

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid 19 restrictions**

*Due to the continuing need to meet remotely, and in order that all should be able to engage fully, all items are time-limited, unless the meeting votes otherwise. **Anyone with anything lengthy to say submitted it by email, to be circulated prior to the meeting.***

**PUBLIC OPEN MEETING (Maximum time 15 mins total, with 5 mins per individual):** Members of the public were asked to submit questions to the Clerk (by telephone or email) by 12 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Parishioners joined the session electronically or by telephone (contact details from the Clerk).

**Present:** Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mr N Jackson, Mrs I Henderson, Mr A Jackson, Mr J Little, Mr J Haugh, Mrs W Smith, Mr R Cranston, Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), District Cllr Robinson, Mr B Smythe & two parishioners

**Parishioner:** The parishioner said that he was looking for clarification on where the parish is in relation to broadband, as the government has brought forward the deadline for the 200 signatures to the 19<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs S Quinn said that she had spoken to B4RN and those who have signed up will be part of a substantial project. Mr B Smythe then gave an update on the work being carried out by B4RN, and the various stages of the process. It was noted that lobbying must carry on to ensure that people in the parish register their vouchers, as these will not be lost. District Cllr Robinson asked about connections to properties (options- B4RN, contractor or volunteers), querying whether there are any costings for the work. Mr B Smythe and Mrs S Quinn reported that they had visited all the communities in the parish, saying that, where properties aren't suitable for rear access, B4RN can access from the road as part of the project. District Cllr Robinson said that she was looking for clarity from B4RN regarding the costs. Mr B Smythe said that B4RN are to provide costings for each option this week. Mrs S Quinn confirmed that households sign up with providers once the line is in place, and those with difficult access will have site visits to help them determine how to do it. It was reported that B4RN now have 8000 connections and they haven't had any problems connecting a property to date.

The parishioner said that there was still confusion within the parish as to what is going to happen as we are still short of 58 households. Mrs J Tea said that the parish council is getting a lot of criticism for doing something that they have only volunteered to do, and is not actually their job. It was noted that a large number of parish councillors have carried out a huge amount of work over the last 5-6 months. It was suggested that perhaps the resident could come forward and cover Renwick, and ask people to sign up to the scheme. It was noted that a number of people in Renwick have also helped out. Mrs W Smith suggested that to be most effective, it is going to need to be neighbour to neighbour recommendations, rather than an unknown parish councillor speaking to them. It was noted that lobbying must be done on a property basis only.

District Cllr Robinson asked how many businesses are in the parish, as they are valuable in terms of getting the connections.

## DRAFT MINUTES

### ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **To receive apologies:** County Cllr Driver (attending another meeting), Mr J R Raine (connection difficulties) & Mr N Edmondson (connection difficulties)
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote)
4. **To discuss matters arising from the last meeting:** Nothing
5. **To discuss broadband provision:** Covered above
6. **To discuss dog fouling:** Mrs S Quinn reported that there has been a major problem with dog fouling around the beck in Kirkoswald, with 28 piles of waste being picked up in one go by a very kind volunteer.
7. **To receive the Financial Report**
  - The Clerk had sent all councillors a copy of the monthly cash flow spreadsheet prior to the meeting and Mrs J Tea reported that the total shown correlated with those on the online banking.
  - It was resolved to make the following payment of bills (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£310.73	(paid by BACS transfer)
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8. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway**
  - Noticeboards: Mr J R Raine unable to join the meeting
  - Winter roads/ gritting: Mr A Jackson said that he had gritted this morning at Renwick. It was noted that it takes 1.5 hours per session, and he can do it when he is able. It was reported that a number of parishioners have said that it is good, and councillors were very grateful to Mr Jackson for volunteering to do the work. It was agreed that the insurance situation is unfortunate, and still felt that it was unfair that Mr Jackson was having to cover the cost of insurance. It was agreed that the idea of the machine is to help out in very poor weather, rather than just carry out day-to-day work, and the work is being carried out by a volunteer. Parish councillors said that they were disappointed by the response of many parishioners in Renwick, who appeared to be very ungrateful for the work of a volunteer. Councillors again thanked Mr Jackson for all his work.
  - The piles of grit on the road sides have been used and restocking is needed. It was reported that it appears that some is perhaps being used elsewhere. Mrs S Quinn said that she would text Mr Carl Melville to ask them to be refilled. District Councillor Robinson suggested also contacting Mr John Banks, as he is very good at getting work done quickly.
9. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver:** Written report submitted and circulated prior to the meeting.
10. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson:** To send a written report to councillors after the meeting.

11. **To receive a report from Mrs J Tea regarding C.A.L.C. and E.A.L.C:** Report submitted to councillors prior to the meeting.
12. **To discuss Police matters arising:** Parishioners are reminded to remain vigilant, as there have been a number of dogs stolen in the area.
13. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters**
- Viol Moor: It was noted that there has been no activity at the site for at least 6 months. It was agreed to wait and see what happens in spring/ summer. It was noted that there is a stove pipe in the wall.
14. **To receive decisions on planning applications made:** None
15. **To receive Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**
- Parish Field: tenders will be due in spring
  - Water leak from parish field
  - Leak past Longmoor: District Cllr Robinson to take forward
  - Highways Customer Survey Feedback: Why do we have to fill in a survey? Why don't they just do the work that they are asked to do? Employ people to do the work, rather than do survey. No one takes any notice of requests such as adding Renwick to the gritting route.
  - Grant cut letter- any comments. All grants cut, and not just one organisation. It was noted that the Village Hall has already organised some fund raising activities. District Cllr Robinson said that there are some funding pots like Green Energy for village halls to access.
16. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 by Zoom

The meeting closed at 20.29

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 09/02/2021

***NB Following the Parish Council Meeting, the position with B4RN has moved on considerably, The way leaves are more or less completed, just a few are still to sign but have agreed in principle and we now have around 200 who have signed up, including a lot of businesses.***