumbria Police confirmed the results had been received following the CCC Highways ACT counts at High Road Blennerhasset. The results came back with relatively good compliance with the average speed recorded at 27.8 mph.
* Plumbland Parish Council had provided details of the speed sign at Parsonby

**2310** **Planning**

1. Applications received:

 LBC/2019/0032 – 3 Winder Cottages Blennerhaset

To replace existing single glazed timber windows and one set of single glazed timber patio doors with aluminium double-glazed units and timber front door with composite door

HOU/2020/0014 – Old Cobblers Shop, Blennerhasset

Installation of 2no roof windows to rear elevations

1. Decisions:

 None

**2311 Finances**

1. The financial statement at 29th February, 2020 had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances at 29th February, 2020

Cumberland Building Society £12,161.64

1. The following payments were approved for payment:

 Torpenhow Village Hall – Room Hire 8.1.20 £ 16.00

 Clerk’s account Quarter 4 £339.53

 HMRC PAYE Quarter 4 £ 85.00

 Clerk’s expenses Quarter 4 £141.81

 Rocket Sites – Hosting fee £ 18.00

 Lowther Forestry – Tree Report £456.00

 Torpenhow Village Hall – Annual donation £200.00

 Blennerhasset & Baggrow Social Centre -Annual donation £200.00

1. Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED that P. Wilson be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2019/20.

**2312 Correspondence**

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

Lowther Forestry – Tree Report

CALC Newsletter February/March

Defibrillator for Torpenhow Village

Cumbria County Council – North Allerdale TRO – It was suggested that Cumbria County Council should consider implementing additional pull in places along the A595.

Cumbria County Council – Working Together Service – It was suggested that further information should be requested from CCC.

CALC - Environment Agency Flood Action Week 2020

CALC - Climate Emergency Support Programme - CSE

Plumbland PC - Speed Sign at Parsonby

Cumbria Police - Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth & Wigton Jan - Feb 2020 Newsletter

Allerdale Borough Council - Footway Lighting Electricity Charges

Clerks and Councils Direct

Cumbria County Council – Notification of a road closure at Whitrigg

**2313 Blennerhasset Playing Field**

1. Playing Field Committee – No members of the Committee were present at the meeting
2. Registration of the legal title – There were no developments to report since the last meeting
3. Annual Play Area Inspection – The Borough Council had contacted the Parish Council regarding carrying out the annual inspection of the Play Area. RESOLVED that the Borough Council be requested to arrange a standard inspection at a cost of £56.00.

**2314 Village Greens**

Blennerhasset Village Green – This had been discussed in the Public Participation part of the meeting.

Cllr Powley agreed to obtain estimates from contractors for resurfacing the unmade road adjacent to the Green. The member of the public present at the meeting agreed to consult residents as to whether they would be willing to contribute towards the costs.

**2315 Map Board – Torpenho****w**

The Clerk reported that two estimates had been received for a lectern style display board.

Shelly Signs Limited £675.00 plus VAT plus £65.00 delivery not including installation

Image Signmakers Ltd £895 plus VAT

The Clerk was requested to contact Image Signmakers in Scotby for more information on colours sizes and whether the price quoted includes installation of the display board.

It was noted that despite the contractor making some minor adjustments to the new noticeboard water is still getting into the board. The Clerk was requested to contact the contractor again.

**2316 Defibrillator – Torpenhow**

This matter was discussed in the public participation part of the meeting. With regard to the request for the parish council to consider helping with the yearly maintenance costs, the Group was asked to submit their request for consideration at the next meeting.

**2317 Blennerhasset Conservation Area Appraisal**

No further information was available at the time of the meeting.

**2318 Footway Lighting**

The Borough Council had provided details of the approximate energy costs for footway lighting in the Parish. With 17 lights in Blennerhasset, 13 in Torpenhow and 2 at Whitrigg the approximate energy cost will be £1254.28 per annum. The Borough Council had agreed to maintain, repair and own the lights with just the electrical costs being transferred to the parish council with effect from April 2021. Members noted that this will be discussed by CALC’s Executive Committee on 11th March and agreed to wait until further information is available before deciding on any further actions. It was also noted that CALC had advised that the Borough Council cannot force the parish council to take on the electricity costs but they can opt to remove the lights when they fail.

**2319 Bus Shelter, Torpenhow**

An estimate had been received to repaint both bus shelters in the parish at £140 per day plus materials. It was resolved to accept the quotation. Cllr Powley agreed to instruct the contractor.

**2320 Agenda items for the Next Meeting**

No additional items were added to the agenda.

**2****321 Dates of Future Meetings**

The dates for the meetings for the next Council year were agreed as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting 13th May 2020 – Blennerhasset & Baggrow Social Centre – 7.00pm

Bi-monthly Meeting 8th July 2020 – Torpenhow Village Hall – 7.30-pm

Bi-Monthly Meeting 9th September 2020 – Blennerhasset & Baggrow Social Centre – 7.30pm

Bi-Monthly Meeting 11th November 2020 – Torpenhow Village Hall – 7.30pm

 Bi-Monthly Meeting 13th January 2021 – Blennerhasset & Baggrow Social Centre – 7.30pm

Bi-Monthly Meeting 10th March 2021 - Torpenhow Village Hall – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed……………………………….

Chairman

Date………………………………….