

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of **Beaworthy Parish Council** held at 1930 hours on **Thursday 16th January 2025** in Beaworthy Parish Hall.

Councillors present: Cllr Rendell (Chairman), Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Coleman, Cllr Balsdon, Cllr Sanders, Cllr Higgins

Also present: A. Braidwood (Clerk) via video. Cllr Southcott (WDBC)

1. **Chairman's welcome.** Cllr Rendell welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Mott (WDBC) Cllr Johnstone
3. **Public Forum** – no members of the public spoke
4. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda** – Cllr Wonnacott - Item 13.2
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the **12th Dec 2024** were a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
6. **Clerk's report** –report received. (**Annex A**)
7. **Planning.** No applications had been received.
8. **Councillors Reports – reports on meetings attended and matters brought to the attention of councillors.**
 - 8.1 Highways – received
 - 8.2 Parish Hall – NTR.
 - 8.3 Crime commissioners – NTR
 - 8.4 Northern Links – NTR
9. **West Devon borough Council Update:** Received
10. **Annual Meeting of the Parish and Annual Council Meeting** – It was **RESOLVED** to hold both meetings on 15th May at 7pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
11. **Policy Review** – The Expenses Policy was reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept.
12. **To review bank signatories:** it was agreed and **RESOLVED** to add Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Wonnacott to the bank signatories' mandate.
13. **Finance:**
 - 13.1 The RFO reported a delay to the **Finance Report** and bank reconciliation due to not receiving the bank statement. A full report would be distributed when complete
 - 13.2 **Payments** – It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments
 - Grant request from Beaworthy Parish Hall for redecoration for **£300.00**
 - Warm Hub grant payment to Beaworthy Parish Hall from WDBC Localities Fund - **£200.00**

The public were excluded at **1948 hours**. The Council **RESOLVED** to agree to continue the meeting in **confidential session**, Cllr Southcott was invited to stay for the discussion.

14. **Enforcement** – Updates received.

The confidential session closed at **2007** hours

15. **Items for the agenda for next meeting** – Grant applications, review of bank signatories
16. **Date of next meeting** – 20th Feb 2025
17. **Meeting closed at:** 2011 hours.

Annex A - Clerk Report Jan 2024

Finance:

I have not been able to get a bank statement for December. I hope to be able to sort this out asap and will forward on a delayed report and bank rep when received. Apologies this will be late. We have received a remittance for the Warm Hub grant payment which has been sent to all councillors.

Update – The fees for our audit will be £70 this year.

Appraisal:

Forms are still outstanding – please can Councillors send these on to Cllr Sanders as soon as possible. Thank you.

Planning

Decisions received:

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

Resolutions - All resolutions from the December meeting have been actioned.

Outstanding issues are:

- Emergency plan meeting to be arranged.
- Clerks' appraisal meeting to be confirmed.
- Nat West complaint – partially completed
- MOU

Correspondence

All correspondence has been forwarded if relevant.

Received today a request for councillor to attend meeting on 30th Jan (Small Council meeting for devolution (Thursday 30th January, 10am – 12p). The principal item for discussion will be Devolution; it is important for DALC to understand the views of its members

As the Devolution White Paper is now published, councils can see for themselves what is proposed. Any relevant responses, statements or proposals that become available between now and then can be included in the papers for the meeting so we have as good a context for the discussion as possible.

Please register in advance to attend the meeting; you can register at the link here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xCMtsEBHT6CsuKpNlzYvgg>.

This meeting is open to clerks or councillors from smaller councils but please note that the Zoom capacity is limited and it is recommended registering early to be sure we don't miss out. Please let the clerk know if you would like to attend and I will book a place. Thanks