

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room on Thursday 4th August 2016 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors Present: J Stephens, R James, H Reb, S Langcake, K Armstrong & N Harrop.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk), M Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor) & Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor).

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McMillan & PCSO Smith.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2016.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no members of the public present.
- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** - No interests were declared.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** - PCSO 5356 Smith forwarded the following report; there has been 11 incidents reported to the Police for the area of Bassenthwaite since the last meeting. On the 7th July it was reported that a male was in the area offering tarmacking services. Details were passed so patrols could pay passing attention. Police would advise residents to always check identification of any callers offering services as they may not be genuine and contact the Police if there are any concerns. Never let a cold caller into your home.
On the 7th July Mountain Rescue assisted some members of the public stuck on Ullock Pike. There were no injuries and they were helped to safety.
On the 15th July a one vehicle road traffic collision was reported between the areas of Bothel and Keswick. The driver was taken to hospital to be checked over.
On the 15th July it was reported that vehicles were parking on a bad bend in the area and causing an obstruction. An Officer went out to assess the situation and couldn't see any serious obstructions being caused.
On the 15th July it was reported that due to a technical fault a wagon was on fire. Fire Rescue attended and dealt with the incident. The road was later cleared and there were no further issues.
On the 20th July it was reported that a vehicle was being driven erratically on the A66. Details were passed to patrols to keep observations.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) MyCumbria is a card membership scheme for residents of Cumbria, which offers discounts and special offers at local attractions, eateries etc to card holders. For examples of offers please see www.mycumbriacard.co.uk The scheme is aimed at encouraging residents to make the most of what Cumbria has to offer, generating greater footfall within the county and increasing custom for local businesses.
 - b) The Cumbria stage of the Tour of Britain, will see some of the world's top riders racing around the county on Monday 5 September starting at 11.10am on English Street, Carlisle. Stage 2 is being held entirely within Cumbria, the first time the county has hosted a full stage since the 2013 event. Riders will travel along the B5291, skirting the top of Bassenthwaite Lake before arriving for the second Sprint through the centre of Cockermouth at about 1.35pm. For the full route map and list of ETAs for the Cumbria stage, visit www.tourofbritain.co.uk
 - c) On Wednesday 13 July Allerdale Borough council introduced a new phone number for all customer service enquiries. The number is **0303 123 1702** and replaces the array of customer service numbers they have at present.

8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following payment was approved for payment:

a) ISS – Grounds Maintenance (May & June) £344.40

9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 8th of August 2016 is £16,555.00 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*. The annual budget for 2016/17 was reviewed and approved.

10) **Planning**

There were no new planning applications or decisions received since the last meeting.

11) **Reports** – Cllr Grainger reported that the boundary commission were looking at moving ward boundaries and that there would be around 8 councillors less this time next year. There is to be two important meetings in a fortnight when further information will be available.

12) **Beck Side Repair** – a quote received for £1284.00 plus vat from Mayson Bros for repairs to the beck retaining wall was considered and it was agreed that a further quote should be obtained. Cllr Bowness offered to make enquires to locate another company to quote for this work.

13) **Telephone Box Defibrillators** – the clerk reported that she had had confirmation that Community Heartbeat had received the parish council's order for the defibrillator and that they were arranging Green Urban to fit the cabinet. It was noted that the kiosk door should be replaced to open the opposite way due to the inclement weather. It was asked if the parish council wished to also have a telephone in the kiosk for 999 calls. Clerk to ask if there was an extra cost for this.

14) **Highways** – Cllr Bowness stated that he was still pursuing the repair of the sign post at Bass Chapel. Cllr James advised that the highways team had been around the parish for the last two weeks repairing pot holes on the village roads. They had made a very good job of everything and would be returning in about three weeks to carry out more repairs.

15) **Parish Councillor Vacancy** - it was noted that Mr Edward Trafford had shown an interest in becoming a parish councillor but apologised for being unable to attend the meeting due to him being on holiday but would attend the September meeting.

16) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – Cllr Stephens advised that a lease had been prepared by solicitors Oglethorpe & Broatch so the Parish Council could lease the land and buildings to the Parish Room Charity for 100 years at a peppercorn rent. Councillors unanimously agreed that the draft lease between the Parish Council and the Bassenthwaite Parish Room Charity, prepared by Oglethorpe & Broatch is acceptable to the parish council providing it is also acceptable to the BIG Lottery fund and the parish council authorise Cllr Stephens (Chair) to sign the lease without further reference to the full parish council.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the parish council (as Landlord) agree to the management committee (the tenant) allowing the BIG Lottery fund to take a charge on the new building.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the parish council wish to accept the offer of funding from the BIG lottery fund, and authorised the clerk, Elizabeth Clark to sign the necessary form.

Councillors unanimously agreed to transfer the grant from the parish council to the charity Bassenthwaite Parish Room (Management Committee who are the Management Trustees) and authorised Cllr Stephens (chair) to sign the necessary forms without further reference to the full parish council.

17) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Monday the 22nd of August 2016.

18) **Date of Next Meeting** - it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 1st of September 2016.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.