

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2024 AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

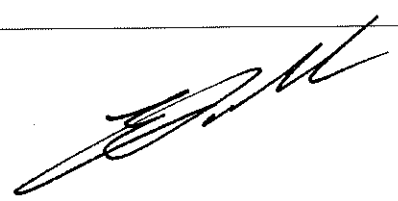
Present: Mrs Elaine Woodburn (EW) Chairperson
Mr Michael McVeigh (MM) Vice Chairperson

Also: Mr Graham Calvin (GC) Mr Sam Pollen (SP) who arrived at 6.30pm
Mr Gareth Stringer (GS) Mr Chris Whiteside (CW)
Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL) Mr David Wright (DW) who arrived at 6.05pm

Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP) Town Clerk
Mrs Nicola Cattanach (NC) Assistant Town Clerk
Mr Nelson Shepherd Cemetery Curator

Mr Graham Minshaw Cumberland Councillor
Two members of the general public

190.23.24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED to note that apologies were received from Sam Pollen to say he would be late.	NC
191.23.24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA GM declared an interest as he sits on the Cumberland Code of Conduct panel.	NC
192.23.24	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>GM began his report by discussing the Rusper Drive public footpath, he believed that legal standards had not been breached & therefore nothing would be done at present. GC asked GM to look at the path with him again as he believes the hedge encroaches the path more than 1.80m.</p> <p>GM mentioned the flooded field at the Moor Row social club & the option for the Highways department to have a camera to look at drainage, GC said that this was linked to the problem in the playing field and the previous Council had agreed to a solution; however, this has now been stopped. GM agreed to look into it.</p> <p>GM raised the ongoing issue of dog fouling in Moor Row and St Bees & said that he had involved enforcement.</p> <p>GM said following a Teams meeting with National Highways in March, to discuss the A595, he had had a follow up meeting. A further meeting with Councillors will be arranged once the Road Investment Strategy has been published (by the end of September).</p> <p>EW asked the office staff to request from the National Highways how they determine which junction warrants where improvements are needed as it is wrong to wait for a fatality to occur before something is done.</p> <p>GM said he had attended the new Family Hub situated in the former Barclays Bank in Whitehaven, he said it was impressive and the aim is to have a hub like this, funded by the UK government, in each major town. GM confirmed that although it was named the Whitehaven Hub, everyone was welcome, it was agreed that this needs to be impressed upon when advertising and GM agreed to request from the hub, data to show where the attendees were coming from.</p> <p>EW said that the NDA had match funded schemes in other towns and asked for GM & SP to push for Egremont as provision for young people is due in Egremont. GM said that the Sure Start scheme had a positive impact on young children until it ended in 2010 and it would be good to have something similar in place.</p>	GM. GC
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		GM. SP



It was requested that as the two members of the public had attended to listen specifically to the cemetery report, the matter would be brought forward, this was RESOLVED.

Cemetery report

Chairperson welcomed the public and gave an update regarding the temporary flooding in the cemetery & what had been agreed.

The Town Council have agreed to pay for a desktop study of the land to see if the grazing field & the Toll Bar field would be suitable as future burial ground.

One of the public members stated that a soakaway was needed.

A quote had arrived for drainage engineer reports at a cost of £390 + vat, it was RESOLVED to accept this quote.

Following a request to allow the public to use the toilet at the cemetery, it was RESOLVED that this request is denied as there is not the resources to allow it.

Councillors had inspected the dry-stone wall at the cemetery & felt that it was not at any immediate risk of falling so it was agreed to keep the temporary fencing in place until at least the desktop study had taken place.

The members of the public then left the meeting.

GP

193.23.24 CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

EW reported that the office staff had applied for a free portrait of King Charles III & this is now displayed in the Market Hall foyer.

194.23.24 TO CONSIDER, APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 21st March 2024

195.23.24 TO CONSIDER & REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4/24/24/2095/0F1 Proposed detached dwelling (5-bedroom house)
Plot 4, Clarack Drive, Moor Row
No objections

4/24/2102/0F1 Erection of double garage with pitched roof and green house
attached and erection of 2m fence
16 Main Street, Egremont
No objections

4/24/2116/0E1 Certificate of lawful development for the siting of a static
caravan for residential purposes in connection with the
agricultural use of the land
Smallholding, Dalzell Street, Moor Row
Town Councillors are concerned about the number of structures
on the site that appear to be contrary to planning permission and
that this may encourage more in the future. Councillors hope that
Cumberland Council carry out a full site visit to see how
unsightly the area is.

4/24/2112/0F1 Proposed three bedroomed detached dwelling (self-build)
Plot 6, Clarack Drive, Moor Row
No objections.

At the request of MM, NS was in attendance & as such, agenda item 14 was brought forward & discussed at this point but will be reported in private.



196.23.24	<p>TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL WEBSITE, BOWLING GREEN, ALLOTMENT, CEMETERY, MARKET HALL, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, EG CASTLE, PUBLIC REALM & BORDERLANDS, LENGTHSMAN SCHEME</p> <p><u>Bowling Club</u> The Bowling Club submitted two quotes for replacement emergency exit doors following the deterioration of the existing wooden ones.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contractor 1- To supply and fit emergency PVC exit French doors (no glass) £1,745.83 + vat 2. Contractor 2 - To supply and install 1 x fit PVC double doors (no glass) £2,080.00 + vat <p>GP said that she had asked the Bowling Club if they could contribute towards any costs, however they did not have any spare funds. A discussion took place & it was noted that although the second quote was slightly more, contractor 2 had fitted the previous windows & doors & it was a local firm which the Town Council try to support when possible, therefore RESOLVED to accept the quote for £2,080 + vat.</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> A request for a partner to become a joint tenant due to personal circumstances was considered & RESOLVED.</p> <p><u>Cemetery</u> The Curator is continuing to redecorate parts of Cemetery House before viewings by potential tenants and interviews taking place on week commencing 29th April 2024.</p> <p><u>Egremont Castle</u> The Friends of Egremont Castle Group have planted 2,250 bulbs along with the help of West Lakes Academy, St. Bridgets school and members of the public, this was noted.</p>	GP
197.23.24	<p>CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>GP said that Angel Advocates charity had sent in a request for a donation or to publicise their organisation. RESOLVED to publicise the charity and if the charity can show if their service has been used in the local area, a donation will be considered. GP read out a letter from National Highways to recommend a further meeting on A595 issues at the end of September, following the publication of the Road Investment Strategy. Cumbria Police are launching Operation Respect – Copeland Local Focus Hub on 31st July from 10.00am – 3.00pm, in the Growing Well building at Beck Green. Councillors and members of the public are encouraged to attend. GP informed Councillors that the Welcome to Egremont Notice Board is in storage at the Chapel but it could be better utilised in the Cemetery, RESOLVED to go ahead with this. SP arrived at this point & gave a brief Cumberland Council update: The Growing Well official opening day is on Friday 14th June. Cumberland Council have introduced a Public Space Protection Order on the Falcon path. SP confirmed that he and MM had attended the WCSSG meeting. He also said that he was pushing for Borderlands funding for opportunities in the area. EW confirmed that she and DW are the ETC Borderlands representatives.</p>	GP ALL GP SP. MM DW EW



198.23.24	TO CONSIDER & RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT	RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.	
199.23.24	TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS	RESOLVED to ratify the payments at 10 th April 2024 amounting to £7,451.44.	
200.23.24	TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 10TH APRIL 2024	RESOLVED to accept, consider & approve the financial statement at 10 th April 2024 amounting to £21,568.72.	
201.23.24	RECRUITMENT PROCESS TO FILL TWO TOWN COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – SP	SP repeated that the Council need to get the word out to advertise the vacancies on the Town Council which would hopefully attract some younger people with skills that will be useful to the Council. DW said that he had written his generic blog regarding the role of a Councillor & it had been put on the Town Council facebook page and website but he would look into creating a short slogan like “Your town needs you”, this was RESOLVED.	DW
202.23.24	SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE – JL, CW, DW	DW said he had been contacted on a Sunday afternoon by a resident to say that not all of the agendas and minutes of the Town Council meetings were on the website. EW said that it was her fault that the agendas had not been advertised & that she was behind with uploading the minutes but she is limited in what equipment she has to do the work. CW recommended a discussion about the website as there was some positive things on the site but things could be tweaked. EW said that uploading to facebook was much easier but acknowledged that some things needed to go on the website & she asked Councillors again to get involved by sending her full articles/features etc and not just a few lines that would make a good story, CW confirmed that he would help write some things. It was RESOLVED that EW would arrange a meeting with DW to discuss further.	CW EW DW
203.23.24	COUNCILLORS' MATTERS – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION	EW said that a caravan had been dumped at Smithfield Road, SP said he would look into this. JL said a caravan had been dumped in a private field so she will send the details to SP. EW asked GM that if any future hubs were to be considered, could he put forward Egremont as an ideal town for one. GS asked for an update on the flooding along the St Bees road as to date it was still closed off, GM said that the landowner had given his permission which will hopefully resolve the situation. SP reminded Councillors of the small pots of funding available from the Cumberland Local Partnership panels.	SP GM
204.23.24	APPROVE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL BE THE AGM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING	RESOLVED the date of the next meeting on Tuesday 21 st May at 5.30pm.	



205.23.24

APPROVE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RESOLVED the date of the Annual Town Meeting will be on Tuesday 28th May.
The meeting was then brought to a close at 7.30pm

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