

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room on Thursday 3rd November 2016 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors Present: R James, N Harrop, E Trafford, H Reb, S Langcake K Armstrong & K McMillan.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk), Gordie Oliver (Parishioner) & Cllr Grainger (Borough Councillor).

Cllr Bowness arrived prior to the start of the meeting and apologised for not being able to stay as he had another meeting to attend. He asked whether there was anything he was required for and updated Cllr James on the sign at Bass Chapel.

Due to the absence of Cllr Stephens (Chairman), Cllr Reb proposed & Cllr James seconded, that Cllr Harrop Chair the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stephens , Cllr Bowness (County Councillor) & PCSO Smith.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th October 2016.
- 3) **Public Participation** – Gordie Oliver joined the meeting to discuss the issue of grasscutting on The Green. He advised that he didn't think it was being cut enough and the grass should be collected once cut. Cllr James stated that it would cost nearly twice as much to have the grass collected so the parish council opted for cut only. As the current contractor had now completed his work and the grass was long, Mr Oliver volunteered to cut and collect the grass next week to illustrate to councillors the quality of his work. Councillors agreed to Mr Oliver's offer and advised that he was welcome to tender for the grasscutting work next year.

Mr Oliver left the meeting at 7.45pm.

- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** - No interests were declared.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** - PCSO 5356 Smith apologised for being unable to attend the meeting and advised that from this month forward they were changing the way in which they deliver their crime figures. The reports will give a better overview and enhanced location of the incidents and incidents that take place in neighbouring parishes will be available. Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website. The clerk advised that on checking the website the information was only available for the month of August which the parish council had already received.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
 - a) The Lake District National Park Parish Forum proposed for 7 November at Threlkeld village hall has been **cancelled**. This meeting is not able to go ahead due to a number of factors, one of which is the lack of response from parishes regarding agenda items. CALC would appreciate feedback about how useful councillors feel the meetings are and what they could do to make them more useful. The plan is to bring the meeting usually held in May/June time forward to March then hold another meeting in September/October time.
 - b) The Lake District National Park's Local Plan is used each time the LDNPA make a decision on an application for planning permission in the National Park. The Local Plan is currently being reviewed and will cover issues such as; new housing, the environment, business, farming, tourism, climate change, quarrying, and land for development. The LDNPA would like everyone interested in the Lake District's future to tell them how the new local plan

should guide future development in the Lake District. Comments to be received before 4pm on the 5th of December 2016 via localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk.

- c) The next Keswick Hospital Success Regime meeting is to be held on the 28th November at 7pm in Queens Hall, Keswick School.
- d) The Next Derwent 7 Meeting will be held on Monday 30th January 2017 at 7pm (venue to be confirmed).
- e) Allerdale Borough Council advise that in addition to the routine sweeping in Autumn they have identified other areas where leaf fall may cause a flooding problem, a list has been sent to out contractors and these areas have been factored into their sweeping schedules. If, however there are concerns in specific areas during the course of the autumn please contact Allerdale customer services department on 03031231702 and they will endeavor to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following were approved for payment;

a) ISS – Grounds Maintenance - August	£ 172.20
b) The Community Heartbeat Trust (defibrillator)	£2370.00
c) Bassenthwaite PCC – Grasscutting	£ 500.00
d) The Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal	£ 25.00
e) Senior Citizens 2016 Christmas Lunch	£ 200.00
f) Mr R James – Laminating Pouches	£ 6.00

- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 3th of November 2016 is £15908.07 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*. The bank reconciliation as at the 18th of September & a review of the annual budget for 2016/17 were considered & approved.

10) **Planning**

- a) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2186** – shed (retrospective) and covering of quarry floor – Bank Wood, North Row – **Withdrawn**.

- b) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2027** – Development of a water supply connection from Thirlmere to West Cumbria – Bridge End Water Treatment Works – **to be considered by Allerdale's Development Control Committee on the 9th of November 2016**.

11) **Reports** – Cllr Grainger reported that the Boundary Commission will not affect the Bassenthwaite Parish but the parish could go into the Penrith & Solway Coast constituency.

A written report following Cllr Stephen's attendance at the Derwent 7 meeting on the 31st of October was circulated to councillors and stated the following; the meeting was just quorate with one attendee from three councils being present. Chris Knowles gave a presentation/update on Sus Kes which is an organisation aiming to turn food waste in to butane gas. They have applied for a £20,000 grant in order to perform a feasibility study. It was proposed that the chairmanship of the Derwent 7 be for two years and to be rotated amongst the councils, probably alphabetically, which means that Bassenthwaite would need to provide the next chairman. Under Skiddaw suggested that all street lighting should be controlled by timer with the aim of controlling when lights are switched off and on. I made the meeting aware of how much it costs to follow the rules when making minor beck side wall repair post flood damage.

12) **Highways** – Cllr James advised that Cllr Bowness had the Bass Chapel sign in hand, there had been complaints regarding overgrown hedges from Walkmill Bridge to Peter House. The blocked drain from Bassenfell to North Road End was now cleared and number 2 light outside The Sun Inn was now working. It was agreed that further dog fouling bins were required, one at Castle Inn & one on the Scarness Road. Clerk to contact Peter Haley (Allerdale Street Scene Officer) and to liaise with Cllr James.

13) Parish Room Refurbishment – Cllr McMillan reported that the tender documents had now gone out to the prospective contractors who were; Thomas Armstrong, Charles Whittle, Postlethwaite Construction, Lambert & Gill & Hooga, with a closing date of 25th of November. The decision of which specific contractors to utilise was architect led in consultation with the quantity surveyor. Subsidiary funders were currently being explored which included a Cumbria Community Foundation grant of £5000 & Cumbria County Council fund (administered by Allerdale) of £2000. The lease agreement document to lease the land and buildings to the Bassenthwaite Parish Room Charity was agreed and approved and Cllr Harrop (Chair) and Cllr James were authorised to sign the document on behalf of the parish council.

Cllr Grainger left the meeting 8.25pm

14) Telephone Box Defibrillators – it was noted the training seminar on how to use the defibrillator had been an excellent, very informative event. The defibrillator was now in situ in its box, but not yet commissioned for use. The telephone box requires a full clean and the ‘Defibrillator’ decals applied. **Resolved;** Clerk to thank the seminar trainer for his excellent training and inquire when the defibrillator would be commissioned.

15) Beck Side Repair - an update from Mayson Bros of Egremont advised that they expected to start the Beck Side repairs on Tuesday the 8th of November.

16) 2016 Christmas Tree - Cllr James reported that Peter Sibson had very kindly offered to again donate a Christmas tree to the parish council for the Green. He also stated that he had tested last year’s lights and one set didn’t work. It was unanimously agreed that two new sets of lights be purchased.

17) LDNPA Survey – it was agreed that the parish council would not reply to the survey but councillors could reply as individuals if they wished.

18) Items for next Agenda - new items to be with the clerk by Monday the 21st of November 2016.

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

The chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm.