



## **HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of Hethersgill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th November 2024**

**Present:** Cllr C Williams J.P. (Chair); Cllrs S Barratt, D Beer, J Bryant (part of meeting), L McDonagh, A Sisson, L Summerfield.

**In attendance:** The Clerk A Dawes. Unitary Authority Councillor J Mallinson.

**055/24 Apologies for Absence** – Cllr(s). F Heaton, M Irving.

**056/24 Declarations of Interest and Request for Dispensations** - No declarations of interest were made and no requests for dispensation has been received.

**057/24 Minutes of the meeting(s) of the Parish Council held on 17th September 2024 - RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting as a true record.

**058/24 Public Participation** – no members of the public were in attendance.

Cllr Mallinson reported on the current financial situation facing Cumberland Unitary Authority with the potential deficit for 2024 2025 being covered by virtue of transfer of funds from Capital Budgets to Revenue, however this would still leave issues for future years in particular with regard to transition from previous organisations IT systems.

Cllr. Mallinson also reported on the ongoing issue of service provision in Children’s services and Adult Social care which were providing significant risk to council’s finances together with the exacerbation in Cumberland of high levels of deprivation.

Cllr Mallinson also reported that a Boundary Commission report was underway to determine boundary movements, and also that there were increasing conversations throughout the country regarding the role of Mayors which, at the moment, were not gaining much momentum in Cumberland.

Cllr. Irving was not in attendance so no update was available from the last Community Panel. It was agreed that Cllr. Barratt would continue to attend and represent the Parish Council.

#### **059/24 Administrative Matters**

**059/24.1 Community Led Plan** – further discussion regarding the make-up and terms of reference for the group which included Cllrs. Barrett, Beer, Sisson who will contact the Clerk with regard to the date after “inviting” other parishioners to be involved in the process.

**059/24.2 The Gill** – confirmed the next publication to include an item (again) about the Community Led Plan and the draft questionnaire and be around Springtime 2025.

**059/24.3 CALC Surveys** – Council completed the survey requested from CALC about service provision and individual Councillors were asked to complete and forward the Training survey should they wish.

**060/24 Planning Matters** – none received for consideration.

**061/24 Highways** - no new issues to report and Cllr. Mallinson was to follow-up with Highways on issues previously reported.

### **062/24 Finance Matters**

**062/24.1 RESOLVED** to authorise the payments below:

HMRC, PAYE, £81.80

A Dawes, Salary September and Expenses £362.16

Unity Bank service charge £18.00

**062/24.2 RESOLVED** Members received and noted the Bank Reconciliation, Budget v Actual Report, Income Report, Expenditure Report as at the end of October 2024

**062/24.3 RESOLVED** after discussion and minor alterations Members approved the 2025 2026 Budget and Precept requirement of £7,800 an increase of 5.12%

**063/24 Councillor Matters** - no new matters brought to the attention of the Clerk, however Cllr Sisson reminded the Clerk of the issue regarding the light on the defibrillator. **RESOLVED** Clerk to inspect and arrange for any repair.

**064/24 Date of Next Meeting - RESOLVED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7.30pm in Hethersgill Parish Hall.