

Draft subject to approval at the next meeting

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on May 11<sup>h</sup> 2009 at 7.30 pm at Culgaith Victoria Institute**

**Present:** Councillors L. Wilson (Chairman), E. Froggatt, J. Hay, J. Hindson, K. Philipson, H. Roper. J. Slann

**In Attendance:** PC Taylor and 1 member of the public.

**34/09 Election of Chairman of the Council for 2009/10**

**Resolved** that Councillor Laura Wilson be elected chairman for the council year 2009/10.

**35/09 Declaration of Acceptance Of Office**

Councillor Wilson signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman for the council year 2009/10.

**36/09 Election of Vice Chairman of the Council for 2009/10**

**Resolved** that Councillor Jill Hay be elected vice chairman for the council year 2009/10.

**37/09 Apologies for absence**

Councillors J. Findlay (work) and M. Smith (work).

**38/09 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2009 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**39/09 Annual Report**

Councillor Wilson, Chairman of the Parish Council 2008/09, began her report by thanking the Clerk, Sue Smith, and the Vice Chairman, Jill Hay for their support in the past year.

During the year the Chairman had attended several meetings on behalf of the Parish all of which had been interesting, in fact quite an eye opener as to the amount of bureaucracy at Local Government level. The seminars on Public Footpaths and on low cost housing were of particular interest. There is a need for some sort of starter homes in the parish but we must exercise caution before committing ourselves to actually buying land and taking responsibility for the building work as some were suggesting Parish Councils should be doing! The Public Footpaths Parish Plan was useful and we already have a footpath in the parish which would qualify for assistance and the matter is in hand.

The presentation on the Bolton Exchange at the CALC meeting and at the Annual Parish meeting has generated some interest. With refurbishment planned at both Skirwith and Culgaith it would be nice to see the halls used as much as possible. This year progress had been made with Tarn field thanks to the Guardians of Culgaith Tarn, the Flodder thanks to Jenny Davies. We have also managed to trim the trees on Skirwith Village Green to most people's satisfaction and hopefully the remaining twigs left after the logs were removed will go soon.

Let us hope that this year will be the one when we actually manage to get the roads around here, especially the school bus runs, gritted regularly in winter.