

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 15TH APRIL AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

Present:

Mrs Elaine Woodburn (EW) Chairperson

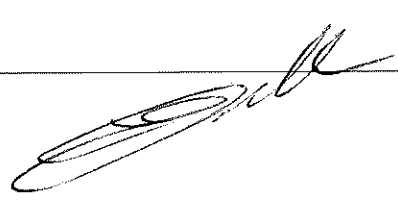
Also:

Mr Graham Calvin (GC) Mr Sam Pollen (SP)
Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL) Mr Robbie Tear (RT)
Mr Patrick McMahon (PM) Mr Chris Whiteside (CW)

Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP) Town Clerk
Mrs Nicola Cattnach (NC) Assistant Clerk

Mr Graham Minshaw (GM) Cumberland Councillor

170.24.25	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED to accept with reasons noted, apologies from Councillor Gareth Stringer and Councillor David Wright.</p>	ACTION
171.24.25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA RESOLVED to note that GC declared an interest in matters relating to Works 4 You Ltd.</p>	
172.24.25	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EW welcomed GM to the meeting and he reported on the following: Still some ongoing issues regarding customer parking at O'Halloran's at Bigrigg. It is the 1-year anniversary of the Whitehaven Family Hub, EW asked if GM could find out how many families were attending from Egremont parish. GM added that a mobile service will be launched to cover areas where there is a need for the facility. The Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel is to next meet on 17th June at the Beacon where representatives from Fibrus will attend. CW asked GM if he could highlight the concerns of speed changes in Moor Row to the Highways department. EW asked GM if residents had any concerns over the proposed battery power site in Moor Row, he said that he had not heard any negative comments. JL asked if the 30mph sign turning to Woodend from the A595 could be moved back as it is situated on the corner and is difficult to see. GM said he will raise it at the Highways meeting in a week's time. EW then invited SP to give his Cumberland Councillor report: It is 2 years since Cumberland Council took over the County and there has been challenges but things are moving forward. SP said he is continuing to promote clean streets and potholes and these issues are easy to report online to Cumberland Council. The hubs in Egremont are doing well working with old and new residents. SP is working to secure funding to tackle dilapidated areas in the town. SP and PM are members of the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing group and look forward to the first meeting at the end of April. SP said it would be beneficial to have a PCSO to come to a Town Council meeting perhaps once a quarter. SP said that the Aldi store will go ahead although there are still concerns regarding access and egress.</p>	GM



SP had chaired a closed meeting via Teams, in EW's absence, with the body representing Belltown Power to outline proposals of the Solar Farm prior to the Public Consultation which was held on 3rd April. He said the public event was well attended and the depth of feeling from the public against the solar farm was very strong and he said there would be more public engagement to follow.

173.24.25 CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

EW announced that the AGM is to be held on Tuesday 20th May and a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be elected. Sub-committees will also be confirmed.

EW said for the upcoming elections for the South ward on the Town Council, the two usual polling stations for this ward will be used - The Meeting Place & The Masonic Hall, the hours being 7am – 10pm.

EW read out a support letter sent to Calderwood to assist them in applying for funds. EW confirmed that she had sent a collective response for the Mayoral Devolution Consultation (as agreed by full council).

The Chairperson spoke of her disappointment that in one of candidate's flyers for the upcoming Town Council election, she had been singled out for using her casting vote to decide against polling cards being sent out. She said this information could only have come from within the Town Council as the minutes had not yet been approved from the last meeting. EW felt aggrieved as there were two other Councillors who also voted for no polling cards & as the vote was tied, she (as Chairperson voted in by fellow Town Councillors) had the right to use her casting vote & although some Councillors did not agree, this was a democratic decision & it is expected that Councillors accept this as such.

One of Councillors admitted that it was him that had reported the matter on his blog, EW reminded Councillors that this Town Council was not political and never has been, it operates for the benefit of the community & she asked that all Councillors remember this.

174.24.25 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 18th March 2025.

175.24.25 TO CONSIDER & REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4/25/2088/0F1 Proposed domestic garage/store/workshop
Rose Lodge, Springfield Farm, Bigrigg

Comments: No objections

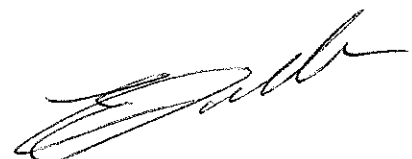
4/25/2092/0F1 Proposed garden room extension to the house &
games room/gym extension to the garage
15 Larch Court, Moor Row

Comments: No objections

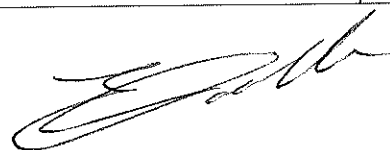
4/25/2106/0F1 Installation of double driveway (retrospective)
Ty Oen, Hagget End, Egremont

Comments: No objections, however Councillors feel it should be pointed out that advice is free and should always be sought prior to any work to check if planning permission is required

	<p>4/25/2120/0F1 Hybrid planning application for the redevelopment of Scalegill Hall Farm including full planning permission for the demolition of redundant farm buildings, the refurbishment of Scalegill Hall, conversion of a barn to two dwellings and outline planning permission for residential development with all matters reserved except access Scalegill Hall Farm, Scalegill Road, Moor Row Comments: No objections; Councillors welcome this refurbishment</p> <p>4/25/2121/0L1 Listed Building consent for Hybrid planning application for the redevelopment of Scalegill Hall Farm including full planning permission for the demolition of redundant farm buildings, the refurbishment of Scalegill Hall, conversion of a barn to two dwellings and outline planning permission for residential development with all matters reserved except access Scalegill Hall Farm, Scalegill Road, Moor Row Comments: No objections; Councillors welcome this refurbishment</p> <p>4/25/2124/0B1 Application under section 73 to vary conditions 2,3,5,6,7 & 10 to reflect updated drainage & 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 & associated drainage & minor earthworks to regrade the land levels 5 Ellerbeck Barns, Egremont Comments: No objections</p>	
176.24.25	<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>Cemetery</u> GC visited Cemetery House to look at a fan in the ceiling upstairs which is causing cold air to blow down the stairs. He said there are a number of options to rectify the issue but it was RESOLVED that he meets with the roofing contractor we have used before to discuss options and report back.</p> <p><u>Castle</u> PM said there has been vandalism/antisocial behaviour in and around the castle & the bench by the former Castle Mount care home had also been vandalised. EW said the Town Council need to work together with the Friends of Egremont Castle and the police. SP said he is aware of mud bombs being thrown so RESOLVED that SP contact the police to pursue some police presence. PM asked about the possibility of CCTV being installed, this would need further discussions before a decision could be taken.</p> <p><u>Borderlands/Public Realm</u> Regarding the public realm beds, a letter had been sent to the Cumberland Council Director of Thriving Places highlighting the state of these planters & seeking a way forward. A walkabout with Cumberland Council officer, Thomas Armstrong</p>	



	<p>representative & Groundwork is planned for 23.04.25 after which EW will report back.</p> <p><u>Lengthsman Scheme</u> EW said that she had attended a meeting with the Clerk, PM, Works 4 You and Jane Donaldson (Clerk of St Bees Parish Council) to discuss the Lengthsman scheme. JD said that there was money remaining in the former West Copeland Partnership fund & she was still awaiting Cumberland Council's response with regards to it being transferred to the lengthsman scheme so she could close the account. Both SP & GM agreed to chase this up with Cumberland Council so things can move forward. RESOLVED to accept the quote of £8,672.76 for Egremont Town Council's subscription to the lengthsman parish scheme for 2025/26.</p>	SP, GM
177.24.25	<p>CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE A response had been received from Cumberland planning officer regarding 27 Market Place, stating that the matter will now be investigated as the initial planning application was for a conference/community facility and selling alcohol was not mentioned. Regarding the grasscutting costs for Egremont Cemetery, it was RESOLVED that the costs are emailed out to Councillors with instructions to reply by the end of the week so a decision can be made. Following a resident's request for a dog bin near the Marlborough junction, SP said that he had been contacted about the same thing, it was therefore RESOLVED that SP would meet the resident & enquire about costings from Cumberland Council. All Councillors had been emailed the solar presentation slides by Belltown Power. Northwest Recycling has increased the cost of their skips to £460 +VAT and the cost per skip was previously £378.51 + VAT. RESOLVED to accept this cost GP informed Councillors that there will be an increase in the cost of skip hire for Egremont Cemetery. Letter from JT Energy re: proposed battery energy storage system at Woodend between Bigrigg and Cleator. RESOLVED to respond that the Town Council have no objections to this. GM left the meeting at 6.40pm</p>	SP
178.24.25	<p>TO CONSIDER & RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.</p>	
179.24.25	<p>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS RESOLVED to ratify the payments at 9th April amounting to £5,142.17</p>	
180.24.25	<p>TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 9TH APRIL 2025 RESOLVED to accept, consider & approve the financial statement at 9th April 2025 amounting to £19,769.79</p>	
181.24.25	<p>TO AGREE A COLLECTIVE RESPONSE ON STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED RAISED SPEED TABLE ON SCALEGILL ROAD, MOOR ROW Statutory consultation has now begun on the proposed raised speed table on Scalegill Road, Moor Row in conjunction with the new housing development. It was RESOLVED that Councillors support this.</p>	



182.24.25	<p>TO RATIFY THE DONATION PAYMENT OF £100 TO EGREMONT RLFC UNDER 12s/14s & 16s GIRLS' TEAMS This was RESOLVED</p>	
183.24.25	<p>TO REVIEW THE CURRENT CODE OF CONDUCT RESOLVED to re- adopt the Code of Conduct Policy, this was duly signed by the Chairperson</p>	
184.24.25	<p>TO AGREE A DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (SUGGESTED DATE IS TUESDAY 27TH MAY 2025) RESOLVED to hold the Annual Town meeting on Tuesday 27th May at 5.30pm.</p>	
185.24.25	<p>COUNCILLORS MATTERS – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION JL announced that she may be absent for the next few meetings depending on hospital appointments. GC said he had received some complaints from Moor Row residents regarding a multi occupancy property. GC said he had looked into this and was able to allay their concerns. PM enquired about funding towards the VE Day commemorations in Egremont Castle, EW said she would look into some outside funding on the Friends of Egremont Castle's behalf. A cemetery chapels meeting needs to be arranged between the chapels committee to move things on. The Nigel Kay housing development at Moor Row will be named The Pastures. GP had enquired about funding from the Community Panel fund & was advised that this was possible and to list down equipment required. GP said that advice would be needed regarding what would be needed. EW said that if we can get a grant we should purchase the best audio/visual equipment possible.</p>	<p>EW EW</p>
186.24.25	<p>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA No items were brought up at the meeting.</p>	
187.24.25	<p>RESOLVED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING RESOLVED the next meeting of Egremont Town Council will be held on Tuesday 20th May 2025. The meeting was brought to a close at 7.30pm</p>	

