

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

Present:

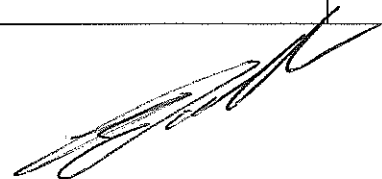
Mrs Elaine Woodburn (EW) Chairperson
Mr Stephen Bell (SB) Vice Chairperson

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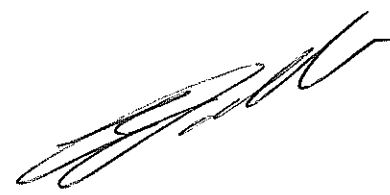
Mr Graham Calvin (GC) Mr Sam Pollen (SP)
Mr Neil Ferguson (NF) Mr David Wright (DW) who arrived at 6.35pm
Mr Gareth Stringer (GS) Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL)

Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP) Town Clerk
Mrs Cheryl O'pray (CO) Assistant Clerk
Mr Chris Whiteside (CW) County Councillor
Tracy McFadden (TM) Egremont Youth Partnership Manager
Mr Graham Minshaw (GM) Cumberland Councillor

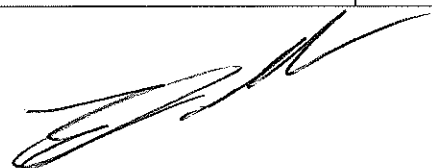
149.22.23	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED to note that no apologies were received.</p>	CO
150.22.23	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA NF declared an interest in the Egremont Youth Partnership and DW declared an interest in planning.</p>	
151.22.23	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EW welcomed TF to the meeting to talk about the Egremont Youth Partnership of which she is now manager. TF spoke about the different age groups that attended on each night: Mondays are for the 13 – 19 years old age group and every week they have a health & wellbeing workshop covering things such as anti-social behaviour, self-harm, mental health & the negative impact of social media, 10/12 people attend each week. Tuesdays are for the juniors aged from 8 – 12 years old with 23 regularly attending and who have recently taken part in some upskilling tasks to help build their confidence. The Club has also joined up for the HAF (holiday activity & food) – a County Council run scheme for the Easter break aimed at young people on free school meals. Thursdays is the fusion group from 6pm – 8pm where the young people can just chill out. TF went on to say that this year, they have worked with 435 young people & they are hoping to start a social action group with a committee that will get involved with the Castle & the town itself by litter picking or planting flowers etc. TF said that there is currently 4 members of staff and currently the funding was stable but they were hoping to update the inside of the building. When EW asked about recent reports concerning anti-social behaviour, TF stated that they carried out outreach work twice a week in winter & three nights a week in summer. EW asked if they utilised the nearby academy, TF said that they used the MUGA at the Rugby Union as part of their health & wellbeing programme. TF said that she has noticed how the young people are aware of the cost of living & they have many conversations with them & offer them a one-to-one session if needed. GC asked how many young people actually stay at the Club until they reach 19 years, TF replied that about 80% remain & in one case, one of the lads joined the army and is now in the Queen's Guards and was present at her funeral, he also still calls into the club whenever he is home.</p>	



	<p>EW then thanked TF for her presentation which was very informative & just before she left the meeting, she informed Councillors that the Club would be doing a litter pick on 27th February, RESOLVED that EW put this on facebook in case anyone else wished to join in.</p> <p>EW then introduced Mr Graham Minshaw who is the new Cumberland Councillor for the North & St Bees ward. GM stated that he hoped to attend as many of the Town Council meetings as possible or to send in a written report. EW asked him for his contact details for the office which were duly given & he remained in the meeting.</p> <p>EW then welcomed CW who began by saying that he had just over five weeks left as a County Councillor before the re-organisation comes into force & he reported on the following: Re-organisation of the NHS local structure as reported at the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee meeting. The closure of the A595 north of Whitehaven for 13 weekends following the King's coronation in May, there will be a diversion through Moresby and possibly temporary double yellow lines in places to enable the traffic to keep moving. The suggestion of buses going into Westlakes Park to drop off & pick up passengers instead of dropping them off on the wrong side of the road was proposed to Stagecoach however this was refused as they did not want to change their timetable. Regarding no bus service via Moor Row - GC said he is willing to work alongside CW to try & get it re-started. The improvement of the junction at Scalegill Road was still ongoing but the next on the list for improvements was at the hospital roundabout and the Pelican garage. The remaining County grants budget has been put into interpretation boards at Longlands Lake & a bench for each of the four major towns to commemorate the working partnership between the County and the local parishes. EW on behalf of Egremont Town Council then thanked CW for his regular attendance at the Town Council meetings, his informative reports, taking the Councils' concerns on board & advice given. EW went on to say that he will be missed & she presented him with a thank you card and a gift in appreciation of all the work he has carried out on behalf and alongside Egremont Town Council. Before leaving the meeting, CW thanked Councillors for their kind words & unexpected gift & that he hoped to attend the March meeting.</p> <p>152.22.23 CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS</p> <p>A letter of condolence was sent to ex-Town Councillor June Bland following the death of her husband Alan who used to work as a hall attendant in the Market Hall. Chairperson said that Age UK had dropped off some warm clothing & these had been passed onto the hubs in Egremont and Moor Row for distribution. EW reported that the hubs were very thankful for the grants presented to them for the continuation of food at the hubs. Councillors were reminded that there was a briefing session via Teams on 2nd March at 6pm to learn about the process for the upcoming parish elections, the briefing is aimed at Clerks but it would be beneficial for Councillors too. The Town Council office will be closed on Friday 10th March from 2pm for website training for the staff. Egremont Community Forum's next meeting will be held on 23rd March 2023 which EW will probably attend, the main topic being ways to celebrate the King's coronation.</p>	<p>EW</p> <p>GC</p> <p>ALL</p>
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	<p>Due to the time of year when the completion of the audit takes place and the added CILCA training, the staff felt that they did not have the time to organise an event for the King's coronation, this was accepted.</p> <p>CALC has reported that Chris Shaw – parish support officer for Allerdale & Copeland is retiring at the end of March & if any Councils wished, he has requested that any donations are given to either Macmillan Cancer Support or Hospice at Home, it was RESOLVED that no donation is given.</p>	
153.22.23	<p>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 17th January 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Emergency meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 8th February 2023. EW duly signed them. GM then left the meeting & Councillors thanked him for his attendance.</p>	
154.22.23	<p>TO CONSIDER & REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>4/23/2012/0F1 Erection of a new dwelling Land at Montreal Place, Moor Row No objections</p> <p>4/23/2016/0F1 Use of unit as a private training facility for professional wrestlers. A 15ft x 15ft wrestling ring will be assembled in the unit, no structural changes will be made. 2e Bridge End Industrial Estate, Egremont No objection however Councillors would ask that due to several complaints about similar activities in nearby units on the same site, could a noise level be set and monitored.</p> <p>4/23/2019/0F1 Installation of in-post parcel locker Cumbrian Cooperative Society Ltd, 40 Main Street, Egremont No objections however Councillors have concerns that the drop off/collection vehicle may park on the pavement for easier access to the parcel locker therefore Councillors request that if this application is approved, the Co-op must stress to the drivers that they MUST NOT park on the pavement but in the Co-op car park or elsewhere as long as it is done safely and respectfully</p> <p>DW arrived at this point & duly left the meeting whilst the following planning application was discussed.</p> <p>4/20/2432/0F1 Consultation on additional and amended information Residential development (114 dwellings in total) Land at Howbank Farm & former Orgill Infants School site, Egremont Councillors welcome this new housing development however they would like the following concerns noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillors appreciate the visibility splay included in the plan however they still have concerns that there is only one access for cars coming in and out which will lead to a noticeable increase in traffic in an area where there is a primary school and a play park 	



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Councillors would ask the developers to notify all suppliers, construction staff etc. to limit their speed to a maximum speed of 20 mph whilst in the area and especially due to the close proximity of the school and play park. 3. The developers are requested not to allow work vehicles on or off site during the peak school hours – 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4pm. 4. Councillors ask that the developer informs residents in the immediate area and the Town Council of expected dates of when any abnormal loads are expected on the site. 5. The developer is requested to keep the roads in a clean condition using a road sweeper and wheel wash as a minimum <p>DW returned to the meeting.</p>	
155.22.23	<p>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS</p> <p>There were no planning applications to ratify.</p>	
156.22.23	<p>TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL, CEMETERY, BOWLING GREEN, MARKET HALL, WEBSITE, ALLOTMENTS, DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, HEALTH & SAFETY, CUMBRIA IN BLOOM, PUBLIC REALM & WC PARTNERSHIP</p> <p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>A meeting was held on 1.8.2023 & attended by EW, JL & MM with an apology from SP.</p> <p>The following was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SB is allowed to sit on the finance sub-committee however he would have to leave if there was anything discussed that concerned his role as caretaker of the Market Hall or anything that would directly benefit him. b. EW to purchase a bottle of whisky each for County Councillors David Southward & Chris Whiteside in thanks for all their hard work as County Councillors over the years, this will come out of the Chairperson’s budget. c. As Copeland were awaiting our response to enable them to order the plants, the quote of £435.57 + vat for the planting of the bed opposite the cemetery was accepted. The cemetery curator & lengthsman to be responsible for the maintenance & watering of the bed. d. Works 4 You will be asked to maintain, water & pick litter up around the newly planted sustainable beds (which are part of the public realm scheme) as part of the lengthsman duties. e. Instead of the Copeland Area Support Team purchasing a new bench with a plaque to commemorate the working partnership between the County and the parishes, it was agreed that a bench already allocated as part of the public realm scheme will be used for this purpose & the money that would have gone on a new bench, will be incorporated into the public realm scheme. <p>The following was RECOMMENDED & RESOLVED by full council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. EW contacts CALC to find out the feasibility of the Town Council employing someone to carry out enforcement action specifically with regards dog fouling. 	<p>SB</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>EW</p>



	<p>b. To donate £500 to each of the four local primary schools to enable them to commemorate the King's Coronation how they see fit.</p> <p>c. To write to the local businesses to request that they decorate their windows in a suitable manner to commemorate the King's Coronation – a best dressed shop window competition could also be organised.</p> <p>d. A lease of 15 years is requested from Copeland (as opposed to the 10 year lease proposed by Copeland) – this was on the basis that the previous lease ran out in 2016 and despite frequent requests, it has taken Copeland this long to get back with a new one. It was also felt that taking it to 2026 only, did not allow the Council or the Bowling Club a lot of time to find other premises if needs be but if the lease was taken to 2031 it was more workable and if the running of the club became untenable for whatever reason, the Council could still terminate the lease.</p> <p>e. To object to the Town Council having to pay anything towards the legal costs of the bowling club lease as this has never been charged for before.</p> <p><u>Bowling Green</u></p> <p>a. SB said that Egremont Cabs had pulled out of their sponsorship of the Bowling Green.</p> <p>b. A Hall had praised the lads from Haverigg prison for the jobs they had carried out at the green.</p> <p>c. The patio doors on the pavilion were in a bad state & needed replaced for security reasons, he had submitted a quote for £1,850 but it was RESOLVED that a second quote would be required & as the work needed doing as soon as possible, it was also RESOLVED that once the second quote arrives, they are both emailed to Councillors & the contractor chosen by the majority will be awarded the contract & asked to carry out the work before the Club opened for the season in April.</p> <p><u>Allotments</u></p> <p><u>Bridgend</u></p> <p>a. A phone call was made to Mr Haig informing him to remove the scaffolding leaning against the electricity pole immediately, a check to be made next week.</p> <p><u>Sandholes</u></p> <p>a. SB said the gate is in hand</p> <p>b. A request by some of the allotment tenants to take down three trees in a plot was granted</p> <p>c. A first warning letter has been sent to a tenant to clean up their plot</p> <p><u>East Road</u></p> <p>a. Letter sent to the tenant in the wet plot to lower the number of birds in the plot and move to a dry but smaller plot or to terminate the tenancy. To also remind the tenant not to park on the verge outside the plot.</p> <p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>a. R section extension – two quotes have been received but still awaiting an update on the second quote and waiting for a third quote too.</p> <p>b. GS met with the curator and Maysons to discuss where the pipes were laid when drainage works were carried out, GS confirmed that these pipes will not affect the proposed extension work on R section.</p> <p>c. The curator reported that the Haverigg inmates have helped him a lot and worked hard in the cemetery.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>MM</p> <p>SB</p>
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	<p><u>Cemetery house</u></p> <p>a. RESOLVED that GC loan the cemetery tenant a dehumidifier to help with the damp issue in the house and that the Council will pay £100 towards the cost of running it.</p> <p>b. Also RESOLVED that a letter is sent to the tenant stating that the Town Council is fully supportive of her and are trying their best to get the issue resolved as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Borderlands/Public Realm</u></p> <p>a. EW showed Councillors the colour chosen for the metal framework on the benches & informed them that the next Borderlands meeting will be held on Thursday at 5pm</p> <p><u>Egremont Castle</u></p> <p>a. A litter bin donated & sited by Copeland is a disgrace and looks awful especially when it is at the entrance to the Castle, Copeland has been requested to remove this bin as soon as possible and it was RESOLVED that Copeland replace it with a litter bin that belongs to the Town Council but is still in storage at Copeland's Moresby depot.</p> <p>b. It was confirmed that the renewal of the lengthsman scheme is not due until March 2024, DW will feed this information back to the committee.</p> <p>c. Also RESOLVED that DW request the castle committee to send the Town Council their minutes.</p>	<p>GC GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
157.22.23	<p>CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a. Notification received from Hobans informing the Council of the cancellation of the bus service from Seascale to Whitehaven via Egremont as from 29th March.</p> <p>b. Email from Alan Clements wishing to register his interest as Copeland Contracts manager for maintenance work in Egremont Castle, this was noted.</p>	
158.22.23	<p>TO CONSIDER & RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.</p>	
159.22.23	<p>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS</p> <p>RESOLVED to ratify the payments amounting to £17,627.22</p>	
160.22.23	<p>RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 15TH FEBRUARY 2023</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept, consider & approve the financial statement at 15th February 2023 amounting to £5,970.76</p>	
161.22.23	<p>TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT PEST CONTROL AGREEMENT</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the draft pest control agreement which will be sent to the pest controller for agreement. Also RESOLVED to accept the revised invoice from the pest controller & GP to send a cheque for this.</p>	
162.22.23	<p>TO DISCUSS SANDHOLES ALLOTMENT SITE</p> <p>Following a meeting by the allotment sub-committee, it was recommended & RESOLVED by full council that 12 months notice is given to Copeland to hand back the site to them. Also RESOLVED was to let the tenants know and work with them to set up a community working group so they can get used to managing the site prior to it going back to what will be Cumberland Council.</p>	<p>GP GP</p>



163.22.23	<p>TO CONSIDER A GRANT FOR EGREMONT YOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOLLOWING THE REPORT FROM T MCFADDEN</p> <p>Councillors were impressed with T McFadden & how she presented herself and as the youths were aiming to get more involved in community work, it was RESOLVED to grant them the remaining £500 & a photo shoot will be arranged for the presentation of the cheque.</p>	GP
164.22.23	<p>TO DISCUSS THE SITING AND USE OF THE FORMER BT PHONE BOX</p> <p>There was a short discussion but until the use of the phone box is established, the site cannot be agreed upon, RESOLVED that Councillors think of a fitting use and bring back to the March meeting.</p>	ALL
165.22.23	<p>TO DISCUSS THE UPDATE ON THE POST OFFICE SITUATION</p> <p>EW requested that this item is moved into private due to the confidentiality of the discussions.</p>	
166.22.23	<p>TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO THE MOOR ROW JUBILEE CLUB</p> <p>Moor Row requested a donation towards their Easter trip & meal to the Ennerdale brewery, it was RESOLVED to donate £100 and to request that if there were any spare seats, to contact the Council where perhaps they can be utilised by people who attended the hub.</p>	GP
167.22.23	<p>COUNCILLORS MATTERS</p> <p>SP reminded Councillors about the upcoming elections & to consider if they will be standing again for the Town Council.</p> <p>DW reported that someone had been looking for retail space in Egremont as they are wanting to invest in the town, he has informed him of suitable properties and hopefully something will come of it.</p> <p>NF reported that the last ever meeting of Copeland Borough Council will be held on 28th March, EW said that she will be attending in her capacity as a previous leader & she will be awarded the title of a honorary alderman.</p>	ALL
168.22.23	<p>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA</p> <p>Uses & siting for the BT phone box.</p>	
169.22.23	<p>RESOLVED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED the next meeting of Egremont Town Council will be held on Thursday 23rd March 2023.</p> <p>The meeting came to a close at 8.15pm</p>	

