

Chairs Report 2023-2024

Welcome to the annual parish meeting.

A question I am often asked is what is the parish councils roll?

To improve the quality of life and environment in the local area

Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of residents we represent.

Working to bring about improvements through local projects lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parish agencies.

We give views on behalf of the community that affect the parish.

We do have limited powers to make decisions, but we do have the ability to negotiate with and the power to influence other organisations that do make the final decisions.

This has been a very tough year a year of soaring energy and food prices for families already struggling to make ends meet more and more people turning to food banks. The volunteers do a wonderful job.

Aspatria Library

Has been closed for more than 18 months and works are still going on this is a vital service not only to Aspatria but to the surrounding communities hopefully the work will be completed soon.

Climate change is becoming a critical issue around the world and regular updates from various sources are well received by the council as it is of much concern to us.

Gritting B5299

We have had several complaints regarding the decision not to grit the road through Fletchertown and have asked this to be looked into and reconsider.

the grit bin was removed from the village some years ago we recently asked for it to be reinstated and were told that we didn't need it as the road is gritted

Speed device which was put up temporarily and did slow the traffic down was taken away we are currently waiting for it to be returned.

Play Park.

After the annual inspection a number of issues were raised by the inspector these have now been resolved.

Allhallows Community Centre

The centre continues to thrive with more and more events being planned.

Pub nights, Coffee & craic Caleigh night, Produce show, Art craft exhibition, Quizzes.

There is a quiz night planned for Saturday May 11th which are growing very popular.

The lunch club which is the last Thursday of the month is also still well supported where else could you get soup a sandwich and a pudding tea coffee for £5.

As a committee they work really hard to put on events and keep the centre running

A new window has been fitted to the main hall at a cost of £1,800. A huge thank you to the charity shop in Aspatria and to the George Moore trust for their contribution towards the final cost.

The council continue to produce our quarterly newsletter which is delivered to each household.

My thanks to my fellow councillors for all their help and support over the last 12 months

A special thank you to Ricky Bowness who until recently was my vice chairman he had been on the council for 30 years and recently resigned, he was a valued member of the council and will be greatly missed, we wish him all the very best for the future.

Also, many thanks to our clerk Trevor Gear for all his guidance and support over the last year

That concludes my report for this year.