

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2022 AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

Present:

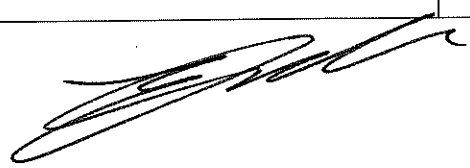
Ms Elaine Woodburn (EW)                      Chairperson  
Mr Stephen Bell (SB)                              Vice Chairperson

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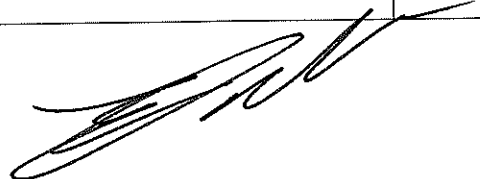
Mr Sam Pollen (SP)                              Mr David Wright (DW) who arrived at 6.15pm  
Mr Neil Ferguson (NF)                           Mr Gareth Stringer (GS)  
Mr Michael McVeigh (MM)                      Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL)  
Mr Tom Higgins (TH)

Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP)                  Town Clerk  
Mrs Cheryl O'pray (CO)                          Assistant Clerk  
Mr Chris Whiteside (CW)                          Cumbria County Councillor who arrived at 5.36 pm  
Mr David Southward (DS)                          Cumbria County Councillor  
Sandra Clements (SC)                              Manager at Egremont Foodbank  
Jo Sutcliffe (JS)    Projects Manager at North Lakes Foodbank

28.22.23	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> RESOLVED to accept apologies (with reasons noted) from G Calvin and D Wright who would be arriving late.</p>	CO
29.22.23	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</b> RESOLVED to note the following declarations of interest: TH &amp; MM declared an interest in all planning applications. SP, EW, GS &amp; GP declared an interest in the Egremont Amenity Committee presentation.</p>	
30.22.23	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> Chairperson welcomed JS &amp; SC to the meeting who then proceeded to give Councillors an update on plans for the foodbank, JS stated that they were not looking for donations but were trying to raise the profile of the foodbank to get more people to use it &amp; they had been in touch with CAB to try &amp; get one person to attend once a week too. Medical practitioners had also asked to attend once a week &amp; the overall aim is to create a welcome hub for people to call in, transport however is an issue and attendance has dropped since the bus service stopped to &amp; from Cleator Moor. EW said that the Town Council could promote the foodbank on their Facebook and website page if they submitted the details. EW then thanked both for their time &amp; they duly left the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairperson then welcomed DS who reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Local Government Re-organisation is ongoing.</li> <li>2. The Borderlands deal for Egremont is still ongoing, the first round of discussions with the community group are over &amp; the projects, based to boost the economy of the town, are being considered by officers before they are presented to the Borderlands board.</li> </ol> <p>Chairperson then welcomed CW to the meeting who reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concurred with DS regarding the Local Government reorganisation with officers focused on building the new authorities.</li> <li>2. Continuing to meet with National Highways via the A595 liaison group &amp; with regards the round 2 bid for the £4.8 million fund to improve roads, it will include two roads in Copeland.</li> </ol>	EW



	<p>3. A press release is expected with the timetable for the work on Moresby embankment to be carried out, this will involve extending the two lanes leading to the roundabout to Whitehaven which will make it much safer.</p> <p>DW arrived at this point.</p> <p>4. Trying to set up some form of consultation re: the traffic calming at Moor Row</p> <p>5. The next Borderlands meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>6. Letters will be going out shortly about the consultation on the Traffic regulation order, RESOLVED that Egremont Town Council will send a letter of support for the areas they submitted.</p> <p>EW then thanked both DS &amp; CW for attending &amp; they duly left the meeting.</p> <p>EW then spoke on behalf of the Amenity committee &amp; stated that the Main Street tree lights had come to the end of their working life &amp; needed replaced. Quotes for new lights were obtained for £100,000 over 5 years but the committee had negotiated a better price of £72,000 over 5 years.</p> <p>This would include new lights for all the trees along Main Street also the motifs &amp; lights for the four large Christmas trees.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that the lights were a major part of the Christmas event &amp; they bring a lot of people into the town.</p> <p>Councillors were therefore asked to retain the responsibility of the lights again, TH proposed to accept this quote &amp; JL seconded, it was then RESOLVED by all to extend their original pledge of 3 years at £15,000 to 5 years at £15,000 per year.</p>	GP
31.22.23	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS</b></p> <p>Chairperson thanked all the staff who had organised Jubilee tea dance and the Councillors who attended, it was a fantastic event enjoyed by all.</p> <p>EW also thanked those Councillors who attended the unveiling of the plaque at the Bowling Green, it was a lovely day &amp; well attended.</p> <p>EW then thanked GC for weeding &amp; tidying up the Moor Row memorial, GC said he would speak to the lengthsman too to organise some tarmac to be placed around the memorial where needed.</p> <p>EW expressed her disappointment that the Copeland bed at the entrance to Egremont was still in place despite several requests to have it removed as it is spoiling the entrance into town &amp; the jubilee bed adjacent to it. RESOLVED that Copeland is contacted yet again to ask that it is removed forthwith.</p> <p>Copeland had confirmed that the Cumbria Catering building was Copeland's building and that it will be made safe and at the appropriate state, Egremont Town Council will be informed of what Copeland's intention is for this building.</p> <p>EW confirmed that a report regarding Remembrance Sunday had been emailed out to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p>	GP
32.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE &amp; SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></p> <p>RESOLVED to approve &amp; sign the minutes of the AGM meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve &amp; sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</p>	
33.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>4/22/2215/0F1      Creation of two vehicular accesses to Whangs Beck flood storage area for maintenance purposes</p> <p>Upper and Lower Whangs Beck Storage Area, Whangs Beck Section Farms, Egremont</p>	



		No objections, however Councillors would like an assurance that the proposed removal of the street furniture is reinstated when the work is complete.	
	4/22/2230/0F1	Proposed drop kerb to allow vehicular access 10 Howbank Road, Smithfield, Egremont. No objections	
	4/22/2257/0F1	Change of use from guest house to dwelling (retrospective) Jasmine House, Moor Row Councillors are concerned that this application is for retrospective permission; however, they have no objections as long as Copeland Borough Council's planning rules have been adhered to and you are satisfied with the work that is carried out.	
	4/22/2064/0F1	Consultation on additional & amended information Replacement of existing jet washes & erection of new jet wash bays Bridge End Garage, Bridgend, Egremont No objections	
	4/22/237/0O1	Outline planning application including access for up to 30 No. self-build dwellings Land at Summer Grove Park, Whitehaven Reserved to delegate DW to draft a response to include Section 106	
<b>34.22.23</b>	<b>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS</b> The following plans were ratified:		
	4/22/2206/0L1	Listed building consent for replacement of aluminium windows on front elevation with timber sliding sash windows; replace existing aluminium front door with timber door; replace existing aluminium windows (excluding the stain glass window to rear elevation) to rear & side with UPVC windows; replace existing UPVC rain water goods with cast iron throughout & cast iron gutters & down pipes; replace existing cement/stone dash render to sides & rear elevation with like for like. Ghyll Farm, Egremont No objections	
<b>35.22.23</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL, CEMETERY, BOWLING GREEN, MARKET HALL, WEBSITE, ALLOTMENTS, DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, HEALTH &amp; SAFETY, CUMBRIA IN BLOOM, PUBLIC REALM &amp; WC PARTNERSHIP</b> <u>Website</u> EW stated that a new domain name was needed and would look into this.  <u>Allotments</u> The matter re: the trees at East Road has been deferred to the allotment committee to make a decision.		EW  GS.GC. SB.MM. NF

Cemetery

SP called in to see the new tenant at cemetery house who was very happy, he also looked around the cemetery & said it was looking great.

Public Realm/Borderlands

EW reported there was a list from Groundworks with a proposed time table for signing off the design proposals by mid-December, also a report from Copeland asking if the Town Council was delivering the scheme or Copeland (as they have done for other parishes), this was for a future discussion.

EW, DW, MM & SB had a meeting with Jenny Brumby who reported that there may be a slight underspend in the fund, EW said that at the request of Friends of Egremont Castle), quotes had been obtained to put lights in some of the trees in the Castle but they were deemed very expensive & any underspend would not cover such costs. There was mention of lights in the Bigrigg trees however which could be suggested. J Brumby had also informed those in attendance that she was leaving Copeland & as such, wanted to get the project finished.

EW reported that the following was being stored & will be included within the public realm scheme for the most suitable site to place them - a 4 seater disabled picnic bench, a 4 seater picnic bench and 2 x 2 seater benches. Also still awaiting a litter picking kit & we have confirmed where we would like the new notice board sited.

Regarding the Borderlands, further information should be forthcoming following the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Egremont Castle

Minutes from the Friends of Egremont Castle meeting reported that a M/s R Wilson will be involved in future meetings. Charles Baker to investigate the clearing of the mound in the castle, he was meeting with a contractor so awaiting an update. The flower bed at the entrance has been planted and is looking really good with the addition of a willow crown, EW, SB & DW attended the photoshoot & the surplus plants have been planted by the lengthsman which has enhanced another bed & enabled him to create another.

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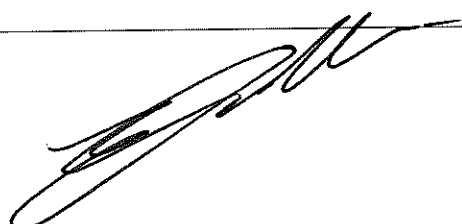
**CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Hobans sent a notice reducing their bus service from the 6<sup>th</sup> June from Monday – Thursday to Monday & Wednesday only for the Seascale, Egremont, St Bees to Whitehaven route. Councillors were disappointed & again questioned why the Sellafield buses could not be utilised for public use. RESOLVED SP & NF arrange a meeting to discuss the possibility.
2. Following a request to site a memorial bench in Egremont, RESOLVED to suggest Egremont Castle
3. Request from Department of Works & Pensions for information on an allotment tenant was noted.
4. Copeland confirmed that the agreed name for the proposed development on the old Castle Cinema site will be “Castle Keep” as suggested by the developer.
5. Invitation from Copeland for interested Councillors to take part in the hearings for the Public Draft Consultation regarding Gypsy & Traveller accommodation. DW asked for all the information to be forwarded to his email before he made a decision.
6. The Chief Executive of Copeland has granted a lease to Lowes Court Art gallery for a period of 30 years for the purpose of “meetings and exhibitions

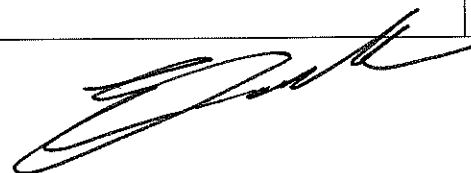
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	<p>of art work on a charitable or non-profit making basis”, Councillors were happy to hear about this.</p> <p>7. The Egremont Town Council contribution for the Lengthsman scheme for 2022/23 was £7,000, this was accepted &amp; RESOLVED to be paid.</p> <p>8. The National Park Authority is looking for hidden gems and is inviting residents &amp; visitors to highlight buildings, sites &amp; features that make the Lake District special, they are making a list &amp; all nominations will be considered by a panel, Councillors mentioned Egremont Castle &amp; the War Memorial.</p> <p>9. SP requested the map of Egremont conservation area to determine the owner of the walkway between the Veteran’s Club &amp; the old taxi office. DW had checked on the land registry but no owner is listed although there is a clause in place which affects potential people who have an interest in the land. RESOLVED that an email is sent to Leconfield Estates to see if they own the land</p> <p>10. Letter from Trudy Harrison about the Community Ownership Fund where you can apply for funds to protect buildings/venues which could be lost – EW stated as a Council it could not apply, however individual groups could.</p> <p>11. Letter regarding reduced podiatry services in North Cumbria – waiting for a response to confirm if Copeland is affected.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP</p>
37.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk’s report.</p>	
38.22.23	<p><b>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS</b> RESOLVED to ratify the payments amounting to £4,965.22</p>	
39.22.23	<p><b>RECEIVE &amp; APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022.</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider &amp; approve the financial statement at 15<sup>th</sup> June amounting to £17,887.74</p>	
40.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; APPROVE THE ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2021/22</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider &amp; approve the Annual Audit Report for 2021/22.</p>	
41.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2021/22</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider &amp; approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22.</p>	
42.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT FOR 2021/22</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider &amp; approve the Annual Accounting Statement for 2021/22.</p>	
43.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ANY NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO SIT ON THE COPELAND DISTRICT OF CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS</b> No nominations were forthcoming.</p>	
44.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER THE REPORT GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOODBANK &amp; DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED IF NECESSARY – SP</b> JL said it would be a nice idea to deliver food to people’s doors however it was stated that they wanted to get people into the Foodbank.</p>	



45.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATE ON THE TOWN HALL CLOCK – EW</b> EW reported that there was no feedback as yet.</p>	
46.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC TOILETS – SP</b> RESOLVED that this remains as an agenda item</p>	
47.22.23	<p><b>COUNCILLORS’ MATTERS - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a MM is still dealing with the ongoing issue of fly tipping at the old Castle Mount care home – Copeland have been informed &amp; they have issued the owner with a 21-day notice (on 13<sup>th</sup> May) to clear it, this has now elapsed. Latest report from Copeland states that the owner has been in contact &amp; will arrange for the removal of the fridges asap and will secure the site. MM</li> <li>b The noise problem at Bridgend from the nearby gym is still ongoing, Egremont Copeland Councillors are involved with this</li> <li>c MM is looking into the issue of the old County Council yard on Baybarrow Road where apparently work commences at 6am including crushing stone waste – this has been passed onto Copeland’s environment department MM</li> <li>d Office liaising with Castle &amp; Coasts to get the area at back of the bungalow at Castle View cut back, the last time that it was cut, the housing association was Two Castles but the contact will try &amp; get it addressed as soon as possible as the area is so overgrown, there is shrubs growing in the river itself. As a note, our lengthsman will be addressing this side of the river shortly. GP</li> <li>e Complaint about the Bigrigg to Gutterby path which is very overgrown, it is a County Council right of way path but they now only cut these paths once a year – either the beginning, the end or the middle of the season!!</li> <li>f Physio First has granted permission to place a defibrillator on the Town Hall building – will need to check if listed building consent is required. GP</li> <li>g SP is still trying to organise a clean up of Clintz Quarry but needs volunteers, TH said he would ask lad at the Rugby Union Club to help. SP.TH</li> <li>h DW was in the process of chasing up the herras style fencing for the cemetery &amp; he is also still investigating the possibility of solar panels for the Market Hall. DW</li> <li>i MM had been speaking to Sergeant McDonald about issues in Egremont</li> </ul>	
48.22.23	<p><b>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public toilets - SP</li> <li>2. Clean up of Clintz Quarry - SP</li> <li>3. Report on the Flood Defence work - SP.</li> </ol>	
49.22.23	<p><b>RESOLVED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b> RESOLVED the next meeting of Egremont Town Council will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 5.30pm in the Main Hall of Egremont Market Hall.</p> <p>The meeting then moved into private.</p>	

