

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2023 AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

Present: Mr Sam Pollen (SP) Acting Chairperson

Also:

Mr Michael McVeigh (MM) Mr Chris Whiteside (CW)
Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL) Mr Gareth Stringer (GS)
Mr David Wright (DW) who arrived at 6.25pm

Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP) Town Clerk

	Before the meeting commenced, SP announced the sad news that former County Councillor David Southward has passed away. He served Egremont and Cumbria for many years and made many friends; out of respect SP announced a minute's silence which was observed by all.	
032.23.24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED to note that apologies were received with reasons noted from Elaine Woodburn, Graham Calvin and Cumberland Councillor Graham Minshaw.	GP
033.23.24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest	
034.23.24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Cumberland Councillor report SP informed Councillors that he has lots of residents' issues to deal with, the main ones being housing, antisocial behaviour, parking and potholes. He is however working with other agencies including Home Group and the police to help resolve these problems. SP reported that Egremont's dedicated police officer Gail Buchanan has recently returned from leave so hopefully she will be able to attend some future meetings. SP is meeting with Highways officer Matthew Reeves on 29 th June to discuss several issues including Sellafield parking concerns, if Councillors have any issues that they want him to raise, please email him direct. SP said that he & MM had visited the Growing Well Nursery project at Beck Green which is awaiting funding, the nursery when finished, will centre around mental health, education and wellbeing. SP will be attending a meeting shortly to discuss the re-opening of the warm hub from September. SP joined the Chairperson of the Town Council on the Main Street last week for a photo shoot alongside Westlakes Academy who were helping to plant up the new beds at the entrance to the Academy. Some of the new seats have been installed and are already making a huge difference. SP said that again he would like a special mention put in the minutes to acknowledge the hard work that EW has carried out to enable this scheme to come to fruition, she has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and without her dedication, this scheme would not have happened, this was RESOLVED. SP agreed that the Borderlands need to get moving again, GP confirmed that no response had been received from L Shaw to EW's letter regarding a new Chairperson and the re-allignment of members. Cumberland Council's first community panel will be held on 10 th July at 5.00pm in Cleator Moor (SP to confirm the place of the meeting) where it will discuss priorities such as regeneration. South Cumberland will encompass Egremont, Cleator Moor and	ALL SP



	<p>Millom and as Egremont is the only town within this group who has not received major regeneration funding, it is hoped that it will be given major consideration for funding & he invited Councillors to list down their priorities for Egremont and to let him know so he can take this forward. Suggestions already mentioned were a play park incorporating health & wellbeing and public toilets.</p> <p>MM and SP will continue with West Copeland Partnership as Chairman & Vice-Chairman.</p> <p>SP said that he hoped to have a dedicated officer from Cumberland Council before Christmas.</p>	ALL
035.23.24	<p>NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that this is deferred again until the July meeting.</p>	
036.23.24	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS</p> <p>In the absence of the Chairperson, no report was given.</p>	
037.23.24	<p>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the AGM meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 16th May.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 16th May.</p>	
038.23.24	<p>TO CONSIDER & REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>There were no planning applications to review</p>	
038.23.24	<p>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS.</p> <p>3/2140/0F1 Alterations to form ensuite bathroom with main house and reinstatement of cottage annex, including increased height of existing ground floor store, new window opening and proposed access ramp. Ghyll Farm, Egremont No objections</p> <p>3/2141/0F1 Listed building consent for alterations to form ensuite bathroom with main house and reinstatement of cottage annex, including increased height of existing ground floor store, new window opening and proposed access ramp Ghyll Farm, Egremont No objections</p> <p>3/2142/0F1 Installation of 1 No.GPS Node, to be located externally mounted off an upgraded antenna support pole, internal works, and ancillary development thereto St Marys and St Michaels, Church Street, Egremont No objections</p> <p>3/2143/0L1 Listed building consent for the installation of 1No.GPS Node, to be located externally mounted off an upgraded antenna support pole, internal works, and ancillary development thereto St Marys and St Michaels, Church Street, Egremont No objections</p>	



039.23.24	<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>Bowling Green</u> GP reported that following the installation of the new patio doors, the company had offered to pay the club an annual donation to place an advertising board within the green and one adjacent to the Bowling Green sign facing the A595. GP informed Councillors that there was a sign advertising another local business there already, Councillors felt that although this was a good form of income for the Bowling Club, they should have written to obtain permission from the Town Council before this was given the go ahead however following a discussion, it was RESOLVED that Councillors had no objections pending confirmation from the Highways that they had no objections. GP then read out a request from the Treasurer asking for funding towards first aid training, it was RESOLVED that as the Town Council has donated various amounts of funding to the Club over the years & the fact that they do help other organisations, on this occasion, they cannot assist. GP however would still try to help them source a cheaper first aid provider & funding opportunities to allow them to purchase a defibrillator.</p>	GP
	<p><u>Allotments</u> Following a positive meeting with Emanuel Flecken from Cumberland Council regarding Sandholes site being handed back to the Council, a meeting has been arranged for all Sandholes tenants on 4th July at 6pm in the Market Hall and it is hoped that as many Councillors as possible can attend. RESOLVED to ratify the decision to pay £80 to the Cumberland Council for the removal of a bin found to have burnt fowl in it, this was noted when GS was showing a potential tenant a vacant plot. JL asked if there was progress on the blocked drain at East Road. GP confirmed that GC was dealing with the matter but due to a family bereavement, he has not been contacted & therefore the matter is currently on hold.</p>	ALL
	<p><u>Cemetery</u> GP brought up an option to repaint the memorial wall & to create an added wall/troughs to provide extra space to allow people to place flowers instead of leaving them in containers on the ground, this was RESOLVED & Councillors entrusted the curator to carry out the work with the help of the Haverigg workers. GP said that the work to extend R section & replace some kerbing would commence on 26th June and following a pre-inspection of the work needed, other areas were found to be in need of new kerbing and tarmac which were identified as trip hazards. The cost to address this additional work would be £1,350 + vat, it was RESOLVED that as this work needs done, the contractor is to given the go ahead.</p>	GP
	<p><u>Market Hall</u> SP reported that the supper room looks great following the hard work of repainting it by the Haverigg workers. Following the work in the supper room, it highlighted the state of the carpet so a decision was made to get the carpet professionally cleaned at a cost of £250, RESOLVED to ratify this decision. It was suggested that the black and white photographs from the photo exhibition could be displayed around the room, this was RESOLVED.</p>	GP

	<p>GP then read out a recommendation from the caretaker S Bell to rename the supper room the “Margaret Woodburn suite”, SP seconded this proposal however JL asked that this was put on the agenda for the July meeting, this was RESOLVED.</p> <p><u>Christmas Lights</u> SP announced that there will be no outdoor event this year but a Christmas weekend fayre will be held instead, this will enable funds to be raised with the intention of having the outdoor event every two years.</p> <p><u>Borderlands/Public Realm</u> The bench that was purchased from funding raised by the Rugby League Club during covid, will be shortly be installed outside of the Methodist Church, GP said it would be nice to invite members of the Rugby League Club & Councillors to a short ceremony to dedicate the seat once it has been sited, this was RESOLVED. GP reported that there were two seats remaining from the public realm scheme, both are currently sited within the cemetery, GS said that the seat on the St Bees road needs inspected & was very overgrown, GP will ask the lengthsman to check this and if the seat is unfit for use, it was RESOLVED to site one of the remaining benches from the cemetery in its place.</p> <p><u>Lengthsman Scheme</u> A meeting will be held on 30th June. SP requested that GP ask the lengthsman to look at the path on Christy Bridge and the path adjacent to Jubilee Garage which were reported to him as needing attention.</p> <p><u>Egremont Castle</u> A request via MM was sent to Keith Nichol to ask if the Friends could clean up the sculptures in the Castle, this they agreed to do. It was suggested that Mr Nichol is invited to the July meeting to give Councillors an update on the Castle, this was RESOLVED. DW arrived at this point.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p>
<p>040.23.24</p>	<p>CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. An email has been received from Cumberland Council to confirm that the Town Council’s request to put in place 20mph speed zones outside of the primary schools in Egremont will be considered at their next traffic review order. b. Email from C Scott in his capacity as Chairman of the Crab Fair committee, thanking the Council for allowing free hall hire for their gurning event & following the departure of some members who were unwilling to work alongside others, the committee wish to change this & work alongside other groups/committees etc for the good of all, this was noted. c. Notification from West Copeland Site Stakeholders Group (WCSSG) regarding the creation of two new working Groups – Sellafield Group & Nuclear Wase Services Working Group. SP & MM are the Town Council representatives on these committees. d. SP read out a letter received from Mr Elliot (youth trainer at the Rugby League Club) & who are interested in purchasing Toll Bar field from the Town Council to allow them to provide a suitable training ground for the community. The Club has already approached Cumberland Council about the land at the entrance to the Pastures but were informed that it was designated for a 	

	<p>community garden, they had also approached Westlakes Academy. Councillors discussed the matter and suggested other areas to look into i.e. the land at the top of Orgill which was once used by the local football teams & which belongs to Cumberland Council, also the Falcon Club. RESOLVED that these areas are suggested to Mr Elliot to progress himself.</p> <p>With regards the Toll Bar field, GP reported that she had always been told that the land is undermined and probably unfit for use, DW reiterated this but asked that if the land could be made fit for use, could the Town Council utilise it, it was agreed that the Council could look to making it into burial ground & it should not be sold. It was therefore RESOLVED that the council look into obtaining quotes to survey this field and a letter is sent to Mr Elliot to inform him of such. It was also RESOLVED that a letter is sent to the academy to ask for their support in allowing the Rugby Club to use their training facilities as they believe that the academy is meant for community use.</p> <p>e. Thank you email from the Boxing Club for the refund of £262.21 following the re-painting of the supper room.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GP</p>
041.23.24	<p>TO CONSIDER & RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.</p>	
042.23.24	<p>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS RESOLVED to ratify the payments at 14th June 2023 amounting to £3,758.81</p>	
043.23.24	<p>RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 14TH JUNE 2023 RESOLVED to accept, consider & approve the financial statement at 14th June 2023 amounting to £25,289.92.</p>	
044.23.24	<p>TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF THE PHOTOCOPIER FOR THE OFFICE RESOLVED to approve the cost of £127.20 per quarter (plus the additional cost for the amount of copies made) on a 5 year lease for a new photocopier/scanner.</p>	
045.23.24	<p>TO CONSIDER ANY CANDIDATES, TO DATE FOR CO-OPTION ON TO EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL BEFORE THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING ON 18TH JULY 2023 Up to date, there has been no interest shown & the deadline date has passed.</p>	
046.23.24	<p>TO REVIEW & APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS RESOLVED to approve the Town Council's Standing Orders.</p>	
047.23.24	<p>TO REVIEW & APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS RESOLVED to approve the Town Council's Financial Regulations</p>	
048.23.24	<p>TO REVIEW & APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT RESOLVED to approve the Town Council's Code of Conduct</p>	
049.23.24	<p>TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR 2022/23 RESOLVED to approve the Risk Assessment for 2022/23</p>	



050.23.24	<p>TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE SELLAFIELD PARKING ISSUES Several responses have been received, some stating that they do not have any problems and others who would like to meet to try and resolve the issue jointly. RESOLVED that once all the responses have been received, a meeting will be arranged.</p>	GP
051.23.24	<p>COUNCILLORS MATTERS – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION a. SP said that he wants to push on with the cleaning up of Clintz quarry, RESOLVED GP to send SP the contact details of the Haverigg manager whose workers can maybe help.</p>	GP
052.23.24	<p>FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA Nominations for Vice-Chairperson Update from Friends of Egremont Castle To consider the re-naming of the supper room</p>	GP GP GP
053.23.24	<p>RESOLVED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING RESOLVED the date of the next meeting on Tuesday 18th July at 5.30pm. The meeting was then brought to a close at 7pm</p>	
054.23.24	<p>MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE EXCLUDING THE PRESS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC There were no matters to discuss in private.</p>	