

Minute of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 6th April 2016 at 7.15pm at Newtown Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors M. Ridley (in the Chair), R. Peart, G. Beck, A. Jordan, H. Slack and C. Adams.

IN ATTENDANCE – The Clerk

Councillor Mrs. M. Bowman, Carlisle City Council

1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2014 WERE SUBMITTED.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2015, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman M. Ridley gave a report on the activities of the Council over the past year as follows:

The new council year started in May. I was elected Chair with Ian Gibson Vice Chair at the Annual Meeting.

Keith Mellor and Dale Ransley did not stand for re-election and I would like to thank them for their contribution to the council.

During the year Ashley Vass and Trevor Field resigned from the council due to work commitments, I thank them also for their contribution to the council. I would also like to thank Peter Storr and Hayley Slack for joining the council, Hayley is running the website. I would also like to welcome Anne Jordan who joined the council in March.

During the year there was a shelter erected on Newtown green which was part of the play area scheme, we are supporting with the help of county and city councillors the making of black gap more wildlife friendly and thank Mr & Mrs Cheeseman for their effort and hard work in achieving this. Thank You.

The council is also supporting the Border Rambler bus service set up by Keith Mellor and volunteers it started in September and has been a great success.

Throughout the year Ian Gibson and staff at Irthington Village School and ladies from the community made a poppy rug and soda bread as was eaten during WW1. They also made a film of what it was like in the trenches and read actual letters sent home from some of the 9. The film was shown in March and was enjoyed by all. Ian Gibson also had the school commemorate Commonwealth Day with a flag flying from the church.

With the closing of the Sportsman Inn, Laversdale and The Salutation Inn, Irthington the parish has lost a huge part of it's social life. The council has after concerns from Laversdale residents registering the Sportsman as a community asset which is ongoing.

After a long delay Carlisle Airport Distribution Centre was finally built and up and running, they had an open day called Stobbart Fest, it was attended by a lot of people the building is very impressive.

This year had not too many challenges, however the floods in December just missed us and I feel for the other communities who succumbed to the deluge. I wonder if Newtown Hall could possibly be used as a hub if we get another flood. I

don't think any property was flooded but the flood water damaged the phone lines for both Newtown & Irthington and BT seemed to be telling people different stories. The council thanks James Bainbridge for bringing the problem to the attention of Rory Stewart which seemed to speed things up.

I would like to thank Allison Riddell for her help and advice during the last year, I would also like to thank Margaret Ogden & Ian Gibson for their support and advice and the editing of the newsletter. I would also like to thank Councillor John Mallinson and city councillors Marilyn Bowman and James Bainbridge for their financial support to various projects.

Finally I would like to thank fellow councillors for their effort and commitment in making the council work for the parishioners.

3 OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

RESOLVED to note there was no other relevant business.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.