TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th May 2025 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm

Present: A. Todd (chair); S. Ainsworth Hammond; A. Meadowcroft; B. Kipling; Westmorland and Furness Councillor J. Murray; four members of the public and the clerk.

*Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a presentation by representatives of National Highways and National Rail about the works to be carried out to the Clifton Railway Bridge and the consequent highways diversions during closure of the M6 motorway. The speakers were thanked by the Chair for an interesting and informative talk.*

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Westmorland and Furness Councillor A. Waite.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 30th April 2025**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the above meeting.

**4. Report of the Chair on Parish Business during 2025**

The Chair outlined the work carried out over the year including dealing with highways concerns, reporting defects and problems with road drains. The play areas were causing concern with damage to equipment needing costly repairs. The grass cutting had been carried out to a high standard and the village was generally kept tidy and the paths in good repair. Hedge work had been completed at Roundthwaite.

The defibrillators had been managed and kept in good condition by Councillor Sophie Ainsworth Hammond.

Financial support had been given to the Tebay Sport and Social Club, the 106 bus, the Tebay Warm Spot and the children learning through Drum and Brass.

A great deal of time had been spent at meetings to discuss the proposed work to the M6 Lune Valley bridges and putting forward the concerns of residents and local businesses about the lengthy closure of the motorway and Junction 38. The Chair thanked the councillors and members of the public for their work throughout the year.

A consultation exercise had been carried out to gauge support for a possible introduction of a 20 mph speed limit through the village.

**5. Election of Chairperson for 2025/26**

It was proposed by Cllr B Kipling and seconded by Cllr S. Ainsworth Hammond that Cllr A Todd be elected Chairperson for 2025/2026 and this was agreed unanimously.

**6. Election of Vice Chairperson for 2025/26**

It was proposed by Cllr A Todd and seconded by Cllr B. Kipling that Cllr S Ainsworth Hammond be elected Vice Chairperson for 2025/26 and this was agreed unanimously.

**7. Annual Internal Audit, Certificate of Exemption, Governance Statement and Accounting Statement**

The Certificate of Exemption from external audit was approved and signed and the internal audit was considered and approved. The Governance Statement and Accounting Statement were also considered, approved and signed by the Chair.

**8. Outstanding Business**

8.1 The defibrillators were in good condition and the clerk was asked to source replacement pads and batteries in due course. Further efforts would be made to get W & F Highways department to straighten the sign leaning across the defibrillator at Barnaby Rudge.

8.2 Questionnaires had been delivered by hand throughout the village asking for comments on the possible introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in the village.

**9. Correspondence**

9.1 W & F Cllr John Murray outlined the current consultation exercise being carried out about waste collection and he encouraged all present to respond before the deadline.

9.2 Online training on planning to be arranged by the Lake District National Park Authority was mentioned and several present were interested.

**10. Finance**

10.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for May 232.00

HMRC – PAYE for May 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 18.90

AJ Gallagher Insurance Brokers – annual premium 1704.17

Community Heartbeat Trust – annual fee 480.00

M. Renwick Smith – internal audit 200.00

B. Thornborrow – repairs to noticeboards 81.08

10.2 It was agreed to accept the estimate from Playdale Playgrounds for repairs to the floor of the slide/bridge structure at the North Terrace play area in the sum of £2089.64.

**11. Report from Westmorland and Furness Council**

Cllr. John Murray thanked the Chair and the Councillors for their work over the year. He also outlined the work of the Place Action Group and the current consultation exercise being carried out by the Boundary Commission .

**12. Public Participation**

12.1 The poor condition of the road at Church Street was again mentioned and this would be looked into. Cllr J. Murray would look into the possibility of the road sweeper visiting the village as white and yellow road markings were being obscured.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th June 2025 at the Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30pm.

Signed as a true record ………………………………….

Dated ……………………………………………