

Cummersdale Parish Council  
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting with Electors held on  
Monday,  
12 May 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Cummersdale

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman**

**Councillors**

<b>Mr T Allison (part)</b>	<b>Mr K Nesworthy</b>	<b>Mr. B Craig</b>
<b>Mr D Harrison</b>	<b>Mr W Kerr</b>	<b>Mrs P Nicholson</b>

**Also present District Councillor N Christian and Mr D Deans of INGR (solar parks) Ltd**

**Chairman's Report**

A report was given by Cllr K McIntosh, regarding the council's achievements in the past year.

The Council have continued to consolidate work in establishing the Allotment Garden project, we have assisted the allotment holders to establish an Allotment Management Group to look after the letting and maintenance of the site, and have finalised the purchase of the land from Carlisle City Council. Much work has been done by the allotment holders to cultivate the plots, which is a credit to them. The Cumbria in Bloom entry recognised the project by awarding a certificate as a thriving initiative, nearly all of the plots are let with only a couple still available.

Car parking congestion in the Village Centre caused by parents dropping off and collecting school children has virtually been eliminated since the Short stay car park was established and is now well used at School start and finish times, thanks to the School staff who have embraced the challenge to encourage the use by parents. Just a reminder that the car park is available to all villagers and visitors at any time especially for the parking of larger vehicles. The Parish Council have agreed to undertake work to provide some lighting on the car park before the winter nights.

We continue to support the Cumbria in Bloom Competition and have agreed to submit an entry for 2015 this is a community project and is aimed at improving the appearance of the village we live in, whilst good progress has been made, there are still areas of the village that require to be developed and improved. The success of the competition relies very much on community participation and we will be hosting a meeting in May. to discuss this year's entry we would welcome villagers to attend and be involved. During the last three years we have made considerable progress in gaining respectable recognition for our hard work and last year we received a Silver Plus award.

The Parish Council have continued to deal with planning applications and developments with an aim to continue to preserve our rural setting and to ensure those developments are in keeping with the needs of our parish. Comments were put forward to represent the Parish in the consultation for the Carlisle and District Local Plan 2015 - 30.

We welcome into the Cummersdale Parish residents from the Charles Church development adjacent to Peter Lane and Dalston Road and the development at Garden Village both these developments at present amount to some 200 new homes, we hope the new residents will become involved in village activities.

The Parish Council have continued to support grant applications to continue with the long term project to modernise and refurbish the Village Hall, during the last year work has been done to repair and treat dry rot, refurbish toilets, and replace the central heating boiler. The Village hall currently hosts a number of regular groups and family functions, and is always available for hire.

My thanks go to our Parish Councillors for their hard work and time, and also to our Ward Councillors who attend our meetings on a regular basis and support us in achieving many projects.

Presentation given by David Deans of INGR

Mr Deans , briefed members on the carbon reduction targets – 20% saving by 2020. Concerns regarding the actual production of energy as an example 80% of the countries gas is from Russia. The Solar Farms will contribute to the reduction of carbon by producing energy for up to 1500 homes in this proposal.

The site is at Newby West, it is close to the substation at Cardewlees, subject to planning consent the build time would be 2-3 months. It would be temporary for 25 years, as such does not require a s106 agreement however a payment of £20,000 would be made to the Council on planning consent being granted.

Members thanked Mr Dean for attending and that we would discuss the application on receipt of the documents from the District Council.