

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 at 7.30pm in Renwick Reading Room

**PUBLIC OPEN MEETING** (15 Mins): Members of the public can address the Council on any issues that they wish to draw to their attention. Afterwards, they cannot interject in the meeting.

PRESENT:	Mrs J Tea	Mrs P Bowman (Chairman)	Mr J Little
	Mr R Cranston	Mr G Brown	Mr N Jackson
	Mr R W Raine	Mrs K Raine	Mr J Haugh
	Mr J R Raine	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)	

The meeting was chaired by Mrs P Bowman.

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None **3300**
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mrs W Smith (attending another meeting), Mrs I Henderson (away), County Cllr Robinson (attending another meeting) & Mr B Smythe **3301**
3. **Minutes**- To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 as a true record  
It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R W Raine, unanimous vote from all those who had been present). **3302**
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last two meetings**- None **3303**
5. **To discuss the Community Led Plan**- Mrs J Tea read out a suggested letter that will accompany the questionnaire. Councillors considered the questions in the survey. It was agreed that the questionnaire and letter should be send out with every Raven with additional copies being available to collect from the shop/ PO. Councillors expressed their thanks to all those who have worked on the survey. **3304**
6. **To discuss rural broadband services**- Report from Mr Bryan Smythe **3305**

"The Cumbria CC tender process is proceeding in parallel and this is expected to complete by mid-December when they intend to select their partner/supplier for delivery of their new IT network. It is this network that will hopefully provide the conduit over which we will be able to deliver faster broadband into the homes in our community.

The frustration for all the members of the East Cumbrian Community Broadband Forum (ECCBF) has been that Cumbria CC have not shared any significant detail with our members and hence we have had to make many assumptions whilst planning how to deliver faster broadband.

Hopefully these constraints will be removed in mid-December and we can then plan our way forward.

In the meantime, a number of communities within ECCBF are actively pursuing pilot solutions that should provide real practical experience for us to use in 2012.

We do not want to start implementing solutions that are not open and that could become "blind alleys" and not be acceptable to the major service providers such as Virgin Media and Sky, who would be delivering the content that broadband users wish to access.

There are a lot of activities going on across Cumbria (and the UK) that are visible to the ECCBF members and hence we believe that we are making the right decisions. This will lead to much faster broadband over the next three years. As I have already said, once Cumbria CC have finished their tendering process and selected their suppliers we hope that they will be much more open and constructively helpful in assisting community projects to move forward".

The Chairman expressed her thanks for Mr Bryan Smythe's report.

7. **To receive an update on the results of the parish entry for Cumbria In Bloom**

**3306**

Report from Howard and Sue Quinn-

"Great news - we were awarded a Silver Gilt and won the Eden Cup for the most improved village. Thank you to everyone who helped by joining the group, doing a garden, tidying before judging, doing a planter or tending communal areas throughout the year. All efforts great and small are appreciated.

This is a summary of the judges' comments.

The judges said "Kirkoswald is a beautiful village with lots of charm and natural beauty at every turn. The village takes pride in its natural features where everyone is involved in creating floral features in the tiniest of spaces and on every street and path"

They liked the allotments, particularly the youngsters' involvement. They were both surprised and informed by their visit to the Arboretum at Prospect House.

The judges commented on all the "marvellous gardens" and the efforts made by the pubs and at other areas in the village. They commended the efforts and resultant displays at the chapel, the church and the war memorial. They were "amazed" by pictures of the daffodil cross. They thought the area by the beck at Quebec a wonderful place. They were impressed by the standard of maintenance of the Cricket Club and Football Club grounds, and liked the wildlife perimeter

The judges enjoyed talking to the school children and then walking up the beck to see their work on the paths. They recognised the work of the school for the John Muir award and in gaining Adventure Learning School status.

The judges recognised the way up the beck as being a special place with lots of plants and wildlife. The judges were impressed by the on going survey of plants on Millie Bank. They approved of the formation of the Kirkoswald Environment Group, the work they had done, the plans they have, the website and the booklet they produced for the competition.

The judges recognised the efforts to recycle and to compost. They appreciated the scouts' litter pick, the work done by volunteers before judging and expressed keen interest in the Garden Gadabout (at the presentation one

judge said she had planned to come but was put off by the weather but she hopes to visit next year's event - hint to Lindsay).

All the comments were very positive. Again thank you to all who helped show our village in such a positive light”.

Councillors were all delighted with the result and thanked Howard and Sue Quinn and everyone for their hard work. The Chairman then gave a brief report on the work of Kirkoswald Environmental Group with Mr N Jackson giving background information.

8. **To consider any Police issues arising-** nothing specific listed on the Cumbria Police website for Kirkoswald Parish. **3307**

9. **To receive an update on the damaged sign in Kirkoswald-** Mr N Jackson and Mr J Haugh reported that the work has now been completed. **3308**

10. **To discuss joining the War Memorials Trust-** It was reported that the Chairman had received a letter from a member of the Parish who has been looking into the history of the War Memorial in Kirkoswald. Mrs K Raine agreed to help the parishioner find the information to place on the central register of War Memorials and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the War Memorial Trust to find any information which she would then pass Mrs K Raine. **3309**

11. **To receive the Highwayman’s Report and discuss matters related to Highways** **3310**

- Mr J R Raine expressed concerns about road maintenance strips across the road at the top of Sandhill, Kirkoswald. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to United Utilities and Eden District Council Highways Department.
- It was agreed that the road to Outhwaite needs to be resurfaced, following several complaints.
- It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to chase repair of the light outside Renwick Reading Room, stating that the light has been off for about 18 months and that the Parish Council is very disappointed with the service of Eden District Council and the fact that although it has been reported many times it has not been mended, particularly as it is a public building (copy of letter to be sent to County Cllr Robinson).
- Light out at Featherstone Arms, Kirkoswald. Mr J R Raine agreed to report.
- The Clerk agreed to chase the problems with litter in the C2C bins. This matter was reported after the last meeting but appears not to have been remedied.
- Parishioners can report any faulty street lights directly at [lighting@eden.gov.uk](mailto:lighting@eden.gov.uk).
- Road into Roods Place and Roods Drive has a large pothole and poor surface. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Cumbria County Council to ask when the promised resurfacing is to take place.
- It was noted that the curb stones around College Corner are much worn and need replacing. Mr J R Raine to report.
- Mrs P Bowman expressed her thanks on behalf of councillors for all the work carried out by Mr J R Raine.
- It was noted that some white lines have been completed in Kirkoswald. It was agreed that the Clerk send a note to County Cllr Robinson, as they haven’t been completed in the whole village.

12. **To receive the Financial Report** **3311**

- **To make payments of bills**

It was resolved that it would be necessary to make a £10 charge for cheques that have been received that subsequently bounce. This is to cover the charge made to the Parish Council by the bank along with the cost of administration.

It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J R Raine, unanimous vote)

Mrs J Dawes (Audit Fee)	£ 60.00	(Chq 100761)
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£300.78	(Chq 100762)
Eden District Council (Electoral Fees)	£140.00	(Chq 100763)

13. **To consider any planning applications made**- None **3312**
14. **To receive decisions on planning applications made** **3313**  
11/0506 Mrs J Ryan, Lilac House, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JT- Erection of greenhouse in garden of dwelling  
-Granted
15. **To receive an update on the registration of parish land** **3314**  
Mrs J Tea reported that all areas requested have now been registered to the Parish Council. These being  
  
CU260438 Land on the south side of Burnside and land at The Square, Kirkoswald  
CU262029 Land on the south side of Amber Lodge, High Bank Hill, Penrith  
CU262030 Land on the north side of Scalehouse Farm, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JY  
CU262031 Land to the north of Colga Cottage, Laypool, Renwick, Penrith  
CU262034 Land on the south side of Laypool Farm, Renwick, Penrith
- It was agreed to consider the implications of this on the spraying of the cobbles that run through the village as these are part of the highway, with an agenda point being noted for early next year. It was agreed that the Clerk look into the possibility of grants for the spraying work from Cumbria County Council.
16. **To consider correspondence received** **3315**
17. **To receive Councillors' reports and items for future agendas** **3316**
- Diamond Jubilee
  - Request that Police attend the next Parish meeting
  - Planning issue in Renwick
  - Parking in Kirkoswald
18. **Date of the next meeting**- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 in Kirkoswald Church Institute **3317**

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council  
Meeting closed at 9.01pm

Date: 15/09/11