

Cockermouth Town Council



13 January 2021

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council to be held virtually using Microsoft teams on **Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 7.00 pm** for the purpose of the under-mentioned business.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

All welcome.

Yours sincerely

Sheila Brown

1. Apologies for absence

2. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 December 2020 (pages 1-4)

3. Declaration of Interest – Members to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registrable interest or any other interest and the nature of that interest in relation to any item on the agenda in accordance with the code of conduct.

4. Mayors Announcements – The Mayor will announce the events she has attended since the last meeting.

5. Public Participation

- a) To answer any questions from members of the public in accordance with the Summary of Public Rights
- b) To receive a petition from a member of the public in accordance with the Summary of Public Rights

6. Planning Matters

- a) To make recommendations upon various planning applications (**page 5**)
- b) To make recommendations upon an application for tree works, 11, The Parklands (**pages 6-12**)

7. Financial Matters

- a) To agree the attached schedule of payments (**page 13**)
- b) To set the budget/precept for 2021/22 (**pages 14-28**)

8. Correspondence

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Joint Winners
Council of Europe Year 2000
Europe Prize
Previous Awards
Plaque of Honour, Flag of Honour
European Diploma

- a) Calc Newsletter (**pages 29-34**)
- b) To consider the contents of an email from an elector regarding the one way system on Station Street (**page 35**)

9. Clerks Report (pages 36-37)

10. Update from Climate Emergency Sub Committee (pages 38-44)

- 11. CEE Bill** – To consider supporting the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill (**pages 45-62**)

Press and Public Welcome

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held virtually on Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
Councillor S Barnes
Councillor I Burns
Councillor A Kennon
Councillor D Malloy
Councillor S Nicholson
Councillor A Semple
Councillor A Smith
Councillor C Smith
Councillor A Tyson
Councillor R Watson

Apologies: Councillor G Bennion

99 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 November 2020.

100 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 3 December 2020.

101 Declaration of Interest

Councillors A Smith & A Tyson declared an interest in item 7 due to being members of the Development Panel.

Councillor Semple declared an interest in item 7 due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

Councillor A Smith declared an interest in item 11 due to being a member of the Chamber of Trade.

Councillor A Semple declared an interest in item 9a due to being a member of the Civic Trust.

102 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had attended the following functions since the last meeting:-

- Grand Window Judging

103 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

104 Planning Applications

These amended plans were circulated prior to the meeting due to time constraints

FUL/2020/0182 (as amended)

Flats at Wyndham Row

Recommended – approval

These plans were considered at our meeting:-

HOU/2020/0195

Installation of 3 no. velux windows to rear elevation and dormer conversion above existing garage

Tweedways, Tweedmill Lane

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2020/0196

Side Extension

35, Marvejols Park

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2020/0177

Replacement of windows

10, Fern Bank

Recommended - Approval

HOU/2020/0201

First floor extension above garage

49 Brigham Road

Recommended – Approval

LBC/2020/0046

LBC to replace existing kitchen window with larger size to fit original opening

Long House, Simonscale Lane

Recommended -Approval

105 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £2616.95 be formally approved for payment.

106 Financial Budget Comparison

Resolved – That the financial budget comparison 1st April 20 – 30th November 20 be noted.

107 Financial Assistance

Those present considered a request from the Mechanics Band for financial assistance due to covid-19.

Resolved – That a donation of £250 be given towards running costs.

108 Highfield Residents Association

Resolved – That a donation of £100 be given towards the provision of free lunches over the Christmas period to the children of those families who have been furloughed or on low wages.

109 800th Anniversary of the Market Charter

2021 represents the 800th anniversary of the granting of the market charter to Cockermouth.

The Civic Trust would like to celebrate the anniversary with a season of activities on the Cockermouth 800 theme rather than one big event.

Resolved – That Deputy Mayor Alan Smith be nominated onto any organisational group formed to commemorate the anniversary.

110 Clerk's Report

Resolved - (a) That the content of the report be noted.

(b) That Carols round the Tree be cancelled this year due to covid 19.

111 Chamber of Trade

Further to Minute number 93, those present discussed whether or not to contribute £750 to Cockermouth Chamber of Trade towards the cost of a new administrative and marketing assistant to assist with their work.

Resolved – (a) That up to £750 be given to Cockermouth Chamber of Trade towards the cost of this new post.

(b) That up to £750 be included in our precept for 2020/21.

112 Flood Defence Barriers

Further to Minute number 88c, those present discussed a request from the residents of Bridge Street Close to house 2 portable defence barriers in the library backyard.

Resolved - (a) That Councillor Malloy speaks to Mr Morrell regarding housing the equipment in a metal box and placing it beside the bridge. This option would require the consent of Metalcraft to make the metal box and Cumbria County Council to site the box by the bridge.

(b) That should option (a) prove unviable, both barriers be placed into one box and one box be placed at the rear of the library. A list of key holders must be given to the Town Clerk. Bridge Street Residents Association to be informed that they must insure the equipment and that the Cockermouth Town Council accepts no responsibility for the contents.

113 Footpath Greyrigg Avenue Play Area

Resolved – That £1800 be included in next year's precept to facilitate repairing The footpath.

The meeting ended at 7.46pm

These planning applications were circulated prior to our meeting due to time constraints:

HOU/2020/0203

Proposed second storey extension above existing garage. Alterations to driveway and single storey rear extension

7 Gable Avenue

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2020/0518

Addition of a glazed screen to the gable, addition of an oak frame porch, increase width of parking area, refurbishment of existing balcony and flat roof with addition of bridge to higher land behind house and double doors on the flat roof extension increased in line with the glazed side panels

Double Mills House

Recommended - Approval

FUL/2020/0512

Proposed continued use of upper area as additional parking for Mitchells Auction Company

Lakeland Agricultural Centre

Recommended – Approval.

The following planning applications were discussed at our meeting-

HOU/2021/0002

Re-submission of application HOU/2020/0147 for proposed single rear extension and terrace, two storey side extension and replacement garage

47 Castlegate Drive

Recommended -

Planning Department
Allerdale Borough Council
Allerdale House
Workington
CA14 3YJ

0303 131702

Allerdale Borough
Council

17 DEC 2020

RECEIVED



Application for tree works: works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO)
and/or notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

You can complete and submit this form electronically via the Planning Portal by visiting www.planningportal.gov.uk/apply

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Please complete using block capitals and black ink.

You must use this form if you are applying for work to trees protected by a tree preservation order (TPO). (You may also use it to give notice of works to trees in a conservation area).

It is important that you read the accompanying guidance notes before filling in the form. Without the correct information, your application / notice cannot proceed.

1. Applicant Name and Address	2. Agent Name and Address
Title: <input type="text" value="MRS"/> First name: <input type="text" value="Jill"/>	Title: <input type="text" value="MR"/> First name: <input type="text" value="DALE"/>
Last name: <input type="text" value="Shaw"/>	Last name: <input type="text" value="MOORE"/>
Company (optional): <input type="text"/>	Company (optional): <input type="text" value="WALL & TREE COCKERMOUTH"/>
Unit: <input type="text"/> House number: <input type="text" value="11"/> House suffix: <input type="text"/>	Unit: <input type="text"/> House number: <input type="text" value="27"/> House suffix: <input type="text"/>
House name: <input type="text"/>	House name: <input type="text"/>
Address 1: <input type="text" value="THE PARKLANDS"/>	Address 1: <input type="text" value="SUNSCALES AVENUE"/>
Address 2: <input type="text"/>	Address 2: <input type="text"/>
Address 3: <input type="text"/>	Address 3: <input type="text"/>
Town: <input type="text" value="COCKERMOUTH"/>	Town: <input type="text" value="COCKERMOUTH"/>
County: <input type="text" value="CUMBRIA"/>	County: <input type="text" value="CUMBRIA"/>
Country: <input type="text"/>	Country: <input type="text"/>
Postcode: <input type="text" value="CA13 0XS"/>	Postcode: <input type="text" value="CA13 9DY"/>

3. Trees Location

If all trees stand at the address shown in Question 1, go to Question 4. Otherwise, please provide the full address/location of the site where the tree(s) stand (including full postcode where available)

Unit: House number: House suffix:
House name: THE FITZ
Address 1: LOW ROAD
Address 2: COCKERMOUTH
Address 3:
Town:
County:
Postcode (if known): CA13 0HH

If the location is unclear or there is not a full postal address, either describe as clearly as possible where it is (for example, 'Land to the rear of 12 to 18 High Street' or 'Woodland adjoining Elm Road') or provide an Ordnance Survey grid reference:

Description:

THE TREES ARE LOCATED IN A WOODLAND AREA BEHIND 11 THE PARKLANDS. BOTH TREES ARE NEXT TO FENCE LINE IN THE GROUNDS OF THE FITZ, COCKERMOUTH (SEE SKETCH MAP).

4. Trees Ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s): ☐ Yes ☒ No
If 'No' please provide the address of the owner (if known and if different from the trees location)

Title: First name: BOB
Last name: SLACK
Company (optional):
Unit: House number: House suffix:
House name:
Address 1:
Address 2:
Address 3:
Town:
County:
Country:
Postcode:

Telephone numbers

Country code: National number: Extension number:
Country code: Mobile number (optional):
Country code: Fax number (optional):
Email address (optional):

5. What Are You Applying For?

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a TPO? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Tree Preservation Order Details

If you know which TPO protects the tree(s), enter its title or number below.

AREN / WOODLAND TPO. COVERING AN AREA IN THE GROUNDS OF THE FITZ, COCKERMOUTH.

7. Identification Of Tree(s) And Description Of Works

Please identify the tree(s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. You might find it useful to contact an arborist (tree surgeon) for help with defining appropriate work. Where trees are protected by a TPO, please number them as shown in the First Schedule to the TPO where this is available. Use the same numbers on your sketch plan (see guidance notes).

Please provide the following information below: tree species (and the number used on the sketch plan) and description of works. Where trees are protected by a TPO you must also provide reasons for the work and, where trees are being felled, please give your proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) or reasons for not wanting to replant. E.g. Oak (T3) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with 1 standard ash in the same place.

T1. (SKETCH MAP) OAK - REMOVAL OF LOWER BRANCHES OVERHANGING 11 THE PARKLANDS. TO ALLOW MORE NATURAL LIGHT INTO REAR GARDEN. (MARKED 1+2 ON PICTURES 1+2) CUT POINTS MARKED IN RED ON PICTURES.
END WEIGHT REDUCTION OF BRANCH MARKED 3 (CUT POINT SHOWN) TO ALLOW MORE NATURAL LIGHT INTO REAR GARDEN (REDUCTION BY NO MORE THAN 3m) ALL CUTS TO HAVE A MAX DIAMETER OF 150mm.

7. Identification Of Tree(s) And Description Of Works continued ...

T2 - (SKETCH MAP) - ASH - REMOVAL OF SINGLE DAMAGED BRANCH TO POINT MARKED ON PICTURE (3+4). TO REDUCE FURTHER DAMAGE FROM BROKEN BRANCHES FALLING. (PREVIOUS BRANCHES HAVE FALLEN). ALSO TO ALLOW NATURAL LIGHT INTO BACK GARDEN. (MAX CUT DIAMETER OF 150mm) ON ALL CUTS.

8. Trees - Additional Information

Additional information may be attached to electronic communications or provided separately in paper format.

For all trees

A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in Question 7 must be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a TPO. A sketch plan is also advised when notifying the LPA of works to trees in a conservation area (see guidance notes). It would also be helpful if you provided details of any advice given on site by an LPA officer.

For works to trees covered by a TPO

Please indicate whether the reasons for carrying out the proposed works include any of the following. If so, your application must be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support your proposals. (See guidance notes for further details)

1. **Condition of the tree(s)** - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall:
If YES, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert. ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. **Alleged damage to property** - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives.
If YES, you are required to provide for: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Subsidence

A report by an engineer or surveyor, to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals. Also a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.

Other structural damage (e.g. drains, walls and hard surfaces)

Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

Documents and plans (for any tree)

Are you providing separate information (e.g. an additional schedule of work for Question 7)? ☒ Yes ☒ No

If YES, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application. If they are being provided separately from this form, please detail how they are being submitted.

PHOTOS - PICTURES 1-2-3+4

~~SKETCH~~ SKETCH MAP

9. Authority Employee / Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

- (a) a member of staff (c) related to a member of staff
(b) an elected member (d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If Yes, please provide details of the name, relationship and role

10. Application For Tree Works - Checklist

Only one copy of the application form and additional information (Question 8) is required. Please use the guidance and this checklist to make sure that this form has been completed correctly and that all relevant information is submitted. Please note that failure to supply precise and detailed information may result in your application being rejected or delayed. You do not need to fill out this section, but it may help you to submit a valid form.

Sketch Plan

- A sketch plan showing the location of all trees (see Question 8)

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For all trees

(see Question 7)

- Clear identification of the trees concerned
- A full and clear specification of the works to be carried out

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For works to trees protected by a TPO

(see Question 7)

Have you:

- stated reasons for the proposed works?
- provided evidence in support of the stated reasons? in particular:
 - if your reasons relate to the condition of the tree(s) - written evidence from an appropriate expert
 - if you are alleging subsidence damage - a report by an appropriate engineer or surveyor and one from an arboriculturist.
 - in respect of other structural damage - written technical evidence
- included all other information listed in Question 8?

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11. Declaration - Trees

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Signed - Applicant:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

17-12-20

(This date must not be before the date of sending or hand-delivery of the form)

12. Applicant Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code: National number: Extension number:

Country code: Mobile number (optional):

Country code: Fax number (optional):

Email address (optional):

13. Agent Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code: National number: Extension number:

01900 828947

Country code: Mobile number (optional):

07907 225316

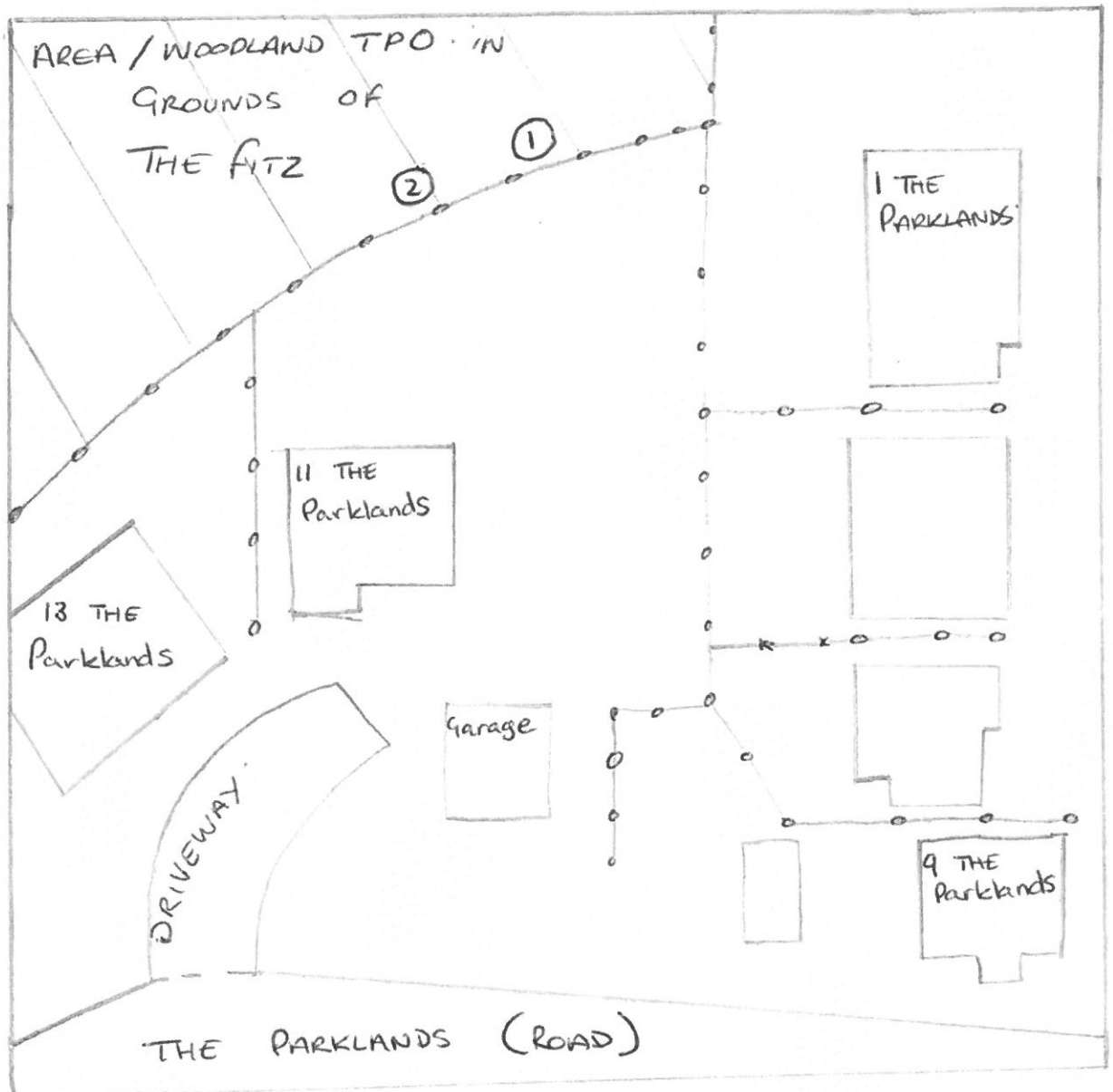
Country code: Fax number (optional):

Email address (optional):


MOOSE.MOORE@live.co.uk

Electronic communication - If you submit this form by fax or e-mail the LPA may communicate with you in the same manner. (Please see guidance notes)

SKETCH MAP



o-o-o-o Fence

 Buildings

① oak tree

② Ash tree

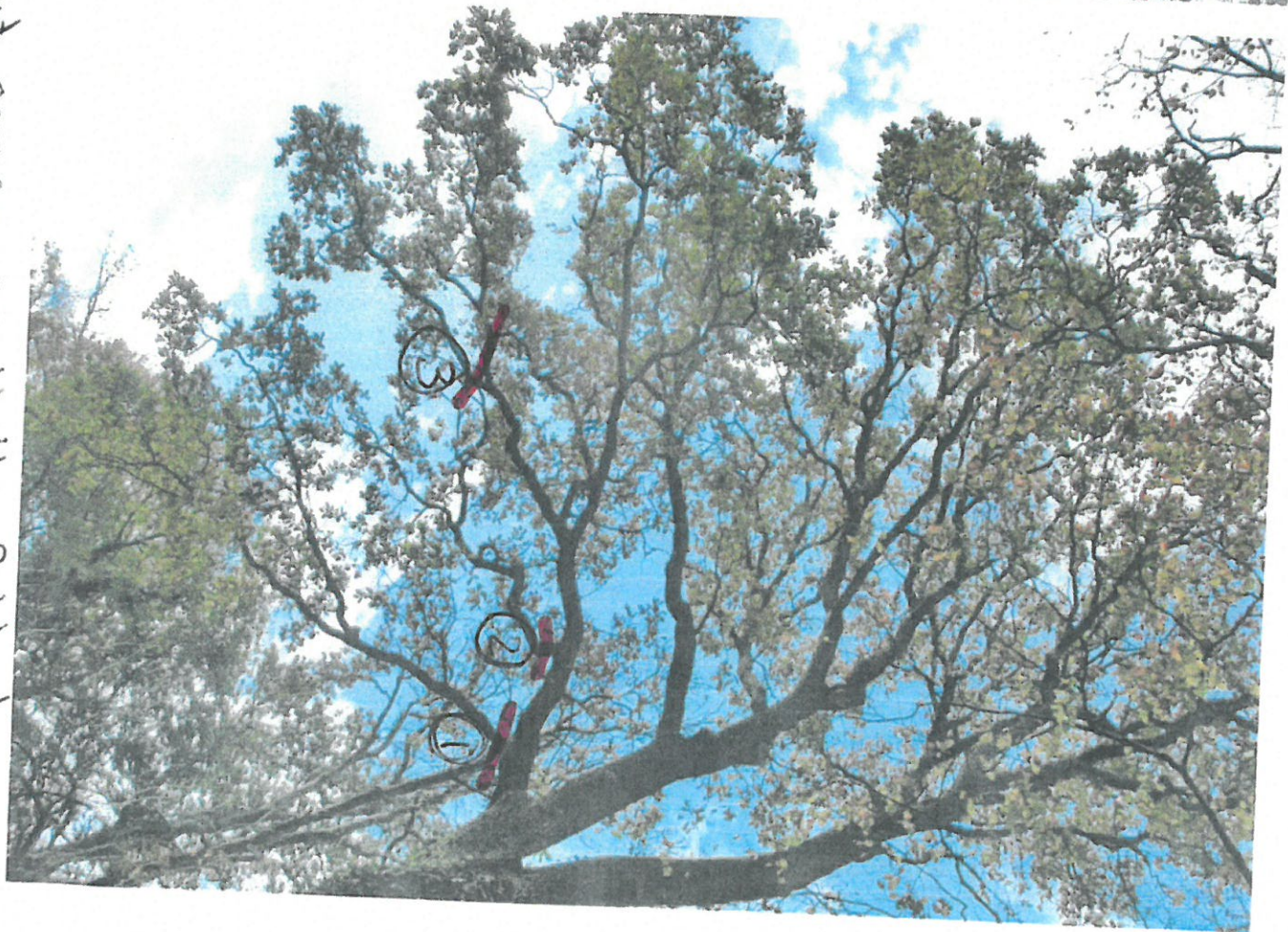
Picture 1

OAK TREE

Picture 2



Oak Tree Viewed from Bottom right corner of the Rocklands



Picture 3



Picture 4

Cockermouth Town Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/20

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
227	112644	£46.87	4020	04/01/21	J A Lee Window & General Cleaning Contractors Ltd - library windows	£46.87
228	112645	£38.88	14010	04/01/21	WF Cascade - cleaning products	£38.88
229	112646	£15.00	3140	04/01/21	CALC - training course KG	£15.00
230	112647	£186.00	7020	04/01/21	Tivoli Services Ltd - repair footbridge	£186.00
231	112648	£174.73	4020	04/01/21	Viking - stamps / stationery	£174.73
232	112649	£49.79	6010	04/01/21	Lakes Electrial Supplies Ltd - xmas lights	£49.79
233	112650	£22.92	14010	04/01/21	WF Cascade - blue roll	£22.92
243	Bacs 243	£112.00	2110	04/01/21	HSBC Bank PLC - Refund Wedding - Nicky Muchatuta Jan 21	£112.00
238	112651	£6.49	2000	05/01/21	Firms Home Hardware - patio knife	£6.49
239	112652	£20.00	4020	05/01/21	Lifestyle Repairs - keys	£20.00
240	112653	£309.75	4030	05/01/21	Lake District National Park Authority - bass lake permits 01.04.19-31.03.20	£309.75
241	112654	£873.62		05/01/21	Npower Ltd - electric charges	£873.62
1		£194.94	2040		Town Hall	
2		£70.18	4020		library	
3		£486.18	4020		library	
4		£8.98	14030		harris park toilets	
5		£47.65	14030		Bitterbeck Toilets	
6		£56.27	14030		Main Street Toilets	
7		£9.42	14030		Mem gardens toilets	
242	112655	£29.45	6010	05/01/21	Lakes Electrial Supplies Ltd - xmas lights	£29.45
244	Bac 244	£143.11	2050	06/01/21	Quadiant Uk Ltd - Franking machine	£143.11
245	bacs 245	£96.00	2110	06/01/21	HSBC Bank PLC - Refund Wedding - Copley Jan 21	£96.00
246	112657	£126.40	14000	07/01/21	Wallgate Limited - vat missing from original invoice	£126.40
247	112656	£129.02	14010	11/01/21	WF Cascade - cleaning products	£129.02
Sub Total		£2,380.03				
Total		£2,380.03				

Signature

Date

Signature

Our Ref: AF/AM
Your Ref:

Mrs A Martin – Technical Officer Finance

Direct line: 01900 702582

Email: andrea.martin@allerdale.gov.uk



6th January 2021

Clerk to Cockermouth Town Council
Town Hall
Market Street
Cockermouth
CA13 9NP

Dear Clerk,

Please find below the Draft 2021/22 Council Tax Base for your parish. Please be aware that the draft 2021/22 tax base given below will be presented to Council for final approval on 27th January 2021 and may be subject to change.

The **Draft** 2021/22 Council Tax Base for Cockermouth is 3166.55.

Dividing the precept for your parish by the updated Council Tax Base will give you an estimated Band D Council Tax charge for your parish.

Following receipt of the draft 2021/22 tax base should you wish to update the 2021/22 precept submitted to Allerdale please let us know as soon as possible and we will issue a new form for completion.

If you would like to discuss this further or would like any further information please contact me using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Andrea Martin
Technical Officer Finance



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place to live,
work and visit**

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COCKERMOUTH
TOWN
COUNCIL

BUDGET & PRECEPT
PROPOSED FOR
2021/22

MRS S. BROWN
Clerk/RFO

COCKERMOUTH

January 2021

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Starting Balances @ 1/4/2020	£
General Account	£ 45,407.01
Money Markets 7 day notice	£ 96,461.48
Cumberland	£ 45,862.05
Starting Total in all Accounts	£187,730.54
Closing Balance at 31/12/20	
General Account	£ 85,875.54
New Money Market Account	£ 116,626.84
Cumberland Building Society	£ 45,862.05
Total in all accounts	£248,364.43
b) <u>LESS</u> Estimated Net Expenditure to 31/3/21	£60,000.00
c) <u>PLUS</u> Estimated Net Income to 31/3/21	£3,500.00
d) <u>PLUS</u> actual Vat for 3 rd quarter	£2,432.69
e) <u>PLUS</u> estimated Vat for 4 th quarter	£1,000.00
d) ESTIMATED BANK BALANCE AT 31/3/21	£195,297.12

Note: £150k from sale of Double Mills in a reserve account can only be used for capital projects
cannot be spent on revenue costs

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL ESTIMATES 2021/22 **SUMMARY**

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Income 2020/21	Estimated Net Cost 2020/21	Revised Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Revised Estimated Income 2020/21	Revised Estimated Net Cost 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22	Estimated Income 2021/22	Estimated Net Cost 2021/22
1. Allotments	£ 2,730	£ 1,848	£ 882	£ 880	£ 1,910	£ 1 030cr	£ 2,330	£ 1,890	£ 440
2. Establishment	102,968	1,100	101,868	107,710	1,477	106,233	112,022	550	111,472
3. TIC/Library	39,780	14,225	25,555	34,949	8,353	25,596	53,493	7,225	46,268
4. Open Spaces	4,020	65	3,955	6,918	200	6,718	6,270	65	6,205
5. Memorial Gardens	16,550	-	16,550	13,722	1,280	12,442	14,472	-	14,472
6. Twinning	7,000	-	7,000	60	-	60	7,000	-	7,000
7. Events	11,916	795	11,121	-	-	-	13,416	220	13,196
8. Other Properties	2,854	2,875	21cr	2,397	2,875	478cr	3,433	2,875	558
9. Christmas Lights	31,900	1,000	30,900	28,129	990	27,139	32,437	1,000	31,437
10. Town Hall	30,171	34,601	4,430cr	31,263	26,597	4,666	31,831	34,601	2,770cr
11. Toilets	12,600	3,000	9,600	18,600	1,750	16,850	16,600	3,000	13,600
12. Bus Service	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000
13. CCTV	6,010	3,000	3,010	4,340	3,000	1,340	3,802	-	3,802
14. Green Issues	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
15. Greyrigg Path							1,800	-	1,800
16. New post COT							750	-	750
12. Net Totals	273,499	62,509	210,990	248,968	48,432	200,536	304,656	51,426	253,230
13. To Balances									
14. From Balances – Rev - Cap									
15. NET TOTALS			210,990						253,230
16. PRECEPT			210,990						253,230

If you agree with the draft budget, our total funding requirement will be £253,230

If you agree with the draft budget, Cockermouth Town Council precept will be £253,230 (this equates to an increase of £1.11 per month for a band D property)

TOWN COUNCIL
ESTIMATES 2021/22

ALLOTMENTS

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21
1. Water Charges	£ 1,000	£ 550	£ 1,000
2. General Maintenance	1,400	-	1,000
3. Rent for St Helens	330	330	330
	2,730	880	2,330
LESS Income & Credits –			
1. Allotment Rents	1848	1910	1890
ACTUAL NET COST	882	1030cr	440

Notes

Figs based on 42 full allotments @ £45 (£1 increase per allotment next year) plus a small amount of re-letting over the course of the year.

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
ESTIMATES 2021/22

ESTABLISHMENT

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Wages	78,398	86,764	86,764
2. Telephone/internet/postage	1,200	1,000	1,000
3. Printing/Stationery/Equip	2,500	1,000	1,500
4. Insurances	8,000	10,600	11,000
5. Subscriptions	870	1,008	1,008
6. Audit Fees (External/Internal)	1,250	1,011	1,250
7. Miscellaneous	3,500	2,500	2,500
8. Grants to organisations	1,000	350	1,000
9. Advertising	250	0	0
10. Chairman's Allowance	2,200	2,200	2,200
11. Chairman's Fund	550	67	550
12. Elections	1,000	0	1,000
13. Health & Safety Requirements	50	66	50
14. Training	500	144	500
15. Bank Charges	1,200	500	1,200
16. Payroll	500	500	500
	102,968	107,710	112,022
LESS Income –			
1. Bank Interest-General	1,100	550	550
3. Other Misc Income.		927*	
	1,100	1477	550
ACTUAL NET COST	101,868	106,233	111,472

*£678 insurance claim wall

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
ESTIMATES 2021/22

Library/TIC 2021/22

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Wages	21,100	19,036	35,313
2. Good for resale	2,500	500	2,000
3. Running Costs:	16,000	15,000	16,000
4. Bass Lake fishing	180	413	180
	39,780	34,949	53,493
LESS Income & Credits			
1. Sales	4,000	1,000	4,000
2. Bass Lake Fishing	225	103	225
3. Rental Income	10,000	7,250	3,000
Income	14,225	8,353	7,225
ACTUAL COST	25,555	25,596	46,268

TIC/Library re-opened on 4/12/20 due to covid.

Allerdale have left loss of rental income and doubling of wage bill next year

OPEN SPACES 2021/22

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Fishing stationary	-	-	-
2. War Memorial & other bronzes	350	3,840	2,500
3. Public clock	270	-	270
4. Flower baskets	2,800	2,473	2,800
5. Footpaths	-	-	-
6. CCTV	-	-	-
7. Bus Shelters	500	605	600
8. Main Street Tree	-	-	-
9. Clever Sid	100	-	100
Total	4,020	6,918	6,270
LESS			
1. Fishing Permits	65	-	65
2. War Memorial	-	-	-
3. Public Clock	-	-	-
4. Flower baskets	-	-	-
5. Footpaths	-	-	-
6. CCTV	-	-	-
7. Bus Shelters	-	-	-
8. Income	-	200*	-
9. Clever Sid	-	-	-
Total Income	65	200	65
ACTUAL NET COST	3,955	6,718	6,205

1 off donation from Round Table

Restored bronzes and agreed to maintain/clean annually

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
ESTIMATES 2021/22

MEMORIAL GARDENS

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Contract	8,550	9,197	9,472
2. Play Area	3,000	280	2,000
3. Miscellaneous	5,000*	4,245	3,000
	16,550	13,722	14,472
1. Miscellaneous Income	-	1,280	-
	-	-	-
ACTUAL NET COST	16,550	12,442	14,472

*Tree works Memorial Gardens
Want to replace all rusty swing chains

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
ESTIMATES 2021/22

TWINNING

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Twinning – incoming	6,500	60	6,500
2. Twinning – outgoing	-	-	-
3. EPSF	500	-	500
<u>INCOME</u>	7,000	60	7,000
1. Income	-	-	-
ACTUAL NET COST	7,000	60	7,000

*38th Anniversary cancelled due to covid. 39th Anniversary to be held in Cockermouth

EVENTS 2021/22

Item of Expenditure	Estimated 2020/21	Actual 2020/21	Estimated 2021/22
1. Fireworks	6,000	-	6,000
2. Festival	500	-	500
3. Carnival	250	-	250
4. Food Festival	4,166	-	4,166
5. Taste Christmas	1,000	-	1,000
6. Market Charter	-	-	500
7. Jubilee	-	-	1,000
	11,916	-	13,416
LESS: Income – Fireworks	220	-	220
ACTUAL NET COST	11,696	-	13,196

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
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OTHER PROPERTIES

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Victoria Hall	1,000	35	1,000
2. Tarn Close Sports Ground			
3. New Play Areas	1,800	2,362	2,433
	2,800	2,397	3,433
1. Income Victoria Hall	2,500	2,500	2,500
2. Income Tarn Close Sports Ground	375	375	375
3. Income New play areas			
Total Income	2875	2875	2875
ACTUAL NET COST	75cr	478cr	558

CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS 2021/22

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Contract	17,878	17,278	18,415
2. Cable/bulbs etc	5,186	5,186	5,186
3. Electricity costs	1,000	1,000	1,000
4. SWOD expenses	3,000	90	3,000
5. Competitions	125	105	125
6. CADS	350	-	350
7. Tarn Close Depot	4361	4,470	4361
	31,900	28,129	32,437
LESS: Income –			
1. Donations swod	1,000	990	1,000
ACTUAL COST	30,900	27,139	31,437

SWOD 2020 Cancelled due to covid

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
ESTIMATES 2021/22

TOWN HALL OFFICES/MAYOR'S PARLOUR ETC.

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Expenditure 2021/22
1. General Maintenance	2,500	60	2,500
2. Refurb of furnishings	1,000	-	1,000
3. Capital Improvement Schemes/ Ground Maintenance	1,000	4,880	1,000
4. Rates	12,500	12,475	12,500
5. Utilities	6,000	5,500	6,000
6. Phone, net, franking	2,176	2,000	2,176
7. Windows, bins, sanitary, fire	600	360	600
8. Insurance	-	-	-
9. Refreshments	145	30	145
10. Cleaners wage	4,000	1,890	-
11. Cleaning products	250	1,000	250
12. Weddings	-	220	500
13. Cleaning contract	-	2,848	5,160
	30,171	31,263	31,831
Income	30,171	31,263	31,831
1. Room Hire	1,500	30	500
2. Rent Day Services	14,161	14,161	14,161
3. Rent offices	11,940	7,822	11,940
4. Wedding Hire	7,000	4584	7,000
5. Rent Allerdale			1,000
	34,601	26,597	34,601
TOTAL COST	4430cr	4,666	2770cr

TOILETS 2020/21

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
1. Main Street	6,500	9,000	8,000*
2. Bitterbeck	6,500	9,000	8,000*
3. Memorial Gardens	100	100	100
4. Harris Park	500	500	500
	13,600	18,600	16,600
1. LESS income received	2,500	1,750	3,000
ACTUAL NET COST	11,100	16,850	13,600

*Mandatory relief for public conveniences brought in Autumn 2018 statement.
Cleaning increased from 1 per day to 3 times per day 7 days a week

BUS SERVICE 2020/21

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
Bus Service Subsidy	4,000	0	4,000
LESS income received	-	-	-
ACTUAL NET COST	4,000	0.00	4,000

CCTV 2020/21

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 20/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
CCTV Installation – 1 off cost Maintenance/Licences	5,010 1,000	4,340	2150* 1,652
LESS grant received	3,000	3,000	3,802
ACTUAL NET COST	3,010	1,340	3,802

Not installed yet – cost more than anticipated & still 60% of cost to pay
1 year manufacturer warranty from date of purchase

GREEN ISSUES 2020/21

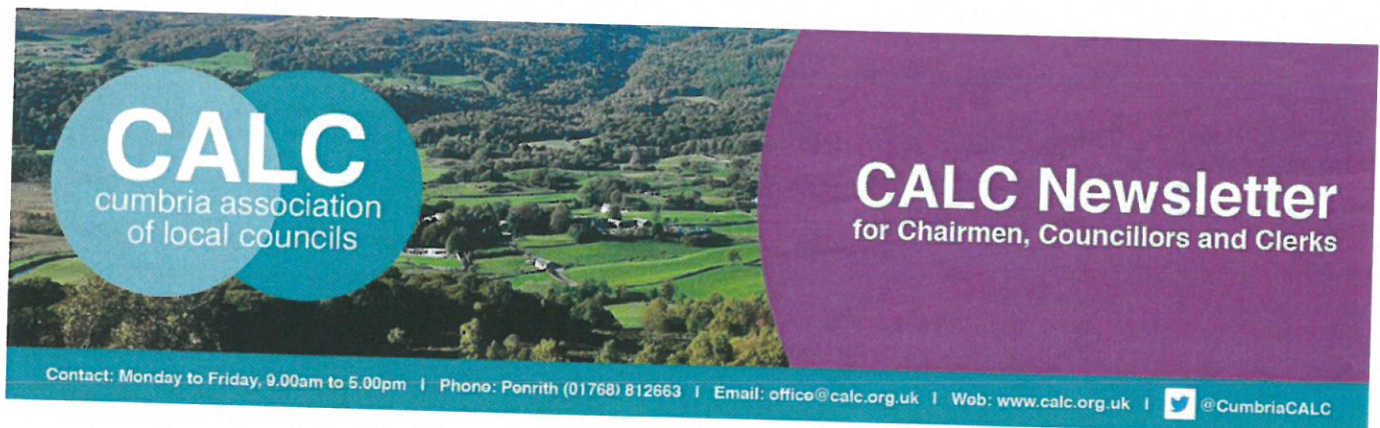
Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
Green Issues	1,000	–	1,000
LESS grant received	-	-	-
ACTUAL NET COST	1,000		1,000

GREYRIGG FOOTPATH 2021/22

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 20/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
Upgrade	-	-	1,800
Less grant	-	-	-
ACTUAL NET COST			1,800

NEW POST CHAMBER OF TRADE 2021/22

Item of Expenditure	Estimated Expenditure 20/21	Actual Expenditure 2020/21	Estimated Expenditure 2021/22
Part funding of new post	-	-	750
Less grant	-	-	-
ACTUAL NET COST			750



November /December 2020

Welcome the final CALC newsletter of 2020. Firstly, I want to say a huge thank for all the forbearance, good humour and commitment you have shown to supporting your communities throughout an immensely trying year. Many of you rose to the challenge of holding council meetings online using video-conferencing technology for the first time which enabled your councils to continue functioning.

The roll out of a Covid 19 vaccine bodes well for 2021, but with the impact of Brexit, Local Government Reorganisation, climate and environment issues, and possible changes to the planning system, I think local councils are going to be just as busy, and vital, in the year ahead.

2021 will see a change at CALC too. We have said goodbye to Amanda McCleery, who worked with us for 13 years supporting the South Lakeland and Barrow District Associations. We wish her well and thank her for all her years of dedicated service. We have the pleasure of welcoming Lesley Cooper who will take over her role from January. Lesley is a Cilca qualified clerk to four local councils who we are looking forward to working with.

And as Christmas is around the corner, a quick reminder about:

Christmas Bubbles

The government is changing some social contact restrictions for a short period of time over Christmas to allow families to get together.

[Find out more about making a Christmas bubble](#)

CALC 46th AGM

CALC's Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom this year on at the end of September. In light of the emerging news of impending local government reorganisation, we invited a guest speaker who has been through the reorganisation process and can share some experience of how it impacts on local councils. Councillor Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council and talked about the transition from a three-tier county to a unitary - the new Buckinghamshire Council came into existence on 1st

April 2020. Councillor Tett spoke about the challenges, preparation and ultimately forming a new council under lockdown. He spoke too about the importance of engagement with local councils and the structures put in place by Buckinghamshire to ensure that communities and local councils have an effective voice in local decision-making. It was an interesting and timely presentation which garnered lots of questions from the meeting.

The meeting also elected three new directly elected members to the CALC Executive and a new Vice Chair in Allerdale. We'd like to introduce:

Directly elected Executive members:

- Cllr Mary Bradley, Broughton Parish Council
- Cllr Bev Pink, Great Salkeld Parish Council
- Cllr Mark Kidd, Staveley with Ings Parish Council
- Cllr David Wilson, Brigham Parish Council has been elected Vice Chairman of Allerdale District Association

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Cumbria – Update

In early July 2020, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government contacted all Cumbrian local authorities to discuss local government reorganisation. He asked for outline thoughts in early September.

On the 9th October, the Secretary of State then wrote to all the authorities to formally ask them to submit proposals for local government reorganisation in Cumbria. The deadline for receipt of proposals is Wednesday 9th December 2020.

The submissions are still outline details with more information to follow, and there is more than one option being put forward for each administrative area of the county.

The proposals being submitted to government cover the options below:

1. Cumbria County Council is submitting their 'One Cumbria' proposal for one unitary authority covering the whole of Cumbria
2. Copeland Borough Council and Allerdale Borough Council are proposing two unitary authorities splitting into Cumbria East (Eden, South Lakes and Barrow) and Cumbria West (Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle)
3. Eden District Council and Carlisle City Council are proposing two unitary authorities splitting into Cumbria North (Eden, Carlisle and Allerdale) and Cumbria South (South Lakes, Barrow and Copeland)

4. South Lakeland District Council and Barrow Borough Council are proposing two unitary authorities splitting into 'The Bay' (South Lakes, Barrow and Lancaster City Council) and also Cumbria North (Copeland, Allerdale, Carlisle and Eden).

CALC is beginning to engage with member councils and will continue to do so over the coming months so we can understand more about how you see reorganisation impacting on your council. This engagement may be through online informal conversations or through your district associations. Formal consultation with local councils will be carried out when government has expressed a preference for one or more unitary authorities.

We will keep you updated on progress through the newsletter and via email to your clerks.

National Association of Local Councils Updates

Climate Change

The NALC website has a lot of helpful information on it's climate change pages so if your council is interested in taking action to address the climate heating issues, it's worth reading their information which you'll find on the link below:

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/climate-change>

NALC LEGAL UPDATES

Parish Poll Rule Amendment

This piece of legislation regulates the omission of parish polls from the legislation earlier in the year that suspended all local council elections until after 6 May 2021.

Here's the statutory instrument <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2020/1355/contents/made>

- The minister has signed the statutory instrument which will be laid in Parliament on 1 December and come into force on 31 December
- The Rule amendment will suspend any parish polls scheduled to be held before 6 May 2021, until 6 May 2021, or such a date within 25 days of that as the returning officer chooses.

Councillor Eligibility - Second-Home Ownership

We have received some queries about whether having a second home in a parish counts for the purpose of being eligible to be a parish councillor in the parish. This may become more common leading up to elections next year or in the event of councillor disqualifications.

S.79 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that a person shall, unless disqualified by virtue of this Act or any other enactment, be qualified to be elected and to be a member of a local authority if he is a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a relevant citizen of the Union and on the relevant day *he has during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area.*

Our view is that a second-home owner occupies the premises under s.79 (1) (b) (unless the property is let to someone else). Land has a legal occupier for occupiers' liability purposes and that applies in the case of second homes.

Chairing – remote meetings and technical issues

Remote meetings continue to raise issues and a request we advised on recently concerned a chairman who, because of an unstable wifi connection, joined a council meeting and immediately asked that someone else take the chair because of the connection problems. A chair was elected for the meeting. Decisions were taken and acted upon and agreements were made with third-party contractors. However the chairman did not lose connection and was present for the entire meeting. A councillor who was not present at the meeting raised the matter of the validity of the decisions taken because the chairman was present but did not chair.

The law states that the chairman, if present, shall preside at a parish council meeting (paragraph 11 (1) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972). Advising after the event, our advice was to take a practical and pragmatic approach. The council in question had acted upon the decisions taken at the meeting and entered into contractual relations with third parties. Commercial parties acting in good faith would not be expected to know local government statutory requirements.

It goes without saying that councils should be prepared for technical issues arising in future remote meetings and for how they will deal with them. The practical NALC guidance on remote meetings is recommended for council use.

Coronavirus Guidance

NALC continues to deal with new government regulations in respect of Coronavirus and the impact for the sector. Our legal advice feeds into the corporate NALC guidance on the Coronavirus page on the NALC website.

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/coronavirus-page>

LTN 30 on defamation has recently been updated.

Any council requiring the NALC website login needs to email the CALC office on office@calc.org.uk

Launch of the Nature Recovery Network November 2020

Defra and Natural England are bringing together partners, legislation and funding, to create the Nature Recovery Network (NRN). Together, they will deliver the Network by restoring and enhancing England's wildlife-rich places. The aim is to recover nature and increase the benefits it provides to our people and our economy.

Creating a national network

The NRN will be a national network of wildlife-rich places. The aim is to expand, improve and connect these places across our towns, cities and countryside.

The NRN is a major commitment in the [government's 25 Year Environment Plan](#) and part of the forthcoming Nature Strategy.

What the Nature Recovery Network will achieve

The NRN will help deal with 3 of the biggest challenges we face: biodiversity loss, climate change and wellbeing.

Through our work to create the NRN, by 2042 we will:

- restore 75% of protected sites on land (including freshwaters) to favourable condition so nature can thrive
- create or restore 500,000 hectares of additional wildlife-rich habitat outside of protected sites
- recover threatened and iconic animal and plant species by providing more, diverse and better connected habitats
- support work to increase woodland cover
- achieve a range of environmental, economic and social benefits, such as carbon capture, flood management, clean water, pollination and recreation

Create partnerships

Working together is essential to deliver the NRN. They will work in partnership with organisations and across sectors, sharing skills, knowledge and resources, to help achieve the objectives of the NRN. This partnership working includes government, land owners and managers, businesses, local communities and conservation groups.

Developing Your Skills – New for Spring 2021

Continuing Professional Development for Councillors and Clerks

We are pleased to offer a new schedule of courses for spring/summer 2021. Again, all sessions will be delivered over the internet. Please take the time to look at the website that has the full details for courses on offer. We are currently taking bookings and have been pleased that accessing training from home seems to be a popular option.

You can browse the courses on offer at:

<http://www.calc.org.uk/members/training/trainingbanner.asp>

CALC MEETINGS

The next meeting of the CALC Executive Committee will be on Saturday 16th January 2021 at 10.00am on Zoom.

Allerdale District Association: TBC

Copeland District Association: 28th January 2021 TBC

South Lakeland District Association: Thursday 25th March 2021

Eden District Association: TBC

Carlisle Parish Council Association: TBC

New Reducing Carbon in Waste Initiative

The Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership (CSWP) has established a Waste Carbon Reduction Group, which will have its first meeting in January 2021. This will be a sub-group of the CSWP and the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership. I have attached [a summary of the Group's purpose](#), workstreams and how it fits within a wider governance structure.

The purpose of the group will be to reduce carbon within waste and will contribute to the 2037 Net Zero target date for Cumbria. The Group will include representatives from each of the 7 Local Authorities.

ENDS

Dear Cllr. Barnes,

I am contacting you as I believe you are my representative for Double Mills Ward, Cockermouth.

Please see the undermentioned email for which I was disappointed not to have had it published in this week's Times & Star. Nor have I received any response from Cllr. Laidlow.

You will be well aware that clear Covid - 19 signage is in place in Station Street using County Council and Allerdale BC logos etc. I assume this signage will have been put in place with notification to the Town Council.

As a vulnerable person who was instructed by the Government to shield during the entirety of the first lockdown, and having received a further letter advising me to maintain 2m distance outdoors when shopping etc. I think it is appalling that Cllr. Laidlow appears to think the rules in place should not apply to her. Clearly, she is displaying the wrong message to the general public who, in my opinion, should expect to take a lead from their political leaders/representatives.

In view of these circumstances, I ask you to raise this issue at the next available Council Meeting, and to report back to me with details of the actions, or otherwise, the Town Council sees fit to adopt.

You will see I have copied this email to Sheila Brown, Town Clerk.

Yours sincerely,

Jenkinson

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Mayor of Cockermouth
Date: 28 November 2020 at 10:19:43 GMT
To: letters.ts@cnmedia.co.uk
Cc: Cllr.Julie.Laidlow@cockermouth.org

Dear Sirs,

On Saturday morning, 28th November, I was amazed and very disappointed to observe the Mayor of Cockermouth, Councillor Julie Laidlow ignoring the Covid-19 rules that are clearly in place in Station Street. She must be well aware that we are still in lockdown and that we shall be moving to Tier 2 next week. Despite mentioning to her about the situation, I was appalled by her response that "nobody was following the rules".

In these very troubling times, I think our leaders should be setting the right example for the rest of us and I therefore call upon her to make a public apology for her actions. Furthermore, I challenge her to make it clear to the public at large that they should observe the rules. We all know someone who has been affected by Covid, and sadly, many of us will know of people who have tragically died, probably through no fault of their own.

CLERK'S REPORT

Tourism and Publicity/Library

Visitor numbers for December –

Stats for December are attached for information.

Memorial Gardens

Play areas remain open in lockdown.

Weddings

Weddings are not allowed in lockdown except in exceptional circumstances.

Many have re-organised. Some from outside our area have cancelled.

Public Toilets

They re-opened on 29 June 2020.

They remain open during lockdown.

Play Areas

These re-opened 4 July 2020.

They remain open during lockdown.

Allotments

Plot 13b St Helens Street will be re-let.

Metalcraft Community Fund

Minutes of the next meeting due to be held on 13/1/21 will be circulated for information.

December 2020

Date	Day	On Duty	TIC Visitors	Library Visitors	Select and Collect	Allerdale Visitors	PC Users	Telephone	Post	Email	Fax
1	Tue	Closed									
2	Wed	Closed									
3	Thu	Closed									
4	Fri	Samuel	0	15	0	3	3	1	0	0	0
5	Sat	John	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sun	closed									
7	Mon	Amy/Pamela	0	11	0		0	1	0	0	0
8	Tue	Amy/Pamela	0	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	Wed	Amy/Samuel	1	11	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
10	Thu	Amy/Samuel	0	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	Fri	Amy/Samuel	2	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
12	Sat	John	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Sun	closed									
14	Mon	Amy/Pamela	1	14	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
15	Tues	Amy/Pamela	1	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
16	Wed	Amy/Samuel	0	29	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
17	Thu	Amy/Samuel	0	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
18	Fri	Amy/Samuel	0	16	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
19	Sat	John	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Sun	closed									
21	Mon	Amy/Pamela	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Tue	Amy/Pamela	2	13	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
23	Wed	Samuel/Matthew	1	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
24	Thu	Samuel/Matthew	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Fri	closed									
26	Sat	Closed									
27	Sun	closed									
28	Mon	Closed									
29	Tue	Closed									
30	Wed	Closed									
31	Thu	Closed									
Monthly Totals			17	252			11	7	0	0	0
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Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Cllr. Richard Watson
Sent: 10 January 2021 11:01
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Cc: Cllr. Alan Smith; Cllr. Stephen Barnes; Cllr. Andrew Semple; Cllr. Isabel Burns
Subject: Climate Emergency Sub-Committee

Hi Sheila,

Please could we have an item on the agenda for 20 January under the heading 'Update from Climate Emergency Sub-Committee'?

I appreciate that a number of issues are on hold so a greater or lesser degree because of the pandemic, but it would nonetheless be helpful to raise the profile of 'green' issues and see where we are up to. Three issues in particular have been raised with me in recent week:

- 1) Our tree-planting plans (or lack of them)
- 2) EV charging
- 3) Tetra-pack recycling

There may well be other issues that members of the committee are aware of and dealing with. If so, I would be keen to hear about it.

Many thanks,

Richard

Climate Emergency

List of possible actions for town council

1. ACTIONS WHICH ARE QUICK, CHEAP, RELATIVELY EASY

- Cease providing plastic water bottles at TC events – IN HAND
- Express concerns about river pollution to MP / Environment Agency – ACHIEVED
- Scheme for shops / businesses to refill water bottles – ACHIEVED
- Tree-planting on council-owned land - IN HAND Cumbria Woodlands have completed an audit. Quote for schemes being obtained from Tivoli. Should receive it 12/1/21.
- Green pages on TC website – ACHIEVED
- Work with others (eg Goodness and Grain, Wordsworth House etc) to provide recycling opportunities for Tetrapaks – IN HAND
- Work with other businesses to increase recycling facilities (eg Aldi /Lidl for clothing) – IN HAND

- Carry out a 'green' survey of businesses asking them to score themselves against a set of criteria (eg recycling, use of plastic packaging etc) –
- Where possible councillors to walk or cycle to meetings – IN HAND
- Encouraging shops to use paper bags -
- Volunteers to provide advice on growing vegetables (like WW2 'Dig for Victory')
- Recycle Halloween outfits, Christmas jumpers, dressing up outfits and re-distribute through library – IN OPERATION – currently suspended due to covid.
- Consider starting an Incredible Edible Group – To be discussed at our next meeting
- Support the Local Electricity Bill – The Bill, if made Law would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory right to supply. This is currently impossible because of the huge set up and running costs involved in doing so – SUPPORTED 18.3.20 TC MEETING

2. ACTIONS WHICH MAY REQUIRE WORKING WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES AND/OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND WHICH MAY REQUIRE FUNDING

- Cease / restrict use of 'pesticides' on council land – IN HAND - Town Clerk to write to Tivoli. Tivoli have drastically reduced the use of Glyphosate usage in Allerdale by 75%, by using a residual herbicide in Feb/March which prevents germination. The hanging baskets we provide already contain plants that will attract bees and other pollinators
- Plant wild-flower meadow areas in Memorial Gardens and/or elsewhere - IN HAND - Rotary to plant wild flower meadow in Memorial Gardens
- Work with Allerdale/County/business to provide electric vehicle charging points in town – Cumbria LEP is currently considering the approach to electric vehicle infrastructure. This is likely to result in the development of an electric vehicle strategy which would look at a range of issues including the future development of charging points across the County and the approach for installation of charges at residential properties. Allerdale are in discussions with Charge my Street. TC encouraged residents to take part in the charge my street on line survey which ended on 8/1/21.
- Work with Cumbria Woodlands to plant trees on council-owned land – IN HAND – Audit undertaken & price being obtained from Tivoli.
- Support / encourage cycling-friendly businesses

- Support carbon offset schemes run by local travel agents (tie in to tree planting) IN HAND – No reply from Craig Travel, tree planting scheme already in existence with Cockermouth Travel.
- Neighbourhood Plan – specs for new builds on insulation, green energy etc.
- Town Council buildings – ensure insulation up to spec and energy from green supplier, (eg Good Energy or Ecotricity) PARTIALLY IN HAND – Town Clerk to write to procurement at CCC to find out if green energy suppliers included in their tender process and if they would be willing to move to 100% green energy. Npower supply brown energy which is cheaper. Having said that 8.5% coal, 57.9% natural gas, 17.4% nuclear, 12.6% renewable, 3.6% other.
- Floral displays in town centre to use plants which attract bees and other pollinators IN HAND – Tivoli have confirmed that they use such plants
- Work with local schools to discourage engine-idling in vicinity of schools DELETE engine idling in the vicinity of schools now against the law
- Encourage county council to plant wildflower verges on approaches into town – IN HAND Town Clerk to write to CCC about planting wildflowers on verges on approaches to town and on banking in their ownership opposite Gote Road allotments. In general the soil on the verges is too rich for wildflowers. Verges need to have the soil stripped off. A bee corridor will be created across North Cumbria. It mainly follows the A591 but will include the A66 from the Low Road roundabout heading out towards Workington. This will be funded through National/charitable funding to support bees.

- Install drinking fountain in town centre for refilling bottles (ideal for cyclists) ~~DELETE~~
– Lots of businesses offering free refills in town.
- Create a bee-garden – ~~DELETE~~ the creation of a single garden. Chair instead to speak at a future meeting of the Allotments Association about bee keeping and pollinator friendly allotments. Allotments Association to discuss this issue at their meeting on January 28th. Chair to draw up a scheme.
- Plant rowan trees (or other suitable species) in between the existing Main St trees to provide for the long-term – ~~DELETE~~ not felt to be feasible
- Bikes paths / lanes / parking places / electric bike charging points
- Planting vegetables on council land – amend to planting fruit trees instead of vegetables – IN HAND speaking to Neville about planting fruit trees as part of audit.
- Acquiring land for allotments – ~~DELETE~~ numbers on the allotment waiting list did not support the acquisition of more land.
- Encouraging shops to sell more local produce – AMEND to Encouraging shops to sell more seasonal produce

- Returnable town maps – DELETE maps produced to encourage visitors to re-use on return visits
- Town centre litter bins with separate compartments for plastic, paper and general rubbish – IN HAND Town Clerk to write to Allerdale to request these. No reply to date. Councillor Smith to chase a response
- Give and Take Day – To be discussed in detail at the meeting. Funding available from CCC. Idea supported by Town Council. Delayed due to covid.
- Best Pollinator Allotment and Best Pollinator Garden categories to be added to Garden Competition. Delayed due to covid.
- Incredible Edible – To be considered at our next meeting.

3. LONGER-TERM AIM / AMBITION

- The aim of Cockermouth Town Council is for its activities to be carbon-neutral by 2030 at the latest. This will require an audit of the council's current carbon footprint and concerted efforts to reduce it. Some of the measures that will be necessary are included above, e.g. ensuring that town council buildings are fully insulated and that energy is purchased from 'green' suppliers.

Draft Letter from CEE Bill Alliance to Local Authorities

Dear Chief Executive/Leader of the Council,

May I begin by thanking your Council for all of the work you are carrying out to reach net zero. This contributes to the visionary effort needed to find best practices to prevent the planet from heating more than 1.5 degrees °C above pre-industrial levels.

The Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill¹ is now before Parliament because we feel that net zero by 2050 is far too late and that the Government needs to listen to the direction that councils across the country are taking. I am writing to ask your Council to declare its support for the CEE Bill, which obliges the Government to develop a strategy with legal obligations to:

- require that the UK takes its fair share of reducing CO2 emissions to ensure that global temperature does not rise above 1.5 degrees C.
- ensure that all the UK's entire carbon footprint (including the manufacture and transportation of goods from overseas) is accounted for and that we are taking full responsibility for our ecological footprint by protecting nature along supply chains
- restore and regenerate the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, and to maximise their capacity to absorb CO2 and optimise their resistance to climate heating
- set up an independent Citizen's Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and help develop the national strategy.

I attach a copy of the bill and a flyer on why this bill is essential. I hope your Council will be able to support the CEE Bill, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,

¹ Formally known as the Climate and Ecology Bill

*This is a draft notice of motion for councils that *have* declared a climate emergency. [Click here to access a notice motion for councils that have *not* declared a climate emergency](#)*

Motion to Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Preamble

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise. This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040. Therefore the current UK target of net zero by 2050 is not satisfactory. It is too little too late.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. This is described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities.

Council notes that

- (i) This council has declared a climate and ecological emergency;
- (ii) Many local authorities have established Citizens' Assemblies that are playing an important role in assisting them in their plans to achieve net zero by 2030 or before; and that
- (iii) There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the "Climate and Ecology Bill")—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
 - (a) requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
 - (b) ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
 - (c) includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
 - (d) protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;

- (e) restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO₂ and their resistance to climate heating;
- (f) sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision;
- (iii) Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and
- (iv) Write to the [CEE Bill Alliance](#), the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

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Require the Prime Minister to achieve climate and ecology objectives; to give the Secretary of State a duty to create and implement a strategy to achieve those objectives; to establish a Citizens' Assembly to work with the Secretary of State in creating that strategy; to give duties to the Committee on Climate Change regarding the objectives and strategy; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duties of the Prime Minister: climate and ecological emergency objectives

- (1) The Prime Minister must—
- (a) declare a climate and ecological emergency; and
 - (b) achieve the objectives in subsection (2) ('the objectives') to tackle that emergency. 5
- (2) The objectives in tackling the climate and ecological emergency are to ensure that the United Kingdom—
- (a) reduces its anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions ('emissions') at a rate that would be consistent with keeping the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels, in accordance with the provisions of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, taking into account—
 - (i) the United Kingdom's greenhouse gas footprint, and
 - (ii) the United Kingdom's and other countries' common but differentiated responsibilities, and respective capabilities, given national circumstances; 10
 - (b) restores and regenerates biodiverse habitats, natural and human-modified ecosystems and their soils; 15
 - (c) expands natural ecosystems, wherever possible, and enhances agroecosystems for the purposes of safeguarding their carbon sink capacity and their resilience to global heating; 20
 - (d) actively conserves biodiversity and safeguards ecosystem services; and reduces its overall anthropogenic impact on the variety, abundance and health of soils and biodiversity.

- (3) In seeking to achieve the objectives the Prime Minister must consult—
- (a) the Committee on Climate Change,
 - (b) any other public body or other body charged with protecting the environment in—
 - (i) England
 - (ii) Scotland
 - (iii) Wales, or
 - (iv) Northern Ireland, and
 - (c) any other public body or other body deemed appropriate by the Prime Minister.

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2 Duties of the Secretary of State: Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy

- (1) The Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy ('the strategy') is a document that sets out the measures intended to achieve the objectives.
- (2) The Secretary of State must—
- (a) prepare a draft strategy that—
 - (i) in his or her opinion will achieve the objectives
 - (ii) adheres to the principles in section 3, and
 - (iii) takes into account recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly under section 4, in accordance with section 5;
 - (b) lay the first draft strategy before Parliament no later than three months after the Citizens' Assembly publishes its first report under section 4(7); and
 - (c) lay before Parliament a report containing proposals for revisions to the strategy if he or she thinks such revisions are necessary for the objectives to be achieved.
- (3) The Secretary of State must seek the consent of—
- (a) the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) Senedd Cymru; and
 - (c) the Northern Ireland Assembly
- for any proposed measure in, or revision to, the strategy that is within their legislative competence.
- (4) The draft strategy is subject to approval by the House of Commons, in accordance with section 6.
- (5) The Secretary of State must take all reasonable steps to implement the measures in a strategy or revised strategy approved by the House of Commons.

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3 Principles for the draft strategy

- (1) The draft strategy—
- (a) must set out the steps the Secretary of State will take to reduce the United Kingdom's emissions in accordance with section 1(2)(a), distinguishing between emissions reductions to be achieved—

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- (i) primarily by reducing the anthropogenic greenhouse gas source, and
 - (ii) by actively restoring and enhancing natural climate solutions within the United Kingdom, including both natural and human-modified ecosystems as resilient carbon sinks;
- (b) may count the use of carbon sequestration via negative emissions technologies towards achieving the emissions reduction required under section 1(2)(a) only insofar as it—
 - (i) offsets emissions that cannot be eliminated in the cement, steel and agriculture sectors,
 - (ii) compensates for the United Kingdom's cumulative historical emissions, or
 - (iii) mitigates any overshoot above the global average temperature increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels;
- (c) may only propose the use of negative emissions technologies for carbon sequestration when the deployment of these would not lead to critical impacts in the United Kingdom and abroad, including—
 - (i) critical impacts on biodiverse habitats, natural and human-modified ecosystems and their soils,
 - (ii) critical impacts on food production or water availability, or
 - (iii) any other critical social or ecological impact;
- (d) must contain measures to ensure that the variety, abundance and health of the United Kingdom's ecosystems, and the ecosystem services they generate, are enhanced by—
 - (i) active restoration, and
 - (ii) the minimising of adverse impacts of domestic consumption and production on those systems;
- (e) must ensure that all necessary steps are taken so that domestic UK supply chains and the supply chains of UK imports—
 - (i) minimise adverse impacts on ecological systems, including inter alia soils and biodiverse habitats overseas, and
 - (ii) implement conditions to protect the health and resilience of those systems;
- (f) must—
 - (i) take into consideration the United Kingdom's present and historical role in global emissions, and comparative economic situation as indicated by the Paris Agreement, and
 - (ii) apply the principles of international equity and intergenerational equity;
- (g) must not disproportionately detrimentally affect—
 - (i) deprived communities; or
 - (ii) people with protected characteristics under section 4 of the Equality Act 2010;
- (h) must include proposals for—

- (i) financial support and retraining for people who work in emissions-intensive sectors and industries which will be adversely affected by other proposed measures, and
 - (ii) financial and technological support for developing countries.
- (2) Each measure in the draft strategy must include timeframes within which all necessary actions are to commence and be completed. 5

4 Citizens' Assembly on the Climate and Ecological Emergency

- (1) There shall be a Citizens' Assembly comprising a representative cross-section of the United Kingdom population to work in cooperation with the Secretary of State and to recommend measures to be included in, and revisions to, the draft strategy. 10
- (2) That Citizens' Assembly shall be known as the Citizens' Assembly on the Climate and Ecological Emergency ('the Assembly').
- (3) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) within one week of this Act coming into force, issue a call for tenders for a reputable independent body ('the independent body') to carry out the functions in subsection (4); 15
 - (b) within eight weeks of this Act coming into force, appoint the selected independent body.
- (4) The functions of the independent body are to establish, convene and run the Assembly. 20
- (5) The independent body must—
 - (a) commence its work in accordance with subsection (4) immediately upon appointment; and
 - (b) convene the first meeting of the Assembly within five months of this Act coming into force. 25
- (6) The functions of the Assembly are to—
 - (a) consider information provided by experts, and by any other persons who have submitted evidence to the Assembly;
 - (b) deliberate as to how the objectives can be achieved in ways consistent with the principles in section 3; 30
 - (c) vote on measures proposed for inclusion in the strategy;
 - (d) seek agreement with the Secretary of State on the content of the strategy;
 - (e) propose revisions to the strategy; and 35
 - (f) report to the Secretary of State in accordance with subsections (7) and (8).
- (7) The first report by the Assembly must—
 - (a) contain recommendations for measures to be included in the strategy consistent with the principles in section 3 and agreed by at least sixty-six per cent of the members of the Assembly; 40
 - (b) set out the reasons for each such recommendation; and

- (c) be published within six months of the first meeting of the Assembly.
- (8) The Assembly may make further reports containing proposed amendments to the strategy in order for the objectives to be met, which—
 - (a) must contain recommendations for amendments to the strategy consistent with the principles in section 3 and agreed by at least sixty-six per cent of the members of the Assembly; and 5
 - (b) must set out the reasons for each such recommendation.
- (9) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make provision about—
 - (a) the establishment and governance of the Assembly; and 10
 - (b) the remuneration and expenses of—
 - (i) members of the Assembly, and
 - (ii) witnesses and other persons involved with the Assembly.
- (10) Regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing them has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament. 15

5 Content of the draft strategy and proposed revisions

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) include in the draft strategy laid under section 2(2)(b) any recommendation under section 4(7)(a) that is a qualifying recommendation; and 20
 - (b) propose any recommendation under section 4(8)(a) that is a qualifying recommendation as a revision to the strategy.
- (2) A “qualifying recommendation” is one which—
 - (a) was agreed by more than eighty per cent of the members of the Assembly; and 25
 - (b) is not in the category in subsection (5).
- (3) The Secretary of State must consider, and seek agreement with the Assembly with a view to including in the strategy, any recommendation of the Assembly under section 4(7)(a) or 4(8)(a) that—
 - (a) was agreed by more than eighty per cent of the members of the Assembly; and 30
 - (b) is the category in subsection (5).
- (4) The Secretary of State must consider any other recommendation of the Assembly for inclusion in the strategy and lay before Parliament a report explaining his or her reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with it—
 - (a) in the case of a recommendation under section 4(7)(a), no later than the day on which the draft strategy is so laid; and 35
 - (b) in the case of a recommendation section 4(8)(a), no later than one week after that recommendation is made. 40
- (5) The category in this section is a recommendation that has as its main object—
 - (a) disbursing public funds; or

- (b) imposing charges upon the people;
- (6) Any question over subsection (5) shall be determined by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

6 Approval and amendment of the strategy by the House of Commons

- (1) A measure forms part of the strategy if a motion containing it of the form in subsection (2) is agreed by the House of Commons. 5
- (2) The form of the motion is "That this House approves [text of measure(s)] to be included in the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy".
- (3) The Secretary of State must move a motion of the form in subsection (2) containing the text of any recommendation under section 4(7)(a) that is a qualifying recommendation as soon as reasonably practicable after laying the draft strategy under section 2(2)(b). 10
- (4) The strategy may be amended if a motion of the form in subsection (5) is agreed by the House of Commons.
- (5) The form of the motion is "That this House amends the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy as follows—[text of amendment(s)]". 15
- (6) The Secretary of State must move a motion of the form in subsection (5) containing the text of any recommendation under section 4(8)(a) that is a qualifying recommendation as soon as reasonably practicable after that recommendation is made. 20

7 Amendments to the Climate Change Act 2008

- (1) The Climate Change Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act") is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 8(2) (setting of carbon budgets for budgetary periods) insert—
 - "(2A) Annual carbon budgets must be set in a manner consistent with—
 - (a) meeting the objectives in sections 1 and 2 (duties of the Prime Minister and Secretary of State) of the Climate and Ecology Act 2020, and
 - (b) complying with the international obligations of the United Kingdom, including the provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement within that treaty." 25
- (3) After section 34 (advice in connection with carbon budgets) insert—

"34A Advice in connection with the Climate and Ecology Act 2020

- (1) It is the duty of the Committee on Climate Change to carry out the functions in subsections (2) to (5). 35
- (2) Advise the Prime Minister on achieving the objectives in section 1(2) of the Climate and Ecology Act 2020 ("the 2020 Act").

- (3) Formulate and publish separate methodologies, for the United Kingdom, to—
- (a) calculate the carbon sink capacity of natural climate solutions;
 - (b) calculate emissions and projected reductions in emissions—
 - (i) including, and 5
 - (ii) excluding the effects of natural climate solutions in reducing emissions;
 - (c) calculate the extent to which carbon sequestration via negative emissions technologies may—
 - (i) offset emissions that cannot be eliminated in the cement, steel and agriculture sectors, 10
 - (ii) compensate for the United Kingdom’s cumulative historical emissions, or
 - (iii) mitigate any overshoot above the global average temperature increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels; 15
 - (d) measure the health of ecosystems, including measures of species abundance, the quality and scope of biodiverse habitats, and soil quality and contamination; and
 - (e) evaluate the impact of the activities of commercial bodies that issue, commission, facilitate, finance or are otherwise involved in import and export supply chains on ecological systems, including on—
 - (i) the extraction of natural resources, 20
 - (ii) land degradation, including but not limited to deforestation and other depletion or reduction of natural ecosystems, 25
 - (iii) pollution, and
 - (iv) waste.
- (4) Publish annual reports on the progress made by the Secretary of State in implementing the measures in a strategy or amended strategy under section 2(5) of the 2020 Act. 30
- (5) Determine what constitutes “critical impacts” in section 3(1)(c) of the 2020 Act.
- (6) In carrying out its work under this section, the Committee on Climate Change must— 35
- (a) base and seek to develop its advice using—
 - (i) transparent and scientific interpretation of the objectives specified in section 1 of the 2020 Act,
 - (ii) the perspectives of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity, and 40
 - (iii) the methodologies from the Biodiversity Metric 2.0;
 - (b) acknowledge and abide by the environmental principles, including the precautionary principle, implicit in the objectives in section 1 of the 2020 Act. 45

(7) Terms in this section have the same meaning as in the 2020 Act.”

8 Interpretation

In this Act—

- “agroecosystems” means the set of relationships and interactions between soils, climates, cultivated plants, organisms of different trophic levels, and human groups in areas of agricultural production; 5
- “anthropogenic greenhouse gas source” means any human activities that lead to a release of any greenhouse gas into the atmosphere;
- “anthropogenic impact” means the direct and indirect negative influences of human action on water, soil and biodiversity; 10
- “biodiverse habitats” means land and water habitats that are abundant in the number of living species;
- “carbon sequestration” means the process by which carbon sinks remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere;
- “carbon sink capacity” means the ability of natural reservoirs including (without prejudice to the generality) woodlands, wetlands, peatlands and soils to absorb more carbon than they emit; 15
- “deprived community” is a community with a high rating of deprivation, according to Government indices of deprivation;
- “ecosystems” includes both natural and human-modified land and water ecosystems, such as agroecosystems and urban ecosystems; 20
- “greenhouse gases” means carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulphur hexafluoride and any other gas designated as “a greenhouse gas” by the Committee on Climate Change; 25
- “natural climate solutions” means the active restoring and enhancing of both natural and human-modified ecosystems as resilient carbon sinks which include, but are not restricted to, reforestation, sustainable land management, and the restoration of wetlands, peat bogs and coastal ecosystems; 30
- “negative emissions technologies” include, but are not limited to, bioenergy with carbon capture and storage and direct air capture of carbon dioxide and storage that have been independently assessed against standards of quality;
- “the Paris Agreement” is the agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted on 12 December 2015; 35
- “pre-industrial levels” is the global mean temperature over the period 1850-1900;
- “the UNFCCC” is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted on 9 May 1992; 40
- “the United Kingdom’s greenhouse gas footprint” is the sum of—
 - (a) all United Kingdom territorial emissions except those generated in the production of goods and services exported from the United Kingdom, 45

- (b) all consumption emissions generated abroad in the production and distribution of goods and services imported to the United Kingdom, and
- (c) all emissions generated from United Kingdom passenger transportation demands related to both personal and commercial passenger travel outside of United Kingdom territory including international aviation, passenger shipping and land-based transport.

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9 Financial provisions

- (1) *There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament –*
 - (a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act; and*
 - (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*
- (2) *There is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act.*

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10 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Climate and Ecology Act 2020.

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Why the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill is Essential

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NET ZERO BY 2050 IS JUST TOO DANGEROUS

THE DANGER

- Net zero by 2050 only gives the world a “greater than 50% chance” of staying below 1.5°C, according to the Committee on Climate Change (CCC).² That’s gambling our children’s future on the toss of a coin.
- Even if we took that dubious bet at global level, the UK must go faster.³ The CCC’s 2050 roadmap sets emission reductions too low, backloads them to the 2030-40s and heavily relies on unproven technologies.
- “Climate change could make insurance too expensive for most people,” warns Munich Re, the world’s largest reinsurance firm.⁴ Extreme weather, causing coastal erosion and unprecedented flooding, is making UK communities uninsurable now.
- Reasonable worst-case scenarios predict a sea-level rise of two metres by 2100. That would displace nearly 200 million people and lead to “unimaginable social breakdown”.⁵ Entire villages in the UK are already preparing to move.⁶

1.5°C – AN IMPERATIVE ACCORDING TO THE BEST SCIENCE

1.5°C is the highest we can go while still being able to manage these dangers.⁷

Along with the rest of the international community, the UK has committed to trying to keep global warming at 1.5°C.⁸ We urgently need policies that make these targets credible. As co-hosts of COP 26 next year, we must show the world that we will act.

Humanity is crossing four of the nine critical planetary boundaries: climate change, loss of biosphere integrity, land-system change and biogeochemical cycles.⁹ *Going over just one of these boundaries significantly increases the risk of catastrophic changes at continental scales.*

Science tells us that the only sensible and fair way forward is for global heating to be kept to 1.5°C.

That’s why the CEE Bill needs to become law.

Local authorities are already taking a lead. 230 councils have passed motions setting targets of net zero by 2030 or earlier and over 200 councils are supportive of 1.5°C.

Despite declaring a Climate Emergency last year, Parliament is being left behind.

THE WAY FORWARD: WHAT THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL SAYS

The Government must develop an emergency strategy that:

- requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial temperatures;
- ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
- includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
- protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
- ensures that all efforts are made to reduce emissions. In sectors where emissions are unavoidable, such as agriculture and construction, natural climate solutions are prioritised. Negative emissions technologies may only be used in these sectors and only where there is evidence that they cause no environmental damage;
- restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states;
- sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government to develop the emergency strategy.

Why a Citizens' Assembly?

As the IPCC notes, 'rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society' are required if we are to stand a chance at limiting heating to 1.5°C.¹⁰ Citizens' Assemblies are a tried-and-tested tool of ensuring broad support for policies that will significantly impact on people's lives.¹¹ Climate Assembly UK demonstrated how these processes can be successfully delivered at a national scale.¹²

UNREALISTIC? NOT ACCORDING TO BUSINESSES IN EVERY SECTOR:

- **Companies:** 300 businesses (including household names like Tesco, Sainsbury's, Unilever and Ford) have signed up to the 1.5°C target.¹³
- **Finance:** The Bank of England¹⁴ and City financiers¹⁵ are scrambling to reduce climate crisis risks to capital assets and investment returns. Lloyds is the first high street bank to apply an explicit 1.5°C aligned target to its loan book.¹⁶
- **Steel:** The world's first fossil-free steel making starts in northern Sweden. "Net-zero emissions is possible. We must seize this chance," Martin Lindqvist, CEO of SSAB.¹⁷
- **Car Manufacturing:** Ford is planning for 1.5°C.¹⁸
- **Chemicals:** UK company Croda International and 6 other businesses are committed to 1.5°C.¹⁹
- **Cement:** Heidelberg Cement has pledged to achieve net-zero emission production by 2030 in its northern European factories.²⁰

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