

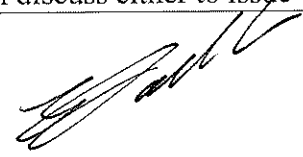
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

Present: Mrs E Woodburn (EW)	Chairperson
Mr Gareth Stringer (GS)	Vice-Chairperson
 Mr Chris Whiteside (CW)	 Mr Sam Pollen (SP)
Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL)	Mr Chris Colley (CC)
 Mr Graham Minshaw (GM)	 Cumberland Councillor
 Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP)	 Town Clerk
Mrs Nicola Cattanaach (NC)	Assistant Town Clerk

<b>009.26.27</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> RESOLVED to accept with reasons noted, apologies from Councillors Graham Calvin, David Wright, Robbie Tear &amp; Patrick McMahon. It was RESOLVED to ratify apologies for RT on 21<sup>st</sup> April as apologies were sent to the office before the meeting started, however staff did not receive them as they were in the hall preparing for the meeting.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b> NC  NC</p>
<b>010.26.27</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</b> RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest on the agenda.</p>	
<b>011.26.27</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> EW invited GM to give his report, which comprised of the following: Ward boundaries have changed affecting Moor Row and Bigrigg, St Bees, Sandwith and Egremont North. Thornhill will move into the Cleator Moor ward. The number 32 bus is again active from St Bees to Egremont with a new bus stop at the beach. The TRO official consultation will be on the Cumberland TRO website from 10.6.26. Although there is a bank holiday coming up, bin collection days will remain the same. EW mentioned the walker's statue at the entrance to Moor Row and asked if the Lengthsman could perhaps keep the area tidy. GP would speak to the Lengthsman  EW invited SP to give his Cumberland Councillor report: SP said on the subject of boundaries that Woodend would not be in the Egremont ward, although it is still part of the parish. SP agreed with GM on the positive impact the improvement to the local bus service would have on the community. SP has had meetings with enforcement, organising a street deep clean and has been dealing with resident housing issues. There is to be a place plan meeting on 20th May where Sellafield Ltd supply chain and stakeholders will look at the long term social impact programme.</p>	<p>GP</p>
<b>012.26.27</b>	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS</b> EW reminded Councillors that the Annual Town Meeting was due to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> May, however it was RESOLVED to move this to 2<sup>nd</sup> June as several Councillors were unable to attend the original date.</p>	

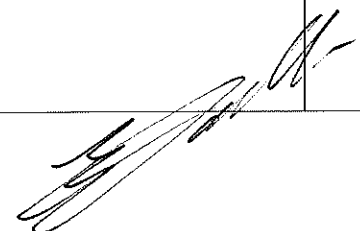


013.26.27	<p><b>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE &amp; SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.</p>
014.26.27	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>4/26/2122/0E1      Lawful development certificate to confirm that a material commencement has been made to planning permission 4/25/2124/0B1 – application under section 73 to vary conditions 2,3,5,6,7 &amp; 10 to reflect updated drainage &amp; highway information of planning application 4/22/2042/0F1 – use of land for siting of four glamping pods with small decking area, construction of parking comprising 4 spaces, footways &amp; associated drainage &amp; minor earthworks to regrade the land levels 5 Ellerbeck Barns, Egremont No objections</p> <p>4/26/2149/0F1      Proposed two storey extension to provide additional living accommodation 37 Kings Drive, Gulley Flatts, Egremont No objections as long as there is neighbourhood consultation</p>
015.26.27	<p><b>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN MEETINGS</b></p> <p>4/26/2094/0F1      Consultation on Amended Description and Additional/Amended Information: Planning Application Reference: 4/26/2094/0F1 Application to determine if prior approval is required for the installation of 1 fibre optic pole (9 metres in height) as part of the upgrade of the fibre optic infrastructure off the A5086 (resubmission of 4/25/2390/0F1). Woodend, Egremont No comments</p>
016.26.27	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL, WEBSITE, BOWLING GREEN, ALLOTMENT, CEMETERY, MARKET HALL, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, EG CASTLE, PUBLIC REALM/BORDERLANDS &amp; LENGTHSMAN SCHEME.</b></p> <p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b> Further to the Improvement Notice previously issued, a re-inspection of Cemetery House was conducted by Paul Cowings from Cumberland Council &amp; accompanied by Councillor Chris Whiteside. An up-to-date list of what has been carried out in the house to date and a request for further information was sent to Mr Cowings.</p> <p>Mr Cowings has recently responded to say that following a re-inspection, a report will not be issued, the re-inspection is to check what has or has not been done, in the case of cemetery house, Mr Cowings has said the majority of the work on the improvement notice has not been done and therefore they will discuss either to issue</p>



	<p>a variation of the notice or further enforcement works if necessary and a decision will be sent out later in the week. CW said it was still a concern that the brand new wooden front door had begun to crack. It was RESOLVED that CC would meet with the joiner at a date to be agreed to discuss this matter further.</p>	CC
	<p>Councillors discussed a proposal from Haverigg Prison to allow unsupervised inmates to work in the cemetery during the summer holidays. It was however RESOLVED that this was unacceptable but if at all possible, supervised visits would be very welcome as the work they carry out is a great help.</p>	GP
	<p>GP said that the abandoned food truck (sitting on bricks) and left in the Cemetery lay-by had been reported to the Enforcement Team at Cumberland Council, however they cannot get it moved as it is not attached to a licenced vehicle. SP agreed to chase this up with the Licensing department.</p>	SP
	<p><b><u>Egremont Castle</u></b>  The Lengthsman reported that another light near the flagpole at the castle has been vandalised so he will now fill this in with concrete.  There had also been some holes dug out by youths in the moat, the lengthsman has filled these back in.  EW said it was good news that the FoEC had secured lottery funding. CC said this was to buy some secure onsite storage for tools etc.</p> <p><b><u>Other Reports – Community Investment Grant</u></b>  The Town Council has submitted an application to Cumberland Council for funding towards purchasing two defibrillators, one to be installed in Egremont Cemetery grounds and one at Gulley Flatts.</p>	
017.26.27	<p><b>CONSIDER &amp; REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE</b>  CALC/ Cumberland Highways Update event will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.00pm via Teams.  Questions can be put to the Assistant Director for Highways</p> <p>Cumberland Council have been looking at the planters and beds in Egremont and Mares Tail was growing in three of the five planting beds.  An inspection is due to take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am, SP, EW &amp; GP will attend &amp; report back. Prior to this Thomas Armstrong Ltd will replace missing plants and weed the planters ready for the Town Council to take over responsibility.</p> <p>Egremont Bowling Club sent a letter to the Town Council, following a complaint about the club not being accessible to the public. Club members feel unhappy about remaining at the Bowling Club until 6pm but there is a sign stating that if people do want to play up to 6pm, they can ring the number stated. They have suggested that if the Town Council insist on the Club being open until 6pm, Councillors should hold a set of keys and take responsibility to remain themselves, it was therefore agreed to discuss this matter further with two of the Bowling Club representatives who have confirmed that they will be attending the town meeting.</p> <p>Electoral Review of Cumberland: Final Recommendations were sent out to all Councillors for their reference.</p>	SP.EW.GP

	<p>Former Town Councillor, Neil Ferguson has confirmed that he will continue to work with Egremont Youth Partnership and report back to the Town Council as a member of the public.</p> <p>He also requested that Town Councillors consider becoming trustees as the group are short, if Councillors cannot commit to attending often, it would still be appreciated if some Councillors could support the Partnership.</p>	
018.26.27	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT</b></p> <p>RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.</p>	
019.26.27	<p><b>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS</b></p> <p>RESOLVED to ratify the payments at 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 amounting to £6,119.16.</p>	
020.26.27	<p><b>TO RECEIVE &amp; APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026</b></p> <p>RESOLVED to accept, consider &amp; approve the financial statement at 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 amounting to £21,144.15.</p>	
021.26.27	<p><b>TO REVIEW &amp; APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION SHEET FOR 2025/26</b></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept &amp; approve the bank reconciliation sheet for 2025/26.</p>	
022.26.27	<p><b>TO REVIEW &amp; ACCEPT THE BI-ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT</b></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept &amp; approve the bi-annual Internal Auditors report.</p>	
023.26.27	<p><b>TO REVIEW &amp; ACCEPT THE INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE &amp; ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2025/26.</b></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the Internal Auditors report on the Annual Governance &amp; Accountability return (AGAR) 2025/26</p>	
024.26.27	<p><b>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE &amp; SIGN THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ON THE (AGAR) 2025/26.</b></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement on the (AGAR) 2025/26.</p>	
025.26.27	<p><b>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE &amp; SIGN THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENT ON THE (AGAR) 2025/26.</b></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statement on the (AGAR) 2025/26</p>	
026.26.27	<p><b>TO RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT SENT TO GROWING WELL</b></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to ratify the letter of support to Growing Well following a request from PM.</p>	
027.26.27	<p><b>EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE – EW</b></p> <p>EW said she had requested ideas from Councillors on points to factor into an Emergency Plan, she had received some but not from everyone but she would draft out a plan for Councillors to agree upon.</p>	EW



028.26.27	<p><b>TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A FINANCIAL DONATION FROM CITIZENS ADVICE COPELAND – SP</b></p> <p>SP said he had received correspondence from Citizens Advice Copeland with a request for a donation. EW said a donation could be given on the proviso that the organisation attends, for example, the hub in Egremont, once a month to support residents. Councillors agreed to a £250.00 donation with the condition in place.</p>	GP. NC
029.26.27	<p><b>COUNCILLORS MATTERS – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>EW spoke of the amount of cars filling the former Original Factory Shop car park and it appeared as though it was Sellafield workers parking early in the morning, getting a lift or the bus to work and leaving cars there all day.</p> <p>GS said on the other hand some elderly residents who live nearby would prefer the car park to be utilised as when it was empty some felt intimidated by youths who congregated there. SP said he would raise the matter with Highways.</p> <p>GM left the meeting at 6.55pm</p>	SP
030.26.27	<p><b>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA</b></p> <p>There were no items for inclusion</p>	
031.26.27	<p><b>RESOLVED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>RESOLVED the next Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council will be held on <u>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 5.30pm.</u></p> <p>The meeting was then brought to a close at 7.15 pm</p>	

