

KIRKANDREWS ON ESK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of KIRKANDREWS ON ESK PARISH COUNCIL held in MOAT VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs W. Bundred (Chairman), P. Armstrong, Z. Armstrong and L. Cragg.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

087/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence were received and agreed from Councillors Richardson, Wallis and Wilson.

Cumberland Councillor Pickstone had also given his apologies to the Clerk.

088/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

089/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest.

090/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2023, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ACTION: WB

091/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION –

091/23.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

091/23.2 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR REPORT

RESOLVED to note that Cumberland Councillor Pickstone updated members on the Following by email:-

- **Request for speed indication device (SID) on A7 and replacement of SID at Moat –** Passed to highways officer.

092/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

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

- **LONGTOWN DEVELOPMENT GROUP –** The group had split into 6 smaller groups and Councillor Bundred was on the group to reorganise and improve community buildings. Several zoom meetings had taken place recently.
- **BECK BURN WIND PANEL FARM –** Issues with memorandum still ongoing.

093/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

There were no applications for planning consent to be considered.

Signed (Chairman).....

Date.....

094/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS -**094/23.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 31.12.23**

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 31st December 2023 of £22,051.90.

094/23.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

RESOLVED to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

- £689.68 A. Riddell – net wage to 31.01.24 - cheque number 101094
- £294.80 HMRC – PAYE - cheque number 101095
- £871.20 Cumberland Council – grit bins - cheque number 101096
- £48.00 J. Robb – bus shelters - cheque number 101097

094/23.3 BUDGET 2024/25

The Clerk submitted a written report to help members set the precept for 2024/25. The report included background information, the precept, reserve balances, projected finances at 31.3.23, budget setting/calculation and council tax base information.

It was noted that Cumberland Council had not yet submitted the council tax base figures for 2024/25 but had given a deadline of 12th January 2024 for the parish council to submit its precept figure.

RESOLVED after further discussion to set the precept for 2024/25 at £10,260.00. Proposed by Councillor Bundred, seconded by Councillor P. Armstrong, agreed unanimously. This would equate to a 14p per week increase per Band D property based on the current 2023/24 council tax base figures. The Clerk would inform Cumberland Council.

ACTION: Clerk

094/23.4 BECK BURN WIND FARM COMMUNITY POT -**094/23.4.1 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED to note there were no applications to consider.

094/23.4.2 REPLACEMENT OF JUBILEE TREES

RESOLVED to defer the item to the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

095/23 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE (SID) AT MOAT

RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Cumberland Highways again regarding reinstallation of the SID.

ACTION: Clerk

Signed (Chairman).....

Date.....

096/23 CALC

RESOLVED to note that all CALC emails had been circulated to members and the following required a formal decision:-

096/23.1 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to commenting on Cumberland Council’s budget proposals for 2024/25.

RESOLVED to submit comments individually.

096/23.2 POLICING BUDGET PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to commenting on the proposed 2024/25 budget for Cumbria Constabulary.

RESOLVED to submit comments individually.

096/23.3 ELECTRIC VEHICLE POINTS

Consideration was given to the information received from Charge My Street.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would pass the information to the Moat village hall committee.

ACTION: Clerk.

096/23.4 FRAUD PREVENTION

Consideration was given to a talk on fraud prevention from Cumbria Police.

RESOLVED to note the information.

097/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –

RESOLVED to note that all correspondence had been circulated to members and that none required a formal decision.

098/23 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Replacement of Jubilee trees – to consider costings received from Councillor Bundred.
- Slip road from motorway heading south – to note the poor state of the road and consider what action to take as despite being reported to highways, a decision had been made to take no further action.
- Greenmill ditch – To receive an update from Councillor Wilson on recent work.

RESOLVED to note that any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 4th March 2024.

099/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th March 2024, Moat Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date.....