

MINUTES of the KIRKANDREWS ON ESK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in MOAT VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 15th MAY 2023 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllrs W. Bundred (Chairman), P. Armstrong, L. Cragg, S. Richardson, A. Wallis and D. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk to the Parish Council

MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May, 2022 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Bundred gave his Chairman's Report as follows:-

This is my 14th consecutive report as Chairman.

The last year has seen changes in our Local Authority, the Cumbria County Council and District Councils being replaced by two unitary authorities. Kirkandrews on Esk Parish is in the new Cumberland Council Area.

Our two district and one county councillors have been replaced by one Cumberland Councillor. So, thanks to John Mallinson who represented the parish on Carlisle City Council. Welcome to Tim Pickstone as our representative on the new Cumberland Council.

The year saw the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, in June 2022 events were held in the parish at the Church and the Moat Hall. Sadly, Her Majesty passed away on 8th September 2022.

Our Monarch now is King Charles III who was crowned on the 6th May 2023, celebrations were held at the Church and Moat Hall. Commemoration medals were given by the parish council to children under 11 years of age resident in the parish.

I have represented Kirkandrews on Esk Parish Council as a member of the Carlisle Parish Councils Association Executive, panel member of both the Beck burn & Hallburn Wind Farm Grant Panels. Note the Beckburn Fund has a portion allotted to grants to individuals for education purposes. I also represented Kirkandrews on Esk Parish Council on the Longtown Development Team, Longtown & district being able to apply for up to £3m of Borderlands Place Funding.

Kirkandrews Parish Council has had two Speed Indictor Signs installed at Kirkandrews Moat. Whether the Parish Council will get permission to install a Speed Indictor Sign at Townfoot Longtown on the A7 remains to be seen.

The bus shelters at Blackbank and Greenmill have suffered vandalism and stealing of the windowpanes.

Broadband. Under Connecting Cumbria and Project Gigabit, the contract was awarded to Hyperfast GB. Deployment of the new infrastructure in Cumbria has already commenced, and implementation will run until 2026. The investment by BDUK, combined with Fibrus' substantial investment in network build costs, will help transform the broadband connectivity landscape for many citizens and businesses across rural towns, villages and hamlets from Grasmere to Gilsland, and Buttermere to Beckermere. First connections are anticipated in Spring 2023.

Last but not least I would like to thank Kirkandrews on Esk Parish Councillors and Clerk for their work for Kirkandrews on Esk Parish over the last year.

RESOLVED to note the report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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