

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on May 12th 2008 at 7.30 pm at Skirwith Village Hall

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Henderson, District Councillor Orchard and 9 members of the public.

34/08 Election of Chairman of the Council for 2008/09

Resolved that Councillor Laura Wilson be elected chairman for the council year 2008/09.

35/08 Declaration of Acceptance Of Office

Councillor Wilson signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman for the council year 2008/09.

36/08 Election of Vice Chairman of the Council for 2008/09

Resolved that Councillor Jill Hay be elected vice chairman for the council year 2008/09.

37/08 Apologies for absence

Councillor M. Smith (work).

38/08 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March 2008 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

39/08 Annual Report

Councillor Findlay, Chairman of the Parish Council 2007/08, presented an overview of the council's activities in the past year. It had been a busy year and the new web-site was providing access to a wide range of information including the Parish Council's activities. Affordable Homes was a key issue with many young people finding it difficult to get started on the property ladder. The newly formed Tarn Management Group, recently renamed the Guardians of Culgaith Tarn, had begun to develop a new sustainable management plan for the Tarn and the Parish Council wished them well in their endeavours. It was noted that Penrith had again voted against a Town Council which was disappointing for the rural parishes which, unlike Penrith have to raise a precept to provide services. This week has seen 5 or 6 Gliders flying above the parish and hopefully this will bring additional revenue to the area. The Council was made of volunteers who give up their time for the benefit of the community but there is a lot more paperwork and bureaucracy than in the past and the Council needs to retain a commonsense approach. Finally Councillor Findlay thanked his fellow councillors, the Clerk and the Vice Chairman for their support. In response Councillor Wilson thanked him for all his work as Chairman in the previous year.

40/08 Appointment of representatives to outside bodies

Resolved in the light of Councillor Urquhart's resignation, not to appoint a representative to the Guardians of Culgaith Tarn Group. Both the Vice Chairman and Clerk receive regular updates from the group and will continue to keep the Parish Council informed.