

## Summary of Cummersdale Parish Council AGM

Thanks to colleagues for their support during the year, including Lewis Bell who resigned from the Parish Council. Keith McKintosh is our new Councillor.

We have of course carried out the normal Parish business. There have also been a number of initiatives during the year including;

- Creation of **Cummersdale Copse** in conjunction with Cummersdale Conservation Trust and community involvement. A special mention to Pauline Nicholson who secured the grant funding for this project.
- The new ten year **Local Plan** is under review. Following a well attended Parish meeting, we gave a robust response to the suggestion of large scale housing development in the village and other development proposals on Peter Lane. These proposals did not appear in the revised version of the Plan which will be coming out for second consultation in July/August. We will be making our representations on the proposed **Morton Development** at the appropriate time.
- The **Parish Plan** is an opportunity for us to influence the shape and character of the village and the wider parish. We had a good response to the questionnaire which has been analysed and compiled (with recommendations) by Hannah Atkinson and Keith McKintosh. These will be presented to the Parishioners and we will then decide on the way forward.
- **Quality Parish** project. A Government initiative which may well be a precursor for changes in the way local government is organised with more power and responsibility devolved to local level. This involves the Parish Council Clerk training for specialised qualifications as part of this project.
- **Carlisle Northern Development Route, (CNDR)** came before the PC for renewal of the planning application. Largely a formality. We made some sensible observations based on residents' comments.
- **Pirelli Wind Turbine.** 50 parishioners attended a meeting in the school to hear the presentation by Pirelli. We made a submission to the City Council Planning department, reflecting the views and concerns expressed at the meeting. (See separate report)
- **Cummersdale Parish Council Web Site/Newsletters.** We secured a grant from the Neighbourhood Forum to set up our web site. This will supplement the traditional Newsletters and feature articles and open it to a wider audience. Thanks to Alan James and to Hannah Atkinson for the effort they put in to the Newsletters.
- **Motor Bikes on the Holmes.** Despite our best endeavours, and the police, this remains an ongoing issue.
- **Footpath Survey and Childrens' Play Area.** – are still to complete. We will deal with these as soon as possible.

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