

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 2nd September 2019 in Blencarn Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

64/19 Present

Cllrs: Caroline Richardson (Chair), Laura Wilson, Pam Jago, Sue Smith, A Clay, Nicola Kulisxewski, Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair), David Witney. District Cllr Rob Orchard and John Fleming (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

65/19 Apologies

Cllrs Ken Philipson, John Watson and County Cllr Claire Driver.

66/19 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st July 2019, as a true record.

67/19 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

68/19 Public Participation

68.1/19 Environmental Presentation. Parishioner Jaki Bell gave a brief presentation on current Environmental and Sustainable issues, making mention of the EDC 's Declaration of a Climate and Ecological Emergency and its ambitious aim of making the authority Carbon Neutral by 2030.

The meeting's attention was drawn to the 'Cumbria Action for Sustainability' (www.cafs.org.uk) where advice and support is given for sustainable, community – led, housing and the 'Cumbria Green Build and Sustainable Living Festival 2019. (www.cafs.org.uk/events).

A number of ways in which individuals could contribute to reducing the impact of climate change in their lives were mentioned: -

- *Local garden and fruit sales*
- *Learn how to grow fruit and vegetables*
- *Strive towards energy efficient buildings*
- *Strive to save on lighting energy*
- *Attend local events promoting energy sustainability*
- *Reduce energy use by adopting a car sharing scheme*
- *Promote and use public transport where practical.*
- *Support the introduction of electric car charging points*
- *Support and encourage 'Free Water Refill' points*
- *Support a 'Repair Shop' concept to reduce unnecessary waste.*
- *Promote a 'Child Climate' poster.*
- *Attend Climate Change training courses when available.*

The Chair thanked Jakie Bell for her contribution to the meeting.

68.2/19 Horse Box parked on Skirwith Village Green.

A parishioner drew to the attention of the Council, that a horse box had recently begun to be parked on Skirwith Village Green.

Action:- The issue was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate.

69/19 District and County Council Reports.

69.1 District Councillors Report

The Council recently voted to adopt a Climate Change Economy and achieve a carbon free status by 2030. It has since issued a Consultation Document on this matter which I believe you are due to discuss later. Whilst I have no problems with Council adopting the policy in principal, I am concerned that the document you have been asked to comment on, is very short of detail. It does not suggest how the Council plans to achieve these objectives, how their proposed actions will be financed and from where the finance will come. Sadly, I can't give you any advice on those aspects because currently the Members of the Council have not been given any more information than you have received.

Rob Orchard , EDC Councillor – Hartside

69.2 County Council Report –

69.2.1 Report - There was none, apart from a video being available.

69.2.2 County Councillor Reporting.

The decision of Cllr Claire Driver to issue a report of her activities in a video format was discussed. It being noted that the second edition of this format was a great improvement over the original one. The overall view of Councillors was that, whilst recognising that this method of communicating was attractive to many, possibly younger parishioner, through 'Social Media', it was not warmly received or easily assimilated by Councillors. The unanimous view being that one A4 sheet, listing key issues and area of work our County Councillor had been involved in, since the last meeting was preferred. Such a document could be quickly read/scanned, with the opportunity to follow up detail from n incorporated web link, should that be desired. It was noted that the preparation of this, one, short report would suffice for all Parish Councils in the CC Ward.

Action:- To convey these views to Cllr C Driver.

70/19 Finance (Incl.Vat)

70.1 To note the following balances as at:-	21/8/2019
	£
HSBC Account	1716.76
NSI Account	23.64
Penrith Building Society	<u>19908.91</u>
Total assets	<u>21649.31</u>

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70.2 Presentation of Interim Accounts –

These were unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Cllr D Witney, Seconded by Cllr L Wilson.

70.3 The following accounts were Ratified

	£
70.3.1 J Fleming Fee/PAYE July 2019. As per contract	
70.3.2 J Fleming Office Provision July 2019	15.00

70.3.3 Mark Binney, Grass Cutting	659.85
70.3.4 Mark Binney, Grass Cutting	468.95
70.3.5 Mark Binney, Bush Removal – Culgaith Recycling	16.00
70.3.6 Mark Binney, Bridge Repair – Skirwith	28.00
70.3.7 gca – webdesign. Hosting 12m from 25/7/19	30.00
70.3.8 EDC May Elections	315.00
70.3.9 Play Inspection Company – 2 X Inspections	167.88

70.4 The Following Accounts were approved for Payment

70.4.1 J Fleming Expenses – July / August 2019	30.72
70.4.2 Blencarn Village Hall – Hire 2/9/19	10.00
70.4.3 Paper Invoice 4 reams @ £2.89	11.56

These were unanimously agreed.

Proposed by Cllr P Jago, Seconded by Cllr A Clay

70.5/19 To Report Receipts – None

70.6/19 The Following Transfers Were Reported.

Penrith Building Society to Current Account £1500.00, £1800.00 and £2000.00

70.7/19 NALC ‘Model Financial Regulations 2019 for England and Wales’

It was unanimously agreed to adopt this revised document.

71/19 Planning Applications

There were none

72/19 Highways and Land Matters

72.1 Crossroad Skirwith – Change traffic Priority – Work completed.

72.2 Wooden Footbridge – Skirwith Green – Work completed

72.3 Newbiggin Scar - Freezing surface water was creating a road hazard in winter condition. – In hand with Highways

72.4 Potholes

Church Street, Skirwith, by the Recycling facility and on outskirts of Skirwith, towards Ousby – In hand with Highways

72.5 Kirkland Bridge – Vehicle damage. - In hand with Highways

72.6 Parish Drains – Please notify Clerk of any drains needing attention.

72.7 Speeding Silage Trailers – Issue reported in the recent edition of the Memo. It was agreed to mention the issue again in the May 2020 edition, before the first cut of silage took place next year.

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72.8 Bulker Wagon Parked in Skirwith – It was reported that this overnight parking had been reported, both to the Community Police Office and to the company. The Clerk was pleased to report that the company had apologised for any inconvenience caused and had agreed to take steps to ensure that the practise ceased.

72.9 Foot of ‘The Pea’ – Drainage Issue – In hand with Highways

72.10 Kirkland Church – Tree Pruning to Left of Gate.

It had been drawn to the attention of the Council that the tree, in the corner, on the roadside grass, to the left of the Churchyard gates, was in need of a light prune, as it impeded the use of the bench positioned beneath it.

Action:- To inform the Kirkland Church PCC that the tree in question was not on land owned by the Parish Council and as a consequence not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

73/19 Emergency Plan – It was agreed to update this plan.

74/19 CPC – A Climate Change and Environmental Policy –

Following debate, it was agreed that the Parish Council would be mindful of the issue of Climate Change and Sustainability in all its future decision making. It would also work with, both Eden District and Cumbria County Council, to note any future policy decisions they should make in this respect. It being noted that, at this point in time, CALC did not have an Environmental and Sustainable policy in place, for the guidance of Parish Councils.

75/19 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

The following items of correspondence were received since the last meeting.

75.1 CALC Training – The autumn programme had been circulated.

75.2 EDC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

It was noted that no change affected Culgaith Parish.

75.3 Culgaith Foot Path – From Westgates Cottage.

It was reported that the footpath registration from Westgates Cottage in Culgaith, had been approved.

75.4 EDC – Council Plan – Final Draft – Vision for 2019 - 2023

This document was tabled and noted.

75.5 Community Police Officers Report – Was noted

75.6 EALC Annual General Meeting - 25th Sept at 7.00pm

Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Penrith

76/19 Councillor Matters An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

There were none

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77/19 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

Monday 4th November 2019 – Culgaith

Monday 6th January 2020– Skirwith

Monday 2nd March 2020 – Blencarn

Monday 11th May 2020– Culgaith

(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting

This meeting will be followed by the AGM and May Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm with the Chair thanking Councillors for their attendance.

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____