

# BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

Present: Cllrs. J. Clark, R. Davison, G. Fellows (Chair) and J. Lee

Also Present: K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor and J. Rae (Clerk)

## **745/24 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. Lunken and M. Underwood. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.

## **746/24 Chairman's announcements**

None

## **747/24 Declarations of interest**

None.

## **748/24 Requests for dispensations**

None.

## **749/24 Minutes Annual Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## **750/24 Public Participation**

No members of the public in attendance.

## **751/24 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cllr K. Thurlow provided leaflets from Cumberland Council for distribution in the Parish to remind dog owners to clean up after their dogs advising that failure to pick up after your dog is a criminal offence under Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Cllr Thurlow reported that Castles & Coasts Housing Association is leading a community clean up event in Harriston village, Aspatria on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, from 10am to 3pm. The community day is part of a summer multi-agency programme of 'Operation Respect' events, which aim to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Village Hall Committee – A representative from the Village Hall Committee was not in attendance. An update on the fund raising had been provided by email. The Village Hall Committee had submitted grant applications to the Cumbria Community Foundation and the Cumberland Community Panel. The application to the Community Ownership Fund had been deferred due to the General Election. Financial pledges of support had been received from the community and local businesses. The Committee are hoping to raise a minimum of £25,000 but are aiming for £30,000. 57% of the target has already been reached.

## **752/24 Financial Statement**

The financial statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 - Cumberland Building Society £7954.72.

## **753/24 Payments and Receipts**

### **(a) Income Received**

None

### **(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:**

Clerk's expenses Quarter 1                      £ 30.10

Grants awarded to

Citizens Advice Allerdale                      £ 100.00

Blencogo Village Hall Committee              £2206.61

## **754/24 Planning Matters**

### **(a) Applications Received:**

FUL/2024/0118 - Croft House, Blencogo, Wigton CA7 0BZ  
Change of use from barn to annex to the existing dwelling

HOU/2024/0096 - Goose Green Farm, Crookdake, Aspatria, Wigton CA7 3SH  
Demolition of existing buildings and replacement with two storey and single storey side extension including balcony, roof heightened to original dwelling and erection of front two storey extension

FUL/2024/0128 - Crooklands Farm, Access Road to Crooklands from Blencogo to Bromfield, Bromfield, CA7 3NB  
Proposed roof over an existing silage pit.

FUL/2024/0142 – Crooklands Farm, access road to Crooklands Farm, Blencogo  
Proposed concrete yard renewal

### **(b) Decisions:**

FUL/2024/0061 - Marshall Hall, Aspatria, Wigton, CA7 3LX  
Proposal: Partial conversion of adjoining barn into living space associated with existing house GRANTED

## **755/24 Correspondence**

The following correspondence received was noted:

ENWL funding opportunity re Community Energy Projects  
Cumberland Council – Connecting Cumbria Newsletter  
CALC – Good Councillors Guide  
CALC Training Event 3 June  
CALC - Cumberland Shared Prosperity Fund.  
Appointment of two Directors for the CALC Board Allerdale Area from October 2024  
New CALC Website  
CALC News  
CALC – Healthy Child Programme  
Cumberland Council – Fells & Solway Community Network Event 18 July  
CALC – CALC Benefits and Resilience Event  
Letter of thanks from Bromfield PCC for the Parish Council's donation

## **756/24 Highway Matters**

It was noted that some repairs had been carried out in the Parish since the last meeting. Highways had reported that the drains had been cleaned on the Blencogo to Bromfield road.

A blocked drain was reported near the railway bridge High Scales. Cllr Thurlow logged the report on the HIAM system at Cumberland Council.

## **757/24 Items for Discussion:**

- Donation Request – Citizens Advice Allerdale  
Members considered the request received from Citizens Advice Allerdale for financial assistance. RESOLVED to support the request and grant £100.
- Village Hall – Funding Requests  
Members considered the funding requests received from the Village Hall Committee.  
It was RESOLVED to support the request towards the insurance for the Village Hall £22061.61.  
Members also resolved in principle to support the request for funding towards the purchase of the Village Hall. Members will consider the request further once a verbal update is received from the Committee.

- Vacancies  
Members noted there are now four vacancies on the Parish Council following the resignation of Cllr Ian Brough. The Returning Officer will be notified of the casual vacancy caused by Cllr Brough's resignation and the vacancy will be advertised in the Parish.

**758/24 Items for the Next Agenda**

No new items were raised.

**759/24 Date and time of the Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Blencogo on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm