

Annual Parish meeting of Cleator Moor Town Council

Tuesday 18th May 2010

Present: Cllr D Hully
Cllr W Southward
Cllr J Hully
Cllr S Butterworth
Cllr B Woodburn
Cllr S Sim
Cllr K Ball
Cllr B Fowler

Members of the Public: Mrs M Messenger

1. Chairman's report for council year 2009/10.

During 2009/10 Councillor Ball, Butterworth, Woodburn and Fowler have been co opted to serve Cleator Moor as local councillors. Following the resignation of the chair mid year, I myself, was elected to the role of chairman, by my fellow councillors. In January 2010, Helen Gilmour resumed her role as clerk to the council.

The Town Council Office continues to be open on Monday to Thursday, 9.00-3.00, offering advice and a signposting service for many issues. The council meets on a monthly basis, normally the second Tuesday of the month, and all meetings are open to the public. Every Town Council agenda, provides an opportunity for the public to raise issues of concern. A quarterly newsletter is published by the council, and is available in the Library, Phoenix Enterprise Centre, The Council Centre and the Town Council Offices. We aim for its delivery to every address in Cleator Moor.

Councillor Joan Hully represents the Town Council on the Regeneration North East Copeland Board and Councillor Gary Carruthers represents the Town Council on the Cleator Moor Youth and Community Board. Councillor Brian Woodburn has been nominated by the council to oversee the Town Council's allotments.

The meeting room is used on a twice weekly basis by Blue Skies Support Group, Monthly by the Community Police Team for open surgeries, and at other times by the Exchange Corner Neighbourhood Watch. Every Friday

morning the Citizens Advice Bureau operates a drop in session from 10.00-12.00.

During the year, fifteen community groups and organisations have approached the Town Council, requesting financial assistance. Almost £5000 has been donated to these groups to support their activities.

The play area at Mill Hill and at Prospect Row, Cleator are owned and maintained by the Town Council. The football field at Church Street, Cleator is council owned, with permission being granted to Cleator Moor Celtic for use.

The Community Lengthsman scheme which operates in Cleator Moor and the surrounding parishes has been awarded £4000 from the Town Council. This scheme seeks to address housekeeping issues in the town, responding quickly when reports of littering, overgrowing vegetation are received.

Free Car Parking is available in the town. This arrangement is possible by a partnership arrangement with Phoenix Enterprise Centre and Regeneration North East Copeland, who each contribute to an invoice from Copeland Borough Council of £3605. This initiative was set up in response to community requests.

A well used footpath from Bowthorn to Mill was reinstated. Grant funding was sought from Cumbria County Council Parish Paths Initiative and Cleator Moor Neighbourhood Forum. This work was completed at the end of February 2010.

The Town Council contributes to the Christmas decorations in the town, paying for the lights at Cleator, the across street features on Cleator Moor Square, the Christmas trees on the buildings and the cost of the storage, installation and the electricity for these services.

A Remembrance Day Service and a Dedication of the Crib Service is organised annually in conjunction with the ministers of St John's, St Mary's and the Methodist Churches.

And finally.....

We would like to know what you think would make Cleator Moor a better place?

The Town Council welcomes ideas and suggestions from the community. We actively encourage residents to come along to meetings, to speak with

councillors and to call at the office to raise any concerns and issues. An appointment can be arranged to speak with a councillor at any time.

2 Concerns from the community.

A complaint was raised regarding blocked drains at the rear of the Market Square, faulty lights on the church path and at the Bighill. Clerk to report.

3 Close meeting.

Councillor D Hully thanked Mrs Messenger for her attendance, and the Councillors for giving their time throughout the year. The meeting was duly closed.

Signed.....Dated.....