

Cockermouth Town Council



11 August 2021

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council to be held in the Town Hall, Cockermouth on **Wednesday 18 August 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 June 2021 (pages 1- 5)

3. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 1 July 2021 (pages 6-7)

4. 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.

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

6. 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

7. Planning Matters

- a) To make recommendations upon various planning applications (**page 8**)

8. Financial Matters

- a) To agree the attached schedule of payments (**pages 9-10**)

9. 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) To consider an email complaint regarding Lorton Street Car Park (**page 11**)
- b) To note the contents of the June/July CALC Newsletter (**pages 12-18**)
- c) Response from Traffic Management Leader regarding various highway issues (**pages 19-20**)
- d) To consider a request for speed calming Simonscales Lane (**page 21**)

10. Clerks Report (pages 22-25)

The Mayor will move –

That under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, the public be removed due to the following item of business containing legal advice from our solicitor

11. Memorial Gardens Toilet Refurbishment - To discuss legal advice received.

Press and Public Welcome

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Town Hall,
Cockermouth on Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Councillor J Laidlow, Councillor A Semple & Councillor Bennion.

Also Present: 1 member of the press and 2 members of the public were present.

32 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 June 2021.

33 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 1 July 2021.

34 Declaration of Interest

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

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

35 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had attended no social engagements since the last meeting.

36 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

37 Planning Applications

Reference: **ADV/2021/0007**

Proposal: New Aluminium fascia tray with solid build up letters and trough LED Lighting and a non-illuminated projecting sign.

Location: 23 Station Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9QW

Recommended – Refusal trough LED lighting out of character with conservation area.

Reference: **WTPO/2021/0020**

Proposal: Removal of T1 and T2 and reduction of T3 as marked on plan

Location: 6 Little Mill Close, Cockermouth, CA13 9DB

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **FUL/2021/0160**

Proposal: Removal of chimneys to rear of property

Location: 1 Ashgrove, Lorton Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9RQ

Recommended – Refusal out of character with conservation area

Reference: **HOU/2021/0162**

Proposal: Replacement side extension and single storey rear extension

Location: 11 Greyrigg Avenue, Cockermouth, CA13 9EJ

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **LBC/2021/0029**

Proposal: Listed building consent application for replacement workshop/general purpose shed following full-scale loss due to fire damage on site. The site has been fully cleared to make it safe.

Location: Castle Yard Workshop, Isel Road, Cockermouth, CA13 9HU

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **HOU/2021/0166**

Proposal: New timber gazebo within garden

Location: Radura, 3 Holmewood Gardens, Cockermouth, CA13 0DB

Recommended - Approval

38 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £13,369.19 be formally approved for payment.

39 Financial Budget Comparison

Agreed – That the content of the financial budget comparison 1/4/21 – 30/6/21 be noted.

40 Environmental Project

The Allerdale Local Committee have received 200k for environmental projects.

Councillor Kennon suggested using ladybird larvae to control the aphids in the trees in Town. This project was put forward and the money ring-fenced.

Cost are anticipated to be in the region of £3k.

Resolved – That the scheme be supported.

41 Outdoor Touring Theatre

Resolved – (a) That Heartbreak Productions perform Wonder with Grimm in the Memorial Gardens at 7pm on Saturday 7 August 2021. The cost of £2,250 be paid by the Council from recent toilet business rate refunds although donations welcomed.

(b) That an alternative venue be sought in case of inclement weather.

42 Clerk's Report

Agree – That the content of the report be noted.

43 Provision for Youth

Discussion of this item was deferred pending Councillor Bennion's attendance.

44 Traffic Management in Cockermouth

Councillor Watson explained that several residents had expressed their concern about speeding vehicles on Simonscales Lane, Brigham Road, Lorton Road and Windmill Lane.

He suggested that more signage, traffic calming measures or the introduction of a 20 mph zone may help reduce speed.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk writes to County Highways, the Police and the Speed Camera Partnership regarding these concerns.

45 Use of SID on Lorton Road

The Traffic Management Team Leader asked if it was possible to utilise our SID on Lorton Road and share the data with the CRASH Group.

Those present discussed whether or not this was agreeable.

Concern was expressed that the current pole for mounting the SID on Lorton Road was not sited in the best placed to catch speeding vehicles.

Resolved – a) That our SID be utilized on Lorton Road and the data gathered shared with the CRASH Group.

b) That an additional pole be requested and be sited between Vicarage Lane and Skinner Street.

46 Memorial Gardens Toilet Refurbishment

Further to minute 27 (2021/22), Councillor Burns stated that lots of users of the gardens would like to see the toilets developed and that the Town Council should ask the three interested parties what they wanted to do.

Councillor Watson stated that there were no figures or costings attached to the proposals received. Questions remained regarding how much land was in question, how the refurbishment would be funded, how long a lease the parties would require, what kind of a return we would get. He added that receipt from Double Mills could be used to bring the toilets up to modern standards. Suggestions from the public on the usage could be sought. He was happy to listen to what the three interested parties had in mind.

Councillor Tyson moved that we do not sell or lease the toilets but develop them ourselves over time as we have the money to do so. This was seconded.

A vote was taken, 4 in favour, 5 against.

Councillor Burns moved that the legal aspects of leasing be explored and that the three interested parties be invited to outline their proposals within the next 3 months. This was seconded.

A vote was taken 4 in favour, 1 against.

Resolved – That the legal aspects of leasing be explored and that the three interested parties be invited to outline their proposals within the next 3 months.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm

Minutes of a special planning meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 5 August 2021 at 7.00pm

Members

A Smith

I Burns
J Laidlow
C Smith

A Kennon
D Malloy
A Tyson

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Bennion, Watson, Nicholson & Semple

47 Declaration of Interest

Councillor A Tyson declared an interest due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillors A Kennon & A Smith declared an interest due to being substitute members of the Development Panel?

48 Public Participation

There was none.

49 Planning Applications

Reference: **FUL/2021/0198**

Partial demolition and refurbishment of existing building and erection of 2 no commercial buildings comprising of 9 individual units

Thermoforce Ltd, Wakefield Road

Recommended – Approval

50 Tree Works

Recommended – That the various tree works proposed at Kirkbank Cockermouth be approved.

51 Tree Works

Recommended – That the various tree works proposed at Main Street Cockermouth be approved.

52 Tree Works

Recommended – That the various tree works proposed at Market Place, Cockermouth be approved.

53 Tree Works

Recommended – That the various tree works proposed at St. Helen's Street, Cockermouth be approved.

54 Tree Works

Recommended – That the various tree works proposed at Station Street, Cockermouth be approved.

55 Tree Works

Recommended – That the tree works proposed to the lime tree at The Level, Cockermouth be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Reference: **HOU/2021/0186**

Proposal: Removal of existing rough cast render and replace with new

Location: 2 South Street, Cockermouth CA13 9QZ

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/21

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
451	451 Bacs	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	02/08/21	Mr A Brown - Mem Gardens Misc (toilet, banner, weed etc)	£40.00
452	bacs 452	£195.00	£0.00	£195.00	02/08/21	Allerdale Borough Council - Trade refuse April - June 21	£195.00
1		£97.50	£0.00	£97.50		TH TH	
2		£97.50	£0.00	£97.50		TIC TIC	
453	453 bacs	£122.39	£20.40	£101.99	02/08/21	Quadient Uk Ltd - Ink franking machine	£122.39
454	454 bacs	£478.50	£0.00	£478.50	04/08/21	Custom Clean - TH July	£478.50
455	455 bacs	£319.00	£0.00	£319.00	04/08/21	Custom Clean - Library July	£319.00
456	456	£318.66	£0.00	£318.66	05/08/21	Water Plus - DD - Town Hall Water - need invoice	£318.66
457	457 bacs	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	06/08/21	Mr R Rickerby - Paint Staff toilet / sink area	£120.00
458	458 bacs	£230.33	£38.39	£191.94	09/08/21	Npower Ltd - TH electirc - June 21	£230.33
459	112750	£195.00	£32.50	£162.50	09/08/21	Cumbria Pest Services - washroom services- public toilets	£195.00
460	112751	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	09/08/21	Simon Hine Window Cleaning Services - Clean Bus Shelters	£150.00
461	112752	£1,260.00	£210.00	£1,050.00	09/08/21	JJ Group - ECR Testing - TH	£1,260.00
462	112753	£33.24	£5.54	£27.70	09/08/21	Lakes Electrial Supplies Ltd - cables ties/ tubes etc inv 2229	£33.24
463	112754	£260.86	£14.20	£246.66	09/08/21	Npower Ltd -	£260.86
1		£25.44	£1.21	£24.23		TIC library	
2		£7.86	£0.37	£7.49		MG wakefield road	
3		£59.99	£3.75	£56.24		toile Main Street Toilets	
4		£33.28	£2.48	£30.80		toile bitterbeck toilets	
5		£8.64	£0.41	£8.23		toile Harris Park Toilets	
6		£8.21	£0.39	£7.82		MG mem gardens April	
7		£117.44	£5.59	£111.85		TIC library june	
464	112755	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	09/08/21	Simon Hine Window Cleaning Services - Town Hall Windows	£60.00
465	112756	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	09/08/21	S P Martin Electricals Limited - VH - weeks to smoke/heat detectors	£45.00
466	112757	£181.85	£30.31	£151.54	09/08/21	Tech 4 Office Equipment Ltd - Th photocopier	£181.85

Signature

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Date

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/21

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
467	112759	£2,265.41	£377.57	£1,887.84	09/08/21	Tivoli Services Ltd - JULY - Ground Maintenance inv 00029304	£2,265.41
1		£1,894.39	£315.73	£1,578.66		MG Ground Maintenance - f Gardens	
2		£371.02	£61.84	£309.18		OP Ground Maintenance - Areas	
468	112760	£349.15	£12.50	£336.65	09/08/21	Water Plus - water charges	£349.15
1		£127.10	£0.00	£127.10		toile Main Street Toilets	
2		£122.53	£8.66	£113.87		toile BitterbeckToilets	
3		£22.35	£0.00	£22.35		toile Main Street Toilets	
4		£77.17	£3.84	£73.33		MG mem gardens toilets	
469	112761	£55.30	£9.22	£46.08	09/08/21	WF Cascade - cleaning produc -public toiets	£55.30
470	112763	£5,341.51	£890.25	£4,451.26	09/08/21	Tivoli Services Ltd -	£5,341.51
1		£468.00	£78.00	£390.00		MG Resurface path Mem G. inv 00029401	
2		£2,134.55	£355.76	£1,778.79		OP supply fit swings etc 3 p	
3		£2,738.96	£456.49	£2,282.47		OS Flower baskets	
Total		£12,021.20	£1,640.88	£10,380.32			

Signature

Date

Signature

Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Steve Barney <s.barney@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 06 August 2021 21:30
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Subject: Cockermouth parking issue

Dear Town Clerk (Sheila),

A short note to yourself and the Mayor Mr Alan Smith to express some frustration after visiting the lovely Cockermouth recently.

The visit was part of a longer trip around the UK which included a visit to the Lakes, which I'm ashamed to say was our first despite my wife and I now being in our middle age.

On arrival in the area we chose Cockermouth as our first port of call and thoroughly enjoyed many aspects of the town, including a trip to the Wordsworth House and some of your food outlets.

We had no prior knowledge of the town layout, didn't know how close we were to anything and parked in the first available place we could find which was Lorton Street.

We paid for 2 hours of parking but it took some time to understand and log onto a website in order to make the payment, as the cash or card option wasn't working on the machine. I also waited and stood clear of another couple for a few minutes who were also struggling to pay for their parking ticket. It was very noisy and dusty as there some renovations taking place at a property in the car park at the time.

But anyway, we finally achieved it and went on our way returning 2 hours after we had left the car. On our return we sat there for a few moments to work out where we were going next and then went on our way.

The rest of our trip was outstanding and we returned home to Hampshire in great spirits.

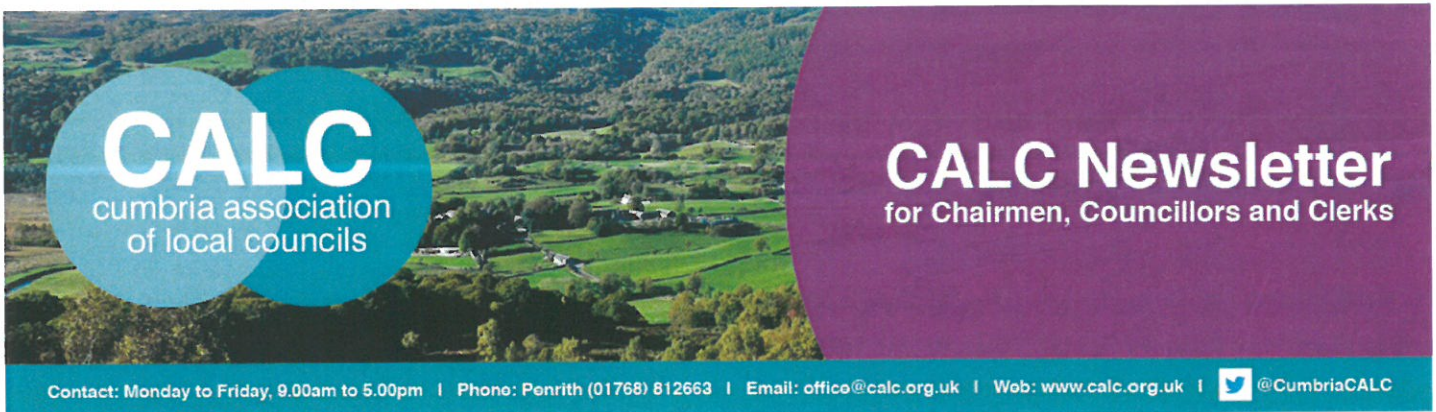
However, when we arrived home we were disappointed to find a parking ticket for £100 for our stay in the Lorton Street car park. We had genuinely paid and knew we had returned at the correct time only to be told the car park camera has recorded us entering and leaving in excess of that time. They had counted the time prior to the ticket purchase which was longer due to the reduced machine payment options/functions. We did appeal but the company running the car park has refused to withdraw the fine.

Although I accept the evidence it was a real shame that the punishment was so harsh and was dealt with without total understanding of the circumstances. Unfortunately it's left a real sour taste in our mouth and I doubt that we will come back to the town again.

I appreciate there is nothing you can do for us as I believe this was a private car park, and we will very begrudgingly pay the fine, but I feel that you should know how tough and ruthless the company running the car park is, and that future visitors should know to avoid this car park.

Kind regards

Steve Barney



CALC News June/July 2021

Advance Notice: CALC AGM

We are pleased to announce that the CALC AGM will be held on **Saturday 16th October**. It will be held online again this year.

South Lakeland District Association AGM will be held on 16th September 2021, venue tbc

Carlisle Parish Council Association will be held on 1st September 2021, venue tbc

Local Government Reorganisation Update

The government is still consulting on the four options presented to them, and it is understood that they will publish their decision on the future configuration of Cumbria's principal authorities sometime this summer. When there is a clear proposal, legislation will be put before parliament setting out the details of the reorganisation. A shadow authority or authorities will come into being in May 2022 and the new authority/ies will be created in 2023.

It is important that all parish and town councils begin to think about what the possible impact of a unitary authority will be on your parish or town council. The powers and duties of both the district/borough/city councils and the county council will be transferred to the new unitary authority in your area. This change is likely to impact on how some services are delivered in future. Every parish council is different and has different interests and capacity. Even if it seems that your council does not wish to take on any additional responsibilities, it is worth considering the issues that reorganisation may raise for your parish.

Here are a few areas to consider:

Assets and Services

In your parish, are there any areas of land that is locally important to your community? Who is it owned by (if not the pc) and would the council be willing to take it on to protect it for the future use of your community? Are there any community buildings that your parish council would be interested in taking over? If so, what support would you need to do this? Are there any services, that if withdrawn, that your pc would be willing to undertake (or in conjunction with a neighbouring parish council?)

Engaging with the new unitary authority (or authorities)

Would you like to see more representation of parish and town councils on some of the committees of the new authority or authorities? Or a new forum for the first tier of local government to engage with the principal authority?

When we know what the proposed reorganisation looks like, and if your council wishes to, then this will be the time to begin to engage with the principal authorities locally to share your views with them. Until then, having some conversations and giving the matter some thought is useful preparation for any discussions to come.

Covid - Lifting of Restrictions

You've probably heard the Prime Minister's speech around the relaxation of restrictions, or seen the reports of it in the press.

The decision to move to Step 4 has now been taken (Monday 12 July), and so the relaxations of restrictions will come into force on **Monday 19 July**.

The most recent information is on the government website – follow the link below for more information on what will change at Step 4:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-summer-2021-roadmap/coronavirus-how-to-stay-safe-and-help-prevent-the-spread>

As you will also be aware, the pandemic is far from over, and in fact new cases are increasing. The government is, whilst lifting formal restrictions, encouraging everyone to be vigilant and take every precaution to keep people safe. For parish and town councils, this means it is up to your council how many precautions are taken when meeting. CALC recommends always putting the safety of members and employees first. This means continuing to assess risks at your meeting venue and taking appropriate action including wearing face coverings, wiping down tables, opening windows and doors to keep rooms well ventilated, observing social distance and doing Lateral Flow Tests after meeting if appropriate. However, this is now not mandatory but recommended. There are no restrictions on the numbers of the public that can attend from Monday 19th July and there is no power to enforce wearing of face coverings indoors (see NALC update below).

There is further guidance on the link below on keeping venues safe in order to prevent the spread of the virus:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-summer-2021-roadmap/coronavirus-how-to-stay-safe-and-help-prevent-the-spread#businesses-and-venues>

For full guidance from the government, please visit their Coronavirus website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NALC Legal Update: Face coverings in council museum

NALC legal team had a recent request about a council's duties and responsibilities when some visitors to the council's museum claimed exemptions from mask-wearing. The council had concerns about its health and safety duties to its staff. NALC's advice was for the council to say it requests the visiting public to wear face coverings when they visit the museum, subject to exemptions. Councils cannot compel persons to wear them. It is likely most people will adhere to wearing face masks. It is also advisable for councils with buildings to which the public have access to implement social distancing measures, such as having one way access.

Highways Information Management System – launch of new version



Cumbria County Council's new online reporting form is now live on the Cumbria County Council website.

There has been significant consultation with members around the changes to the online reporting system. The project team would like to thank Parish Councillors for their ongoing support throughout the process of reviewing and improving the original 'HIMS' system.

The highways team will continue to provide Parish Councillors with monthly updates and opportunities to give feedback, engage with new systems and get involved with shaping the Highways service.

For more information about the new system, please click on the link below:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/communications/reportafault.asp>

The Ask Kevin Inbox is also available for Parish Councillors to send in any questions or feedback prior to each session:

askkevin@cumbria.gov.uk



NALC National Network: Women Councillors Day

NALC held its first National Network: Women councillors meeting on 5 July 2021, which aims to help women councillors from across England's local (parish and town) councils to connect, learn, support and share good practices.

The network chaired by NALC chair, Cllr Sue Baxter, discussed the issues facing women councillors such as behaviour, progressing into leadership roles, using gender-neutral terms and accessing support and advice.

Cllr Baxter also took the opportunity to thank all women councillors for all their efforts in supporting their communities during the pandemic, as part of Thank You Day.

Cllr Baxter, said: "I was thrilled to host the first meeting of the network, as this is something I've felt strongly about setting up for some time, particularly as the first-ever woman chair of NALC. Over the last few years, NALC's #MakeAChange campaign has aimed to encourage more people all backgrounds and experiences to get involved in their community and stand for election as councillors. I was delighted that so many councillors who came to the meeting were new to local councils and just starting out on the rewarding journey to make a change where they live. The meeting provided an invaluable opportunity for new and more experienced councillors to discuss issues of common interest and provide mutual support, and identify ways of staying in touch with each other. I'm keen for more women councillors to join the network and this first meeting was a really important and positive start." The network is one of a series of new networks NALC has established this year. Other networks focus on coastal communities, the LGBT+ community, young councillors, with more to be announced. To find out more and to join the network, please contact NALC at policycomms@nalc.gov.uk

NALC Online Event on Affordable Rural Housing

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has added a new online event on making rural housing more affordable to its schedule, taking place on 17 November 2021.

Affordable rural housing is becoming even harder to obtain for residents in rural parished areas. As land on which to build such housing becomes scarcer and the planning system goes through yet

another major overhaul – the net effect seems to be even more socially isolated younger and other people priced out of homeownership in their own areas. At this event hear from sector experts about the difference local (parish and town) councils can make to influence local initiatives to make housing cheaper and affordable in rural areas – against the odds.

The expert panel features Lord Best, chair of the Affordable Housing Commission, Martin Collett, chief executive at English Rural and Richard Quallington, executive director at Action for Communities in Rural England

The event is sponsored by BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA.

[Find out more and register your place](#)

Allerdale GDF Working Group announces series of public drop-ins

The Allerdale GDF Working Group has announced a series of dates for community drop-ins due to take place across Allerdale throughout July and August.

The Working Group formed in January 2021 to start a conversation with the community about whether Allerdale is the right place to build a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) to permanently dispose of the UK's higher-activity radioactive waste, and with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions expected on 19 July, they have now been able to plan a series of face-to-face drop-in sessions to listen to the views of the community.

Geological disposal is one of the UK's largest ever environmental protection projects, which would provide a safe and secure long-term solution for the disposal of higher activity radioactive waste and could create investment and jobs over many generations.

Over the past six months, the Working Group has engaged with the community largely through their digital channels and e-newsletter, but these drop-ins will now provide a safe space for people to have real life conversations about what a GDF could mean for Allerdale, and find out whatever information they need to take part in the discussion.

As well as the opportunity to ask questions and share opinions with Working Group members, there will also be a range of learning resources to help people of all ages explore the science behind a GDF and see what the facility could look like and how it might work.

The Working Group, who are neither for nor against building a GDF in Allerdale, is independently Chaired by Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, and members include local representatives from Allerdale Borough Council, Radioactive Waste Management Ltd (RWM), Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC), and Genr8North Ltd – the Interested Party that came forward and asked for Allerdale to be considered as a potential location.

Eva Chua, the Group's Community Engagement Manager said: "Launching the Working Group in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic has been challenging, but I'm really pleased we can now get out into the community to have as many conversations as possible and understand what local people want for their future. Their views are important to us. We are here to listen and to provide information to encourage the community of Allerdale to take part in the discussion about GDF and what it could mean

for the community. We want to invite everyone to come along to a drop-in near them and tell us what they think”.

The first of 12 community drop-ins is due to take place at Thursby Village Hall on Thursday 22nd July and all sessions will be subject to any Covid-19 restrictions which may be in place at the time.

Further information, including the full programme of drop-in sessions, can be found on the website: <https://allerdale.workinginpartnership.org.uk/>.

- Thursday 22 July, 10:30am–6:00pm, Thursby Village Hall, CA5 6PQ
- Friday 23 July, 10:00am–6:00pm, Wigton Market Hall, CA7 9AA
- Saturday 24 July, 10:30am–6:00pm, Bothel Village Hall, CA7 2HL
- Thursday 5 August, 10:30am–6:00pm, Crosscanonby Community Centre, CA15 6SQ
- Friday 6 August, 10:30am–6:00pm, Gilcrux Village Hall, CA7 2QD
- Saturday 7 August, 10:00am–5:30pm, The Wave, Maryport, CA15 8AD
- Thursday 12 August, 10:30am–6:00pm, Blindcrake Village Hall, CA13 0QH
- Friday 13 August, 10:30am–6:00pm, Broughton Village Hall, CA13 0NE
- Saturday 14 August, 10:00am–4:30pm, United Reformed Church, Cockermouth, CA13 9LU
- Thursday 19 August, 10:00am–4:00pm, Seaton Village Hall, CA14 1PL
- Friday 20 August, 10:00am–6:00pm, Northside Community Centre, CA14 1AX
- Saturday 21 August, 10:30am–5.00pm, Carnegie Theatre & Arts Centre, CA14 2BD

Anyone who is not able to attend a drop-in but would like to ask questions or share views is encouraged to contact the Group through its website where they can also access a range of digital resources, including an interactive Virtual Exhibition.

Vacancies

- **Clifton Parish Council** have a Clerk vacancy for 6 hours per week. Please contact Rachael Kelly on email cliftonpc@outlook.com for further details. Closing date is 16th July.
- **Bandleyside Parish Council** has a Clerk vacancy for 3 hours per week. Please contact Rachael Kelly on email bandleysidepc@outlook.com for further details. Closing date is 20th July.
- **Castle Sowerby Parish Council** has a Clerk vacancy for 75 hours per year. Please contact Rachael Kelly on email parishclerk@castlesowerby.org.uk for further details. Closing date is 20th July.
- **Beckermeth with Thornhill Parish Council** is looking to appoint a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council.

The hours are deemed to be 8.5 hours per week and the salary will be in accordance with National Pay Scales. Experience in the workings of a Parish Council is preferred although training will be offered.

Applications including CV can be emailed to sam47@mypostoffice.co.uk or can be posted to Mr S J

Meteer, 10 Wodow Road, Thornhill, Egremont, CA22 2SD.

For further information please telephone Sam Meteer on 07950417721.

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Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Davis-Johnston, Steph <steph.davis-johnston@cumbria.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2021 16:13
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Subject: RE: Various issues

Hello Sheila

More information about the CRASH group can be found here: <http://www.crsp.co.uk/default.asp>

Windmill Lane has been investigated a number of times, and no evidence of speeding vehicles or issues of road safety has been found.

Cumbria County Council has not received any complaints regarding speeding vehicles on Simonscales Lane, but on nearby Rose Lane. Can you please confirm whether this is the location referred to?

Investigation into speeding concerns at Brigham Road and Lorton Road can be considered further. For future complaints / enquiries regarding speeding, please log these through the Police -

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Report-It/Road-Safety-Concerns/Reporting-Road-Safety-Concerns.aspx>

Thank you for the update on the SID that is now placed on Lorton Road. I appreciate the Councillors views, and will consider any additional locations including Lorton Road between Vicarage Lane and Skinner Street. Please note that any additional locations must be investigated thoroughly by the CRASH group and an issue with excessive speed must be evidenced to be considered.

Many Thanks,

Steph Davis-Johnston

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Please be aware that I work flexible hours, so whilst this is a convenient time for me to send this email to you, I do not expect a response from you outside your normal working hours.

From: Clerk - Cockermouth TC <clerk@cockermouth.org>
Sent: 23 July 2021 10:33
To: Davis-Johnston, Steph <steph.davis-johnston@cumbria.gov.uk>

Subject: Various issues

Importance: High

Hi Steph, could you let me know which agencies from the crash group please.

At our meeting on 21.7 we discussed the following

44 Traffic Management in Cockermouth

Councillor Watson explained that several residents had expressed their concern about speeding vehicles on Simonscales Lane, Brigham Road, Lorton Road and Windmill Lane.

He suggested that more signage, traffic calming measures or the introduction of a 20 mph zone may help reduce speed.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk writes to County Highways, the Police and the Speed Camera Partnership regarding these concerns.

Could the crash group help with this?

Secondly, further to your email of 9/7 our SID has been placed on the pole we have on Lorton Road and is collecting data.

Councillors feel however that the post is not in the correct place.

They wondered if CCC could put up an additional post on Lorton Road by the railway bridge as this is a much better location.

Many thanks

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Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Tim Stanley-Clamp <tdsc50@icloud.com>
Sent: 09 August 2021 14:36
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Cc: benningrace@gmail.com; rawatson@live.co.uk; aln.smith@allerdale.gov.uk
Subject: Speed calming - Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth

Dear Mrs Brown

Speed calming - Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth

On the advice of our local councillor we are writing to appeal to you to get something done about slowing the traffic on our street, especially between Riverdale Drive and Vicarage Lane..

Thirty miles an hour is too fast. The road is narrow (15 ft), vehicles are much wider than they were when the road was built and there are several concealed entrances along the western side of the road which are dangerous both for the cars using the road and for those trying to get out. The private lane between number 3 and 4 South Lodge is used by five South Lodge households and several near collisions have occurred here. Along the street there are families with children and a number of elderly people to be considered. The corner of Simonscales Lane and Vicarage Lane is also hazardous for pedestrians and for residents trying to emerge from their own drives..

Some years ago I appealed to Cumbria Highways but they never replied to my letter. We are hoping that you will be able to help as the situation has got worse with a greater number of cars and some drivers who are reckless.

We believe that the speed limit should be reduced to 20 mph with prominent signs.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Tim Stanley-Clamp

Tim and Lena Stanley-Clamp, 3 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Beryl Pryde, 4 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Clare and Omar Ed, South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Emily and Tim Fox, Long House, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Madeleine and Richard Peters, 1 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Sarah and Matt Stephen, 2 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Fiona and Nimal Jayatilaka, 5 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Brenda Bates, 3 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB

Robert and Marjorie Bratton, 5 Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9DH

CLERK'S REPORT

Town Hall

Staff toilet and back entrance area has been re-decorated.

Tourism and Publicity/Library

4 slipped slates haven been fixed on Library roof. A big thank you to Eric for lending his cherry picker, it made the job much easier.

Issues with flat roof yet to be addressed.

Two young volunteers will be assisting in the library over the course of the summer holidays.

Free healthy lunches continue to be handed out each Wednesday.

Over 100 have taken part in the SRC so far. 50 additional packs were received from CCC last week.

Play Areas

The sets of chains and seats have been replaced on the other 3 play areas.

Two tree to be trimmed on Greyrigg site.

Memorial Gardens

A Nichol has undertaken a survey of the trees and has recommended that some works be carried out.

The gravel extracted from the river has been placed on the path. Tivoli have completed the path works.

Weddings

From 19 July 2021 weddings of 52 can be held.

Public Toilets

They re-opened on 29 June 2020. They remain open during lockdown.

The toilets in Harris Park will be open during the summer holidays.

Main Street toilets were closed temporarily on 2/8/21. A nappy had been flushed down the toilet and blocked the pipework.

Play Areas

These re-opened 4 July 2020.

Allotments

The allotments will be re-inspected asap.

1 allotment on the Gote has been re-let.

Bank reinstatement works to commence on St Helen's Street site on 16 August 2021.

A close the gate sign has been affixed to the entrance gate.

Bench

A new bench was installed on Strawberry Howe Road. Thanks David.

Platinum Jubilee

We had an excellent first meeting.

Town Council staff have started to organise the picnic on Sunday 5 June 2022.

The group organising the concert led by Cllr Semple met again on 5/8/21. The concert will be held in the Kirkgate on Friday 3 June 2022.

Mayors Social Evening

The Mayor held a social evening on 10 August 2021 in the Town Hall to thank all those organisations/individuals who worked above and beyond during the last 18 months due to covid.

Outdoor Performance

The 'Wonder of Grimm' took place on Saturday 7 August 2021. Everyone who attended really enjoyed the performance. A big thank you to councillors Malloy, Burns and Semple for helping me out with the event. We were really lucky with the weather.

Switch on Day

Arrangements are being made for this event.

The road closure has been submitted.

Twinning

Sadly, no Marvejolais will be travelling to Cockermouth this October 2021 due to coronavirus.

Fireworks

Councillor Tyson has resigned as our safety officer. What do you want to do about this event?

Date	Day	On Duty	TIC Visitors	Library Visitors	S &C, Booking	S & C, Collection	Allerdale Visitors	PC Users	Telephone	Post	Email	Fax	SRC starters
1	Thu	Samuel, Anne-Marie	7	27	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	
2	Fri	Samuel, Anne-Marie	8	39	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	
3	Sat	John&Matthew	5	26	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	
4	Sun	closed											
5	Mon	Anne-Marie & Pamela	15	42	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	
6	Tue	Pamela&AM	12	36	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	
7	Wed	Samuel, Pamela	3	28	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	
8	Thu	Samuel, Anne-Marie	12	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
9	Fri	Samuel, Anne-Marie	10	35	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	
10	Sat	John&Matthew	6	34		2		1	2	0	0	0	5
11	Sun	closed											
12	Mon	Anne-Marie & Pamela	14	35	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2
13	Tues	Pamela&AM	17	24	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	7
14	Wed	Samuel, Pamela	11	36	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
15	Thu	Samuel, Anne-Marie	11	30	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0
16	Fri	Samuel, Anne-Marie	11	40	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
17	Sat	John&Matthew	4	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4

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