

KIRKANDREWS ON ESK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of KIRKANDREWS ON ESK PARISH COUNCIL held in MOAT VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 12th JULY 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs W. Bundred (Chairman), P. Armstrong, L. Cragg, S. Richardson, J. Rutherford and D. Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk
City Councillor D. Shepherd.

030/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Z. Armstrong and Hill.
City Councillor Mallinson and County Councillor Tarbitt also submitted apologies.

031/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

032/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that no declarations of interest were received.

033/21 MINUTES

033/21.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2021 WERE SUBMITTED.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ACTION: WB

034/21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – FILLING OF VACANCY

An email was submitted from Mr. D. Rutherford expressing an interest in membership of the Parish Council, Mr. Rutherford was in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor Bundred seconded by Councillor Cragg proposed that Mr. D. Rutherford be co-opted to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to co-opt Mr. Rutherford to membership of the Parish Council. Mr. Rutherford signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place in the meeting

035/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION -

035/21.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council in relation to any item on the agenda.

RESOLVED to note there were no members of the public present.

035/21.2 CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Shepherd updated members on the following:-

- Removal of Himalayan balsam

036/21 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Bundred reported on the following:-

- **CPCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – Presentation on new reporting system for highway issues.
- **RIGHTS OF WAY** – Presentation on types and responsibilities.

037/21 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS -

Applications for planning consent were considered/ratified.

RESOLVED to advise the appropriate Planning Authority of the Council's comments as follows:-

037/21.1 BARRASGATE, GRETNA LOANING, GRETNA (21/0625) – Erection of porch and replacement bay window, single storey side and rear extensions to provide garden room and office.

No observations.

037/21.2 METAL BRIDGE INN, METAL BRIDGE, BLACKFORD (21/0382) – Change of use to add provision of overnight parking of motor homes and 5 camping pods; erection of toilet block (part retrospective)

Support the application.

037/21.3 LAND ADJACENT RICHARDSON HOUSE, GRETNA LOANING, MILL HILL, GRETNA (20/0586) – Creation of a lorry park up to 40 spaces including conversion of existing buildings to provide welfare facilities and storage unit; erection of commercial vehicles maintenance building and associated preparation yard; installation of 2.5m high acoustic fence (bund)

RATIFIED – OBJECT - See appendix 1 for full comments.

ACTION: Clerk

038/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS**038/21.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 29.06.21**

There was submitted a report by the Clerk on the reconciliation of the Council's financial records with its bank account statements.

RESOLVED to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balances to 29th June 2021 of £27,577.26.

038/21.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

RESOLVED to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

- £604.80 A. Riddell – Net wage to 31.07.21 – cheque number 101018
- £218.40 HMR&C – PAYE – cheque number 101019
- £83.84 One.com – Website – cheque number 101020

038/21.3 MONITORING REPORT

RESOLVED to note the Monitoring Report for the first quarter of the financial year and that there was nothing unusual to report.

039/21 GREENMILL AND BLACKBANK BUS SHELTERS

Complaints had been received about the litter in the bus shelters. Further discussions included the ongoing responsibility for cleaning of the new bus shelters at Townfoot.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would investigate local window cleaners/maintenance operatives to carry out the work and City Councillor Shepherd would ask whether the County Council could help.

ACTION: Clerk/DS

040/21 DEER SIGNAGE

RESOLVED to note that the proposed erection of deer signage on the A6071 was with Connect Roads. The Clerk had chased the matter up with highways but had received no response.

041/21 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE RE FOOT AND MOUTH

Consideration was given to the erection of a commemorative plaque re the outbreak of foot and mouth in 2001.

RESOLVED to note that although some members felt that a plaque might not be well received, that Councillor P. Armstrong would ask whether the Auction Mart would be interested.

ACTION: PA

042/21 BLACKBANK PLAY AREA

RESOLVED to note that no further information had been received from the MOD despite additional requests for information. Meeting dates had been requested by the MOD representative in an attempt to focus the Longtown site management team.

043/21 NOTICEBOARD AT MOAT BUS SHELTER

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk was still chasing joiners to quote for repair of the noticeboard.

ACTION: Clerk

044/21 CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED to adopt the new Code of Conduct issued by NALC/City Council with immediate effect.

045/21 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE (SID) AT MOAT

RESOLVED to agree the location and formal agreement document with the County Council to erect 2 SID's at Moat.

ACTION: WB/SR to sign agreement, CLERK to submit to highways.

046/21 CALC

The following correspondence from CALC was received and noted:-

046/21.1 CONNECTING CUMBRIA NEWSLETTER

046/21.2 PLACES CALLED HOME PROGRAMME

046/21.3 ACT NEWS UPDATE

046/21.4 ANALYSIS OF LOCAL COUNCILS PRECEPT DATA 2021-22

046/21.5 CUMBRIA HIGHWAYS CUSTOMER SYSTEM

046/21.6 FRIENDS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT GRANT FUND

046/21.7 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Bundred would ask the PCC if they wanted to do a joint event with a beacon being placed at the cairn near the church.

047/21 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence had been received: -

047/21.1 PUBLIC TOILETS IN CUMBRIA SURVEY – Email from Radio Cumbria

048/21 LITERATURE AVAILABLE FROM CLERK –

048/21.1 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS – 2nd July 2021.

049/21 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Any items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 6th September 2021.

050/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 13th September 2021, Moat Village Hall, 7.30pm. Please note that some Covid-19 restrictions may still be in place.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

**KIRKANDREWS ON ESK PARISH COUNCIL
OBJECTION TO APPLICATION 20/0586
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS -**

Re the noise assessment - while fencing etc is being planned to be put around the site, the traffic in and out is still going to be outside the boundary and that will still be adding to noise levels and will not be mitigated against by the fencing etc. It's not like HGVs passing through on the roads. They'll be manoeuvring at the (not very big) junction, which means more traffic pollution in the area too.

To have that activity going on 24 hours in the summer, when people want to open their windows, or sit outside, is bound to be a disturbance. It seems there's an assumption that because people already have some disturbance, piling on more is acceptable. The motorway can be a background hum. Trains have a timetable. This is the sound of every individual vehicle coming and going. Wind carries noise a distance and it's a windy area, so the wider impact has not been considered. If the wind is in the east, people living beyond the railway won't hear motorway noise, but they'll hear the lorry park. And the issue with neighbours is not only human hearing, but pets staying at the kennels.

Re water runoff and drainage – Members feel there is an underestimation of the volume of water that will come off the site and who wants waste water in open ditches and rivers/seas? From Guards Mill's drains and ditches, the water run-off will go into a ditch that disappears under the old disused railway and emerges beside the west coast mainline. From there it goes into the river Esk/Solway. What assurances are there that no hazardous substances will go into the surrounding watercourse?

Re light pollution - This is not good for humans or wildlife and should be taken more seriously by planners. The site is actually within a B-line, B lines are supposed to be priority areas for conservation to help restore insect populations. The Cumbria wildlife recovery group has said that light pollution is one of the most serious problems insects are facing. <https://www.buglife.org.uk/our-work/b-lines/b-lines-north-england/> shows the B line over Longtown and surrounding area.

Are the lighting reports sufficient enough for this type of application?

Re clearance work - The work was definitely done to alter the hedges and gates, clear the ground, build up earth banks and cut down vegetation etc, carried out in April 2019 onwards during nesting season with little regard for any bird and wildlife habitats that were on site, long before any plans were presented. It has now been noted on the Aboricultural survey that these trees have been unsympathetically managed and the pruning appears to have caused cavities to these trees which have had a detrimental impact to them.

Closure of peat works – It should be noted that the Peat works are likely to close shortly as peat will no longer be allowed to be extracted. As closure of the site means that the area has to be re-landscaped and returned back to nature, this would mean a lorry park in the middle of a green rural area. The peat works itself has a minimal impact on local residents and the traffic to and from the site is barely noticeable on the A6071, the site certainly does not run 24 hours. For the application process to suggest that the lorry park should go ahead as there is already industry going on in the location is certainly a blinkered view and does not take into account the differences in their operating requirements.

