

## KIRKBY THORE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Kirkby Thore Parish Council (KTPC) held on **Monday 5th March 2012** at 19:30hrs at Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall.

### Present

**Chairman:** Barry Thompson (BT)

**Parish Clerk:** Caroline Dodgeon (CD)

**Councillors:** Frank Birkett (FB), Errol Mayer (EM), Tony Tatters (TT)

**Eden District Councillor:** Henry Sawry Cookson (HSC) part

### Apologises

**Councillors:** Malcolm Leaver (ML)

**Cumbria County Councillor:** Gary Strong (GS)

### 2012/013 Minutes of the Last Meeting

BT signed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012 as a true record.

### 2012/014 Actions from the previous minutes

BT to contact the Environment Agency regarding the missing section of hedge.

**Action: BT**

### 2012/015 Accounts

CD presented the Balance Sheet for February 2012. Revised Forecasts for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 were also presented. A separate balance sheet has been created and was presented to manage the LEAF monies.

### Accounts for February 2012

<b>Opening Balance:</b>	<b>£2562.10</b>
<b>Income</b>	
LEAF Grant	£21,625.00
<b>Expenditure</b>	
LEAF Project	£8,543.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£15,644.10</b>

### Eden District Council - Rural Infrastructure Fund

EM is on the committee established to manage the allocation of funding. EM gave a brief update on the projects received, the process to be followed and likely timescales. Kirkby Thore Parish Council's project for further improvements to the village hall will be considered following the submission of the detailed application form.

**Action: EM**

### Kirkby Thore Pre School Funding Issues

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would contact County Councillor Gary Strong to ensure he was aware of the situation.

**Action: CD**

### 2012/016 Correspondence

There were 83 items of correspondence received / sent in February 2012.



Items discussed at the meeting were:

- Eden District Council 2012/2013 Scrutiny Work Plan – The 4 topics considered most important were agreed and CD will respond accordingly to Eden District Council.
- Parish Salt Scheme – it was agreed to add an item to the Agenda of the August 2012 meeting to discuss proposals prior to next winter.
- Eden Community Fund Grant – information has been forwarded to the Village Hall and Recreation Committee.

#### **2012/017 Planning applications and decisions**

##### **Applications**

None.

##### **Decisions**

11/1076 Mr M Farrell Low Moor Caravan Site GRANTED

11/1114 Mr R Richardson 5 Sandersons Croft REFUSED

A meeting is to be arranged with Eden District Council Planning Officers to discuss concerns regarding Crossfell House Farm.

**Action: BT**

#### **2012/018 Highways Issues**

A possible further campaign to promote Kirkby Thore Bypass was discussed. It was agreed that until the Parish Plan was developed no structured campaign would be pursued, however, any appropriate opportunities to promote the Bypass would be taken advantage of.

No information has been received regarding the vehicle / speed counter that was installed at the entry to the village from Whiteacre. CD to contact Cumbria Highways.

**Action: CD**

#### **2012/019 Footpaths**

A number of issues were raised, including:

336011 - broken stile into Sandersons Croft has now been fixed.

CD to contact Tony Burns, from Cumbria County Council's Countryside Access Team regarding outstanding issues relating to 336004 - Kirkby Thore Hall and 341029 - update on progress on replacement of washed away bridge by landowner.

**Action: CD**

It was agreed to undertake the annual spring survey of footpaths in the Parish. FB to develop a programme for the survey. All Councillors offered to assist in carrying out the survey.

**Action: FB**

#### **2012/020 Environmental Concerns**

The waste bin in the Recreation Field still needs emptying. BT to speak to refuse collectors.

**Action: BT**

#### **2012/021 Kirkby Thore Energy Node Project**

Richard Greenwood (RG) of Cumbria Energy Associates presented an Interim Report on the Projects progress.



Some discussion then followed regarding the establishment of an Independent Provident Society (IPS). It was explained that the money to establish an IPS would only be available during the Project.

The public meeting regarding the Kirkby Thore Energy Project will be held on Thursday 22nd March at 7:30pm at the Memorial Hall.

**2012/022 Kirkby Thore Website**

g-business solutions have been commissioned to develop a community website. CD to progress and provide content. It is hoped that the website will be operational by May 2012.

**Action: CD**

**2012/023 Application for Borrowing Approval – loan for Village Hall refurbishments**

A Report and the Application to the Secretary of State for Borrowing Approval for £10,000 for village hall improvements was presented, approved and signed. CD to send to CALC.

**Action: CD**

**2012/024 Parish Plan**

FB is trying to arrange a meeting with Eden District Council to explore the development a Parish Plan.

**Action: FB**

BT to get a copy of Kirkby Thore Parish survey information gathered as part of Heart of Eden's development of their Community Plan.

**Action: BT**

**2012/025 563 Bus Service Update**

A meeting was held on Wednesday 29th February 2012 with County Councillor Gary Strong and Cumbria County Council's Passenger Transport unit. The new bus services stopping in the village are being well used. The money Kirkby Thore Parish Council has allocated to subsidies this new service may no longer be required by Cumbria County Council. Tenders are currently being assessed for the new bus service contracts that will commence in September 2012. Three options for Kirkby Thore are currently being priced: the old bus service with only 2 buses stopping in the village; the current bus service with 4 buses stopping in the village; and, a new bus service with 6 buses stopping in the village. A further meeting will be arranged once the tenders have been assessed.

**Action: GS**

**2012/026 Concerns raised either by Councillors' or members of the Parish**

FB raised a concern that there was no obvious legal or contractual relationship between Kirkby Thore Parish Council and Cumbria Energy Associates regarding the Kirkby Thore Energy Node project. It was agreed that an appropriate statement would be developed and signed by both parties.

**Action: CD & BT**

**BT closed the meeting at 21:22hrs.**

**Date of the next meeting:** Monday 2nd April 2012 at 19:30hrs in the Memorial Hall.

**Please note: all Parish Council meetings are open to members of the public.**

