

Cockermouth Town Council



8 November 2023


Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council to be held in the Town Hall, Cockermouth on **Wednesday 15 November 2023 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


Kirstie Goodger

1. Apologies for absence
2. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 October 2023 (pages 1-10)
3. To note the minutes of the Town Clerk Recruitment Sub Committee held on 19 October 2023 (page 11)
4. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 23 October 2023 (pages 12-13)
5. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 2 November 2023 (pages 14-15)
6. Minute Taker- (page 16)
7. 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.
8. **Mayors Announcements** – The Mayor will announce the events she has attended since the last meeting.
9. **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

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Joint Winners

Council of Europe Year 2000

Europe Prize

Previous Awards

Plaque of Honour, Flag of Honour

European Diploma

Summary of Public Rights

- 10. Proposal to set up a staffing committee** - To establish a standing staffing committee, agree its Terms of Reference and elect its members, Chair and Vice-Chair. To set the meeting dates of proposed committee. (pages 17-19)
- 11. The Council to consider having as a permanent agenda item, 'Report on actions from the previous meeting/ matters arising from the previous meeting.**

12. Reports from Cumberland Councillors

- 13. Introductions to Darren Crossley** – Director of Place, Sustainable Growth & Transport at Cumberland Council

14. Planning

- a) To make recommendations upon various planning applications – **non received**
- b) To make recommendations upon an application for tree work- **non received**

15. Financial Matters

- a) To agree the attached schedule of payments (**pages 20-22**)
- b) Investment Account – Change of signatories (**page 23**)

16. Correspondence

- a) To reconsider a request from V.Wilkinson dated 12th October 2023 (**page 24**)
- b) To consider the contents of a letter received from Mark Jenkinson MP dated 5th October 2023 (**pages 25-26**)
- c) A letter forwarded by Mark Jenkinson MP from Rachel Maclean MP Minister of State for Housing and Planning - dated 20th October 2023 (**page 27-29**)
- d) To consider / note the contents of a letter received Mark Jenkinson MP dated 31st October 2023 (**page 30**)
- e) To note the contents of the Cumberland newsletter dated 05.10.23/ 22.10.23/ 29.10.23/ 06.11.23 (**pages 31-56**)
- f) To note the contents of Weekly News from Westmorland and Furness Council dates 03.11.23 – (**pages 57-63**)
- g) To consider the contents of an email received from Carol Jenkins dated 05.11.23 – (**page 64**)
- h) To note the contents of CALC AGM Minutes held on 30th September 2023 - received 07.11.23 (**pages 65-68**)

- 17. Clerks report** – To consider the actions in the clerks report (**pages 69-72**)

18. Climate Emergency Action

16. Press and Public Welcome

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
Councillor H Beanland
Councillor I Burns
Councillor S Barnes
Councillor M Bowman
Councillor C Bell
Councillor C Bridgman
Councillor D Malloy
Councillor G Telford
Councillor J Samson
Councillor H Tucker
Councillor R Watson

Also present: 1 member of the press, 7 members of the public & Councillor Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council.

The Town Clerk was presented with a beautiful bouquet by the Mayor and thanked for her many years of service.

128 Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 September 2023 be signed as a correct record.

129 Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of Special Council held on 28 September 2023 be signed as a correct record.

130 Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 5 October 2023 be signed as a correct record.

131 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Tucker declared that she was a substitute member of the Planning Committee of Cumberland Council.

132 Mayors Announcements

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

Mayor of Workington's Civic Service
Annual Garden Presentation Night

133 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

134 Leader of Cumberland Council

Councillor Fryer informed those present that a full Traffic Regulation Order was to be carried out in each Town and that the Town Council should start thinking about any changes it wished to incorporate.

He stated that issues around the Cumberland App and Cumberland website were to be fully reviewed.

Cumberland staff were being encouraged back to work and the opening hours at Allerdale House were being reviewed.

He acknowledged that in merging four authorities it was still difficult at times to find out who in the system needed to be accessed.

He explained that he was unable to discuss in detail the partial collapse of the Old Court House Building in the town as it was likely that Cumberland Council would have to go down a legal route. With storms due over the next few days officers were on alert.

Councillor Telford stated that traders wanted road access as soon as practicable.

Councillor Laidlow explained that trade in her shop was down 25% in the last week.

Councillor Malloy asked how long the bridge would be closed and why the bridge was closed?

Councillor Fryer answered that it was shut due to the fact that the walkway was part of the bridge and for health and safety reasons incase the façade fell.

Councillor Malloy reiterated that if half of the bridge could be open to traffic that would help reduce additional travel time for emergency services getting to the side of the town affected by the bridge closure.

Councillor Malloy asked that the traffic lights on Kirkgate be relocated. They were placed at the narrowest point. He asked if it was possible to bag over the traffic lights and see how the traffic flowed.

Councillor Fryer stated that some on street parking had been suspended.

Councillor Bell stated that traders had been affected and that some thought Cockermouth was closed for business.

Councillor Fryer stated that Cumberland Council could not control facebook and that local organisations had a part to play in reinforcing positive messages.

Councillor Tucker had asked Mr Melville to put out diversion signs for routes onto the A66 in the hope that some vehicles would go up Gallowbarrow. She had also asked for car parks to be signed. Neither of these actions had been carried out as yet. She also felt that the better positioning of Road closed signs would drive more traffic up Gallowbarrow.

Councillor Fryer stated that you still needed cars to go to Main Street. Traffic wardens were enforcing parking on double yellow lines on the right hand side of Station Street.

Councillor Tucker stated that everyone needed to use their social media sites to comment that the Town was still open for business.

Councillor Barnes felt that the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Station Street should be a traffic light controlled.

Councillor Fryer suggested that this be incorporated into any new TRO to be assessed.

Councillor Bowman asked if a full structural engineers report had been undertaken on the Old Courthouse and if enforcement powers could be used. Councillor Fryer replied that both legal routes included Cumberland taking control of the building.

Councillor Malloy had observed kids on scooters and bikes flying through the walkway. He asked for a traffic survey in the town so that residents would be assured that all was being done.

Councillor Fryer stated that dispersal orders and anti-social behaviour orders were being completed across Cumberland. These included scooter use.

Councillor Watson mentioned our new Community Beat Officer and the active Bike

and Skate Park Group in Cockermouth. He informed Councillor Fryer that the Bike and Skate Park Group may wish to use a Cumberland owned site or seek financial support. He added that there was a lack of stuff for teenagers to do in Cockermouth.

Councillor Beanland stated that he had been investigating accessing sources of funding e.g. S106 funding and SIF money for the new skate park and to carry out path improvements.

Councillor Fryer explained that the SIF money was earmarked for Economic Development. Councillor Burns stated that the S106 money from Strawberry How had been spent and that all that was outstanding was the new walkway at All Saints School.

Councillor Beanland asked if Cumberland would be prepared to revisit the current arrangement at Cockermouth Library. Councillor Fryer replied yes.

Councillor Telford expressed her concern regarding a change to the protocol at Planning Committee. Planning Committee members were unable to discuss the main issue and could only ask questions. Councillor Fryer agreed to look into this.

Councillor Watson asked if the new TRO would include traffic calming measures and 20 mph zones. Councillor Fryer replied that the TRO would include them but that the impact would have to be looked at in depth.

Councillor Malloy enquired if officers at Cumberland were actively seeking a new tenant for the former Wilkinsons Store in the Town Centre. Councillor Fryer replied that the former Wilkinsons Store was privately owned and that he was sure that the owner would be trying their best to find a new tenant.

Councillor Burns enquired about the transfer of Harris Park to the Town Council. Councillor Fryer stated that if the Town Council wanted Harris Park he would ensure that any outstanding information was given to us. Councillor Burns enquired if the trees and footpaths would be given attention prior to transfer. He replied that the Park would not be gold plated.

Councillor Fryer asked if the Town Council owned any allotments as Cumberland were hoping to transfer small parcels of land for this purpose. The Town Clerk informed him that we owned 77 allotments and had a large waiting list.

Councillor Burns enquired about the future of the Coroners Building. Councillor Fryer confirmed that the Coroner was moving to Allerdale House. but that he did not know when this would happen.

Councillor Burns asked about potholes. Councillor Fryer replied that the number of potholes was being drastically reduced and would soon be down to double figure.

Councillor Burns also pointed out that Market Place was sinking again.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Fryer for his attendance.

135 Planning Applications

HOU/2023/0169

Summer House in garden (retrospective)

24, Lowscales Drive

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2023/0171

Single storey side extension

157, The Parklands

Recommended – Approval

136 Application for Tree Works

CAT/2023/0031

Pollarding of a multi-stemmed willow tree

The Studio, St. Helens Street

Recommended - Approval

137 Finance

Resolved – (a) That payments in the amount of £24,885.47 be authorised.

138 Financial Budget Comparison

Resolved – That the financial budget comparison and revised budget

to 30/9/23 be agreed and noted.

139 Interim Half Yearly Report by our Internal Auditor

Those present considered the interim half yearly report by our Internal Auditor.

There were no matters arising.

She expressed her appreciation of the assistance shown by the Town Clerk and her team.

Resolved – That the report be agreed and noted.

140 External Auditor Report and Certificate 2022/23 – Interim

Moore had not yet completed their review work on our AGAR and supporting documentation.

A final report detailing any qualifications and other matters will be provided with the certificate of completion following finalisation of the review.

Agreed – That the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2022/23 – Interim be noted.

141 Grant Tarn Close Sports Ground

Cockermouth Junior Football Club had asked the Town Council to take on the role of lead partner to enable them to claim back the VAT which would essentially equate to a 100k contribution on a £500k project to develop Tarn Close Sports Ground without any direct cost to the Town Council itself.

Due to the imminent retirement of the existing Clerk and the lack of appointment of a new clerk, the Town Council had advised the Club that it was not in a position to undertake a lead partner role currently.

Cockermouth Junior Football Club had requested that if lead partner role was not feasible whether the Town Council were amenable to support this project with direct financial contribution and if so to what value?

Councillor Bowman stated that once a new Town Clerk was settled there may be a possibility of the Town Council acting as Lead Partner.

She felt that more information was needed on the totality of the scheme and

proportion of contribution sought. She felt that without this information, the Town Council was not in a position to give a definitive answer.

Those present agreed that the issue be revisited later on.

Resolved – That Cockermouth Junior Football Club be advised that the Town Council would revisit either acting as lead partner and/or supporting the project with a direct financial contribution at a later date.

142 Budget and Precept for 2024/25

Resolved – That the budget/precept of £309,751 be agreed.

143 LGR Newsletters

Agreed – That the content of the 18 & 24 September 2023 & 1 & 9 October 2023 Cumberland Council newsletters be noted.

144 Calc News

Agreed – That the contents of the July & August 2023 Calc News be noted.

145 Lakes to Sea Community Panel

Councillor Semple had distributed a presentation regarding the Lakes to Sea Community Panel.

The first Community Network launch was planned to take place on 26 October 2023 at 6pm in the Kirkgate Centre in Cockermouth.

Agreed – That the presentation sent by Councillor Semple, Chair of the Lakes to Sea Community Panel be noted.

146 Fire Station, Cockermouth

Further to minute number 93 (2023/24), Mr McCall, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner advised that discussions were underway regarding a refurbishment of the current Fire Station in Cockermouth. He assured Councillors that the service provided in Cockermouth would not be affected.

Agreed – That Mr McCall's response be welcomed and noted.

147 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerk's report.

Agreed - That the contents be noted.

148 Climate Emergency Action

Zero Hour were seeking the Town Councils support for the Climate and Ecology Bill which was due for its second reading on 24 November 2023.

If made law, the Climate and Ecology Bill would ensure that:-

The threat facing nature is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis in a joined-up approach.

The Paris Agreement is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its real fair share to limit global temperature rise to the most stringent end of the Paris agreement -1.5 degrees celsius.

The UK takes full responsibility for our entire greenhouse gas footprint by accounting for all of the emissions that take place overseas to manufacture, transport and dispose of the goods and services we import and consume.

The Government deliver a climate and nature assembly that is representative of the UK population, working directly with the Government and Parliament to ensure that all voices are heard and that no-one is left behind.

Resolved – a) That Cockermouth Town Council supports the Climate and Ecology Bill.

b) That local residents and local press/media be informed of this decision.

c) That we write to our local M.P. informing them that this motion has been passed, urging them to support the Bill.

d) That we write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Bill expressing our support.

149 RFO/Proper Officer

Resolved – That Kirstie Goodger be appointed RFO/Proper Officer on a temporary basis until the position of Town Clerk is filled.

150 New Standing Item

Resolved – That a new standing item entitled 'Report from Cumberland Councillors be added to the agenda of town council ordinary meetings.

151 Partial Collapse of the Old Court House Building and closure of the Bridge

Councillor Telford advised those present that discussions have been taking place with traders and Cumberland Council regarding a new layout for Taste Christmas.

The Town Clerk outlined the changes proposed. Stalls and entertainment would be sited from the junction of Station Street to the bridge closure. From the other side of the bridge closure down to the junction of Bitterbeck Car Park on Market Place will be closed. Market Place will be open from Kirkgate to St Helens Street but only to access Bitterbeck Car Park. Station Street would be left one way.

Traders in Market Place were keen to organise a Winter Festival to increase footfall due to the closure of the Bridge.

Town Councillors were keen to help and support all traders where they could.

Councillor Tucker suggested that the Lakes to Sea Panel may be able to assist with funding.

Resolved – a) That support for all traders be acknowledged.

b) That the Town Council would provide assistance to facilitate sources of funding.

c) That the Town Council assist with communication of any planned events.

Resolved –

That under the (Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following items of business due to contractual and/or personal information relating to staff being discussed

152 Review of Town Clerk Assistants' job description & salary

Those present reviewed the job description and salary of the Town Clerk Assistant.

Resolved – a) That her revised job description be agreed.

b) That her pay be increased from scp 3, £20,812 per annum to scp 5, £21,575 per annum (pay rise pending) with immediate effect.

153 Review of Town Clerk Admin Assistants' job description & salary

Those present reviewed the job description and salary of the Town Clerk Admin Assistant.

Resolved – a) That her revised job description be agreed.

b) That her pay be increased from scp 9, £23,191 per annum to scp 11, £24,054 per annum (pay rise pending) with immediate effect.

154 Non Payment of Rental Instalment Plan

Further to Minute Number 122 (2023/24), the tenant had failed to pay the first installment of his payment plan by the agreed date.

Resolved – That his £1099.98 debt be written off.

155 Letting of Upstairs Office

An existing tenant wished to lease the now vacant upstairs office.

Resolved – That the office be let at a rent of £1500 per annum and include an additional car parking space.

156 Temporary Acting up salary for Town Clerk Admin Assistant

Those present discussed the temporary acting up salary for the Town Clerk Admin Assistant in the absence of a Town Clerk.

Resolved – That whilst temporarily acting up the salary of the Town Clerk Admin Assistant be increase from scp 11 £24,054 to scp 28, £34,723.

The meeting closed at 9.53 pm

Minutes of a meeting of the TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT SUB COMMITTEE held on Thursday 19 October 2023 at 12.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth

Present: Councillor H Beanland (Chair)
Councillor J Samson
Councillor C Bridgman
Councillor M Bowman

157 Election of Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Beanland be elected chair for the ensuing meeting.

158 Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting be agreed as a correct record.

159 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

Resolved – That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to staffing issues being discussed.

160 Short Listing Analysis

Resolved – That the short-listing analysis matrix against person specification that avoids direct or indirect discrimination be agreed.

161 Short List Applications Received

The applications received were short-listed using the short-listing analysis matrix.

Recommended – a) That candidates 1,2 & 4 be invited to interview on 8 November 2023.

b) That candidates 3 & 5 be not invited to interview on 8 November 2023.

The meeting closed at 1.45 pm

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Monday 23 October 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
Councillor I Burns
Councillor S Barnes
Councillor H Beanland
Councillor M Bowman
Councillor C Bell
Councillor C Bridgman
Councillor G Telford
Councillor J Samson
Councillor H Tucker
Councillor R Watson

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Malloy.

157 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

158 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Resolved – That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to staff issues being discussed.

159 Short List of Candidates for Interview

Those present considered whether or not to invite the three shortlisted candidates for interview.

Resolved – a) That the three short listed candidates be invited for interview on 8/11/23.

b) That all three candidates be invited to a meet and greet session with all councillors at 10.00am on 8/11/23.

c) That the interviews of candidates be undertaken by a panel of three councillors with a substitute councillor agreed incase any of those three councillors become unavailable on interview day.

d) That the Interview Panel comprise of Councillors Bowman, Samson & Barnes.

- e) That the first substitute be Councillor Beanland & the second substitute be Councillor Bridgman.
- f) That the members of the Interview Panel determine the questions applicants will be asked.
- g) That interview one be held at 10.30am, that interview two be held at 11.20am & interview 3 be held at 12.10pm.
- h) That candidates be informed that the formal presentation is no longer required, however the Town Clerk was asked to inform candidates that a question regarding Local Reorganisation and the opportunities that may arise will be asked at interview.
- i) That the recommendation of the Panel on the successful application be discussed at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at 6pm on 8/11/23.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm

Minutes of a Special Planning Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 2 November 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)

Councillor C Bell

Councillor I Burns

Councillor H Beanland

Councillor D Malloy

Councillor G Telford

Councillor H Tucker

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Watson, S Barnes, C Bridgeman, J Samson

162 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Tucker is a Sub on Cumberland Planning Committee, and is a neighbour to the applicant for FUL/2023/0017

163 Public Participation

There was none.

164 Planning Applications

Reference: **HOU/2023/0174**

Repositioning of the rear wall of proposed extension.

8 Beech Lane CA13 9RD

Resolved: Approved unanimously (IB: JL)

Reference: **HOU/2023/0170**

Installation of air source heat Pump

2 Fern Villas CA13 9HN

Resolved Approved unanimously (IB: MB)

Reference: **HOU/2023/0168**

New porch to front door and extensions to side elevations

29 Cedar Lane CA13 9HN

Resolved: Approved unanimously (MB: IB)

Reference: **FUL/2023/0017**

To rebuild rear wall using breeze blocks and rough cast

14 and 16 New Street CA13 0EP

Resolved: Refused (IB: CB) on the grounds of not replacing like with like. Councillor Tucker did not vote.

Reference OUT/2023/0002

Land adjacent to The Ark, Highfield CA13 9JF

There was a discussion about the volume of traffic and the visual effects. However, the decision was as shown below

Resolved: Approved unanimously (IB:HT)

Reference LBC/2023/0037

Replace existing arched window like for like

Norham House Main Street CA13 9JS

Resolved: Approved unanimously (IB:GT)

The meeting closed 6.20pm

Standing orders item 3t

The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:

- i. the time and place of the meeting;
- ii. the names of councillors who are present and the names of councillors who are absent;
- iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
- iv. the grant of dispensations (if any) to councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
- v. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered;
- vi. if there was a public participation session; and
- vii. the resolutions made.

Cockermouth Town Council

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

Adopted by resolution [DATE]

1. Objective

1.1 To ensure effective and professional staff management of all matters related to the employees of the Town Council.

1.2 The Staffing Committee shall be a standing committee of The Council. It shall exercise some delegated powers and assist, advise and make recommendations to The Council regarding the fulfilment of The Council's responsibilities as an employer, and compliance with employment legislation and The Council's policies.

2. Membership:

2.1 The committee shall comprise 5 Members in total, elected by The Council, until the next Annual meeting of The Council. Members shall thereafter be elected at each Annual meeting of The Council [or alternative terms of office e.g. biennially, until the first meeting after the next election].

3. Chair/Vice-Chair

The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by The Council.

4. Quorum

The quorum of the committee shall be 3 Town Council members.

5. In attendance

5.1 The Proper Officer shall act as Clerk to the committee except where the committee is to discuss confidential matters relating to the Clerk/RFO.

6. Meetings

6.1 Meetings shall normally be held quarterly or more frequently should the need arise, at the discretion of the Chair/Vice-Chair of the committee or two members of the committee who have requested a meeting in writing.

6.2 The Proper Officer shall 'call' the meeting, circulate the agenda, and summon members to attend in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

6.3 Public Notices of the meeting shall be given in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

7. Public participation

Meetings are not normally open to the public on the grounds that the agendas normally concern the conduct and terms of service of employees.

8. Minutes

8.1 Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded by the Proper Officer (or delegated) and circulated to all members of the committee and to all Full Council members within five working days of the meeting.

8.2 Minutes shall be presented to the next meeting of the committee for confirmation.

9. Accountability and Scope

9.1 The Chair of the Staffing Committee shall be responsible for line managing the Clerk/RFO and performing the annual appraisal, job description review and, with the committee and in consultation with the Finance Committee, any salary review of the Clerk/RFO as provided for by the Council's policies, reporting and making recommendations to the Full Council. To manage any long-term sickness of the Clerk/RFO in accordance with the Council's policies.

9.2 The Chair of the Staffing Committee is the first point of contact for the Clerk/RFO on staffing and employment policy issues in relation to other staff.

9.3 The Staffing Committee shall be bound by Standing Order 4 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to committees and sub-committees.

10. Delegated powers

10.1 The Staffing Committee has delegated powers to act on behalf of the Council in relation to these defined terms of reference only; any recommendations outside the Staffing Committee's terms of reference shall be made to Full Council.

10.2 To consider and ensure implementation of any changes which are required to comply with Employment Law, Health & Safety Law and Terms and Conditions of Service.

10.3 To approve requests within the training budget for training requirements.

10.4 To undertake the recruitment of candidates for the Town Clerk/Proper Officer/RFO and other senior staff roles when vacancies arise and make recommendations to Full Council on final appointments.

10.5 Following the appointment of Council staff (see also 10.12 and 10.13 below) to consider recommendations from the Clerk following the staff annual appraisals, before making final recommendations to Full Council for approval.

10.6 To draw up (as appropriate) and annually review employment policies/procedures and standard forms of employment contract for recommendation to Full Council for approval.

10.7 To consult with Finance Committee on the preparation and submission of budget proposals in respect of salaries and employees' training to Full Council (no later than 30 November each year).

10.8 In conjunction with the Clerk to be responsible periodically for reviewing The Council's staffing structure and all employees' job roles and pay awards and increments and to make any recommendations to Full Council for approval.

10.9 To review staff pension arrangements for recommendation to Full Council for approval.

10.10 To oversee any disciplinary matters in line with the council's disciplinary procedures and to report to Full Council.

10.11 To oversee an employee's formal grievance(s) in line with the council's grievance procedures and to report to Full Council.

10.12 To ensure that confidentiality is maintained over all staffing matters under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Code of Conduct by all members of the Council.

10.13 To ensure that all staff have an annual appraisal with quantifiable and measurable objectives.

10.14 Except in the case of a vacancy in the Proper Officer/RFO role (see 10.4) to provide, if requested by the Clerk, at least one Member to constitute, along with appropriate Officers, the Interview Board for all applicants for Council employment.

10.15 To grant the Interview Board the authority to make offers of employment and remuneration within the available budget and the agreed salary scale for the role. Any proposed variation outside of the budget shall be referred to the Staffing Committee for decision and reported to the Full Council.

11. Review

The Staffing Committee's Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

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Cockermouth Town Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/23

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Cheque Total
1364	1364	£190.64	£31.77	£158.87	£190.64 02/11/23		Bedroq (Formerly Tellemachus) - CCTV Managed services - November 23	£190.64
1365	1365	£206.70	£0.00	£206.70	£206.70 02/11/23		Cumberland Council - Trade Refuse 01.01.23 - 31.03.23	£206.70
1		£103.35	£0.00	£103.35	TH	Town Hall		
2		£103.35	£0.00	£103.35	TIC	TIC		
1366	1366	£754.52	£0.00	£754.52	£754.52 02/11/23		R Nicholson - PC Clean - Oct 23	£754.52
1367	1367	£425.35	£21.14	£404.21	£425.35 02/11/23		Npower Ltd - Electric charges	£425.35
1		£353.97	£16.86	£337.11	TIC	Cm Library		
2		£11.74	£0.56	£11.18	MG	Mem Gardens		
3		£15.15	£0.72	£14.43	toile	Harris Park Toilets		
4		£44.49	£3.00	£41.49	toile	Main Street Toilets		
1368	1368	£550.00	£0.00	£550.00	£550.00 02/11/23		Wall & Tree Cockermouth - Removal of damaged sycamore tree St Helens	£550.00
1369	1369	£274.80	£45.80	£229.00	£274.80 02/11/23		Cumbria Coal Ltd - to put up and take down hanging baskets	£274.80
1370	1370	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00	£350.00 02/11/23		Cockermouth Amateur Dramatics Society - CADS xmas panto	£350.00
1371	1371	£2,282.50	£380.42	£1,902.08	£2,282.50 02/11/23		Hundith Hill Hotel - Twinning Anniversary Dinner 26.10.23	£2,282.50

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Cockermouth Town Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/23

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Cheque Total
1372	1372	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00 02/11/23		Reinier Schrader - TIC stock - John Dalton Way	£50.00
1373	1373	£1,210.00	£0.00	£1,210.00	£1,210.00 02/11/23		The Brewery House - SFS - Catering	£1,210.00
1		£180.00	£0.00	£180.00	EST	Garden / Allotment Cer		
2		£850.00	£0.00	£850.00	TWIN	Twinning Picnics / Civic Reception buffet		
3		£180.00	£0.00	£180.00	EST	JL buffet		
1374	113031	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00 02/11/23		Poppy Appeal - Poppy Wreath - CTC	£20.00
1375	113032	£180.07	£30.01	£150.06	£180.07 02/11/23		Viking - Stationery	£180.07
1		£84.20	£14.03	£70.17	EST	TH		
2		£95.87	£15.98	£79.89	TIC	stationery		
1376	113033	£214.50	£35.75	£178.75	£214.50 02/11/23		Cumbria Pest Services - Washroom services - PC- Nov23 -Jan24	£214.50
1377	113034	£19.56	£3.26	£16.30	£19.56 02/11/23		Tech 4 Office Equipment Ltd - TH copier - Toner	£19.56
1378	113036	£383.00	£63.84	£319.16	£383.00 02/11/23		Tech 4 Office Equipment Ltd - TIC - copier	£625.04
1379	113036	£242.04	£40.34	£201.70	£242.04 02/11/23		Tech 4 Office Equipment Ltd - TH copier	£625.04
1380	113037	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00	£350.00 02/11/23		Simon Hine Window Cleaning Services - Bus Shelters - July & Sept 2023	£350.00

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Cockermouth Town Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/23

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Cheque Total
1381	1381	£96.94	£16.16	£80.78	£96.94 02/11/23		J A Lee Window & General Cleaning Contractors Ltd - TH windows	£96.94
1382	1382	£55.41	£9.24	£46.17	£55.41 03/11/23		Topsource Worldwide Uk Ltd - Payroll service - Period 7	£55.41
1383	1383	£72.00	£12.00	£60.00	£72.00 07/11/23		Cumbria Coal Ltd - Signage for Firework Display - Bridge closure	£72.00
1384	1384	£363.37	£8.84	£354.53	£363.37 07/11/23		Water Plus - Water charges - various locations	£363.37
1		£86.53	£0.00	£86.53	TIC	02.09.23-01.10.23	CM library	
2		£55.14	£1.68	£53.46	MG	01.10.23	Mem gardens toilets - 01.10.23	
3		£90.85	£3.58	£87.27	toile	01.10.23	Main street toilets - 02.10.23	
4		£130.85	£3.58	£127.27	toile	02.09.23-01.10.23	Bitterbeck - 02.09.23-01.10.23	
1385	1385	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00 07/11/23		Janet Mansfield - Twinning - Anniversary Dinner 2x Cakes	£100.00
1386	1386	£6,600.00	£1,100.00	£5,500.00	£6,600.00 07/11/23		PYRO 2000 - Firework Display 2023	£6,600.00
Total		£14,991.40	£1,798.57	£13,192.83	£14,991.40			

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Date _____

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

We currently have £45,862.05 invested with the Cumberland Building Society.

Current signatories include former Councillor Stephen Coates (now sadly deceased), former councillor Alan Tyson and myself.

Due to my retirement we need to:-

Remove Alan Tyson, Stephen Coates and Sheila Brown

Add Kirstie Goodger (as Secretary), Julie Laidlow (as Chair) & 1 other (as Treasurer) so that 2/3 can administer the account.

A change of address is not required.

Please advise as to the other party.

The Cumberland require either the minutes of this meeting or a signed letter confirming we are removing 3 existing signatories and adding 3 new signatories.

Any new signatories, unless they already hold accounts with the Society will need to provide identification and address verification in the form of a current uk passport or current full driving licence along with a Council Tax Bill (current year) or a recent Utility Bill (dated within the last six months).

A member of the Cockermouth Branch will be able to make certified copies of the documents and send them to head office.

[REDACTED]
Cockermouth
[REDACTED]

12th October 2023

Agenda Item 16a

A letter to Cockermouth Town Councillors

I have been renting an allotment on two sites in town over 20 years and have decided I will now be giving up my plot at 4a Gote Road before the next annual rent is due.

So before I make that decision I wish to have a dialogue with you all about the allotments you rent out.

My heartfelt thanks to the council for keeping these allotments available to the residents of the town when land is so valuable.

I am fully aware of the difficult and expensive decisions that take up the time of maintaining the sites.

I have appreciated the cost of an annual rent and the provision of water to the two sites.

I wish you to know that I have enjoyed and found peace and contentment working on my allotments. I might have been reluctant and slow to go sometimes but once I have got there I knew I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

It has given me such a lot of pleasure and rewards.

I began gardening at No 11 St Helens allotments when I was told no half plots were available. Since then there has been a massive change and only one whole plot is still in use at Gote Road site.

But it has been very obvious that even a half plot is still beyond a lot of good management for many people and even with the best intentions many other factors get in the way :- the weather, work arrangements, sickness, family arrangements.

I have seen one plot opposite me go 10 yrs before anyone began to **cultivate** the ground. In the meantime the rest of us have had to put up with unruly plots knowing so many people are on the waiting list. I have spoken to The town Clerk about this problem a few times and know how time consuming this problem is for the council.

So I hope that my suggestion to improve the situation will be considered by you all

- To change the size of the plots so that they would be more manageable for modern family life and give others a chance to experience the joy of growing.
- To take the opportunity to use my plot 4a and 4b (that will be available soon) as these 2 plots are of a sensible size to divide into 4 plots and move forward to reduce the waiting list

I hope you will notify me of your decision
Vivien Wilkinson



Agenda Item 16b

Sheila Brown
The Town Clerk
Cockermouth Town Council
The Town Hall
Market Street
CA13 9NP

5th October 2023

Dear 

Thank you for bringing to my attention Cockermouth Town Council's discussion of the DLUHC Consultation on planning reforms.

I recognise that many people feel strongly about reforming our planning system, and rightly so. The planning system is at the heart of the homes we live in, the schools our children go to and the community spaces we all enjoy.

The Government consulted on its plans to update the National Planning Policy Framework. I understand that the responses received are being analysed and I look forward to reading the Government's response in due course.

I am confident that the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill will give local communities more control over what is built, where it is built and what it looks like.

I strongly believe that we must continue progress building the homes that our communities need in the right places. The Government's standard method for assessing housing need provides a clear starting point for local planning authorities.

As part of its proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, the Government consulted on making clear that these figures should be an advisory starting point, a guide that is not mandatory. Local authorities – who know their local areas best – will then work with their communities to determine how many homes can be built, factoring in constraints such as Green Belt and taking into account the character of an area.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is proposing removing the requirement for authorities to maintain a rolling five-year supply of deliverable land for housing, where their local plan is up-to-date. This is designed to encourage local planning authorities to keep their local plans updated and address concerns about speculative development.

At present, buffers are built into the five-year housing land supply system as contingency. To simplify the planning system, the Secretary of State is proposing removing these from national planning policy in the future. This would include removing the requirement for a 20 per cent buffer to be added for both plan making and decision making when a local planning authority delivers less than 85 per cent of the homes planned for.

These changes would mean that, for local authorities with up-to-date local plans, the presumption in favour of sustainable development will typically not apply in relation to issues affecting land supply. I believe that it is only right that the presumption in

favour of sustainable development remains part of the planning system as a means of ensuring that development comes forward when up-to-date local plans are not in place.

It is my view that the measures in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill – which will create a new locally-set non-negotiable Infrastructure Levy – will strengthen infrastructure delivery. Requirements for local authorities to prepare infrastructure delivery strategies will provide transparency to local communities about how levy proceeds are being spent.

The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill will create a genuinely plan-led system, with more weight given to local plans in planning decisions and measures to ensure they are delivered more quickly. It is my firm belief that the best way to deliver high-quality homes in the right places is by adopting local plans.

Many local plans take longer to design and adopt than they should and are often hard to digest. It is also the case that a lot of national policy is already replicated in local plans. I therefore support proposals in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill to set out policy which apply across all or many authorities at a national level, such as policies on Green Belt and protections for heritage assets. This will ensure local plans can focus on issues that matter to local communities.

I am confident that the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill will increase opportunities for involvement in the planning system to ensure development is brought forward in a way that works best for local people. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has said that it will produce new guidance on community engagement in planning, which will detail the different ways in which communities can get involved and highlight best practice. To take this further, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' consultation on updating the National Planning Policy Framework proposed increasing community protections afforded by neighbourhood plans from two years to five years.

However, I have relayed your concerns the Department, and I will update when I have received a response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Jenkinson', written in a cursive style.

Mark Jenkinson MP



Agenda Item 16C

Sheila Brown
The Town Clerk
Cockermouth Town Council
The Town Hall
Market Street
CA13 9NP

20th October 2023

Dear 

Please find enclosed a letter from Rachel Maclean MP, Minister of State of Housing and Planning, in response to the representations I have made on behalf of Cockermouth Town Council.

I hope the information is useful to you.

Yours sincerely



Mark Jenkinson MP

P.S.

on a personal note, I am very sorry to hear that you're leaving.
I don't know what Cockermouth will do without you!

M.

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Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

Rachel Maclean MP
Minister of State for Housing and Planning
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

Your reference: MJ39865
Our reference: MC2023/00060

Mark Jenkinson MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

19 October 2023

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your email of 2 October on behalf of your constituent, Sheila Brown, Clerk at Cockermouth Town Council, The Town Hall, Market Street, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9NP, regarding the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. I am responding as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I regret that, due to the Secretary of State's quasi-judicial role in the planning system, I am unable to comment on the details of a specific local plan. However, I can provide the following general comments which I trust will be of help to Ms Brown and Cockermouth Town Council.

Local plans provide certainty for communities, businesses, and developers. A local plan is a key tool for encouraging and directing investment in the local area, helping to secure the housing and jobs that our communities need.

I would like to assure Ms Brown that, in the new system, the process of making plans will be reformed so it is simpler, faster and visual, making it easier to engage with. The reforms represent a pragmatic package of structural and procedural changes that are designed to improve the efficiency of local plan-making. We are consulting on several proposals which taken together, will increase plan coverage.

The consultation on plan-making reforms closed on 18 October. This sought views on our proposals for parts of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill which relate to plan-making in order to make plans simpler, faster to prepare and more accessible. We encouraged those that were interested to respond to the consultation, and I assure the Council that their views will be taken into account as part of this process. We will publish a response in due course, once we have analysed and considered the responses received.

Our ambition is that the new-style local plans are simpler, shorter and more visual, showing clearly what is planned in local areas so that users can engage more easily. They will focus on locally specific matters and the development plan – including local plans, neighbourhood plans and other statutory plans – will have more weight in decision making. The right to be heard at examination will be retained for the examination of local plans, and we are also proposing a change to the law to clarify that anybody who has commented on the plan during formal consultation may be heard at the examination if they do wish to speak.

As previously announced (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-and-regeneration-further-information/levelling-up-and-regeneration-further-information>), the existing complex requirement for plans to be reviewed at least once every 5 years and updated as necessary will be replaced by a clearer requirement in regulations for planning authorities to commence an update

of their local plans, as well as their minerals and waste plans, every 5 years. However, this would not preclude planning authorities from commencing an update sooner. The intention is to encourage a rolling rhythm of updates to plans wherever possible, ensuring that plans and their evidence are routinely kept up to date in order to make them more effective.

Whilst speed is being encouraged, the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill does not alter the approach to how plans will be tested at examination. Plans will continue to be examined impartially and publicly to ensure that they are legally compliant and sound. Greater clarity on what evidence is expected when preparing a plan and what proportionate evidence looks like, should be taken into account by all stakeholders. The Government also proposes to clarify in national policy that evidence should only normally be discussed and argued against at examination where there is a significant and demonstrable reason for doing so, in relation to the tests of soundness (including consistency with national policy) and legal requirements.

Through new "gateway checks," LPAs and local people will have more information and certainty about how emerging plans are progressing meaning that any problems will be spotted earlier and therefore addressed. Ultimately, this will reduce the time spent examining the plans and support the resolution of potential soundness issues as far as is possible prior to examination.

We are clear that communities should be at the heart of the local plans. To encourage engagement, local plans will be made simpler and shorter in order to guarantee that they are transparent and understandable. The local plan process will also include a requirement to be set out in regulations ensuring that two rounds of community engagement has occurred for a minimum of 8 and 6 weeks respectively, which is longer than the current statutory minimum.

The proposals are aiming for the formal consultation windows to be focused and to enable LPAs to adopt a local plan in 30 months. To do this, the Government is proposing to define the role and purpose of each consultation window, reflecting where these sit within the wider process and making it clear what the focus of each consultation should be. The reforms also propose to enable the submission of representations in a form which maintains and strengthens accessibility for communities but makes it easier and quicker for LPAs to process.

I note the Council's concerns about digitisation. Through digital reforms, the Government's aim is to enable more people to engage easily with the planning system. However, we are aware that not all people have the necessary digital capabilities, and so the Government will continue to work with planning authorities to identify 'hybrid' approaches that can work with different communities to offer alternative routes to engage with the planning system, alongside the traditional forms of engagement.

All of these changes will result in a system that is easier to engage with and that works more efficiently, with communities having more of a say.

Thank you again for your email, and please extend my gratitude to Ms Brown and Cockermouth Town Council for taking the time to write in on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Maclean', followed by a period.

RACHEL MACLEAN MP
Minister of State for Housing and Planning



Agenda 16d

Sheila Brown
The Town Clerk
Cockermouth Town Council
The Town Hall
Market Street
CA13 9NP

31st October 2023

Dear 

Thank you for contacting me about the Ecology Bill, originally introduced as the Climate and Ecology Bill – and for advising me of Cockermouth Town Council's motion of support for it.

This Bill has lapsed as it was introduced in a previous parliamentary session which has now ended. However, helping to mitigate climate change is a top priority for the Government. Ministers are committed to leaving the environment in a better state than they found it. Whilst I am happy to note your support for the Bill, the UK already has a world-leading emissions reduction framework in place. The Climate Change Act 2008 made the UK the first country to introduce a legally binding, long-term emissions reduction target.

In October 2021, the Government published the Net Zero Strategy, building on the Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution. To oversee progress on achieving net zero, the Climate Change Committee (CCC) provides expert advice to the Government on climate change mitigation and adaptation. I understand that the UK's 2050 net-zero target was considered, in line with advice from the CCC, to be the earliest feasible date for achieving net-zero carbon emissions.

Further, through the Environment Act 2021, the Government has set four legally binding targets for biodiversity in England, including halting the decline in species abundance by 2030, as well as reversing species decline, reducing the risk of species extinction, and restoring or creating more than 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitats by 2042.

The Government set out its plan to deliver on these ambitious targets through the Environmental Improvement Plan, which includes short-term interim targets in addition to those long-term targets. This overall suite of targets will ensure that the policies, actions and commitments in the plan are collectively driving progress towards the goal of leaving the environment in a better place than we found it.

Finally, the UK played a leading role at the UN biodiversity summit, COP15, in December 2022. The agreement made includes a global commitment to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 and also protect 30 per cent of land and oceans by 2030. This builds on the actions agreed during the UK's own COP and G7 presidencies, including securing the Leaders Pledge for Nature last year which commits world leaders to taking action to drive sustainable food production, end the illegal wildlife trade and tackle climate change.

Yours sincerely



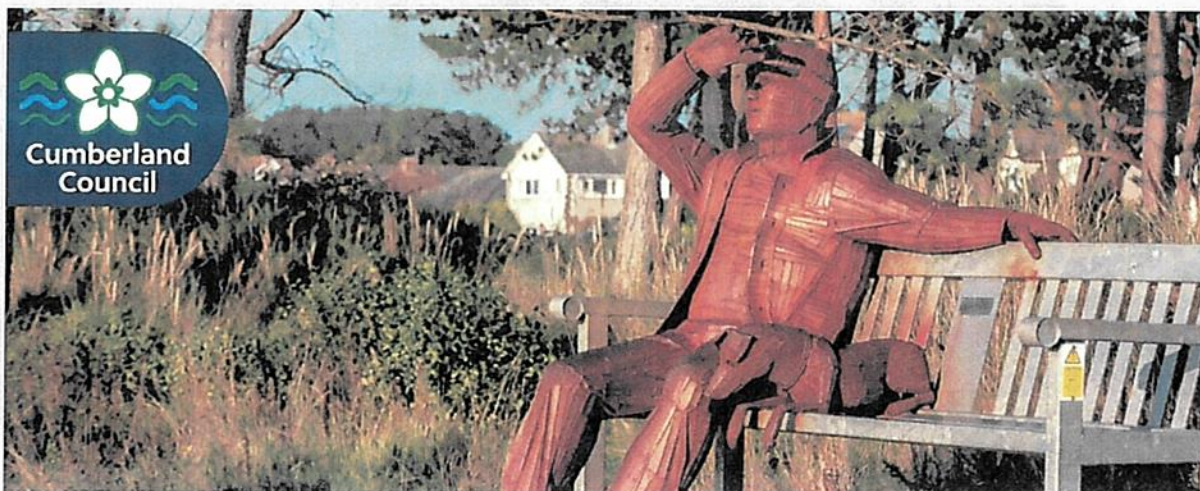
Mark Jenkinson MP

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Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Cumberland Council <Cumberland@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 15 October 2023 20:31
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Subject: Walkway opens on Cocker Bridge, discounted sale properties in Whitehaven, National Adoption Week, bin lorries go green, and more...

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Walkway opens on Cocker Bridge

Following the partial collapse of Cockermouth's Old Court House building on Sunday 8 October, a covered walkway has been installed on the nearby Cocker Bridge to allow pedestrians to cross it safely - making it easier to get to and from the town's Market Place and Main Street.

The new temporary walkway provides access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Temporary traffic lights have been installed in Kirkgate and the on street parking in this area has been suspended to help manage the flow of traffic within the town.

A Cumberland Council spokesperson said:

"We want to keep the traffic moving and keep the town connected.

"Cockermouth is open for business and the new covered walkway provides access across the Cocker Bridge. Please continue to support local traders and visit the town."

A 3D LiDAR building survey was undertaken on Thursday 12 October. This assessed the building and the bridge to help inform the next steps.

Works already undertaken include the fencing off the river embankment in the potential drop zone and screening has been installed on the bridge.

Discussions are ongoing with key partners including the owner of the building.

Cumberland Council is continuing to support affected residents and businesses.

[Find out more](#)

Also in this week's edition:

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Unveiling event showcases Cumberland Council Discounted Sale properties in Whitehaven

We joined developers Gleeson Homes at the grand unveiling of the show home at the beautiful Saltom Bay Heights Clifftop housing development in Whitehaven on Thursday 5 October.

Saltom Bay Heights, nestled in the picturesque Whitehaven landscape, offers an unparalleled blend of coastal charm and modern living.



Cumberland Council is proud to introduce four Discounted Sale properties within the Saltom Bay Heights development, presenting an extraordinary opportunity for eligible buyers to own a piece of this idyllic coastal paradise. With discounts of up to 20% off the market value, this scheme aims to provide affordable housing options that cater to the diverse needs of the community and make homeownership more attainable for local residents.

[Read more](#)

Picture: Simon Dicanio (Sales Director Gleeson Homes), Cllr Williamson (Cumberland Council), Lauren Hunter (Field Sales Manager Gleeson Homes) Allison Scott (Sales Manager Gleeson Homes) David Wright (Land Director Gleeson Homes)

Cumbria Adoption celebrates National Adoption Week 2023

Could you adopt more than one child and help keep brothers and sisters together?

Nearly half of the children with a plan for adoption in Cumbria need a home with their brother or sister. What's more is that they often wait the longest for a loving forever family.

The latest research shows that children in sibling groups wait 13 months longer than children not in a sibling group. That's why this National Adoption Week (16 to 22 October) Cumbria Adoption is asking potential adopters to consider whether they might have time and space for two or more children in their hearts and homes.

[Read more](#)

Achievements of young people in care celebrated at 'Celebrating Us' CiCC Awards

The incredible achievements and successes of our young people in care were celebrated at the 10th Annual 'Celebrating Us' Children in Care Council (CiCC) Awards last Saturday at Castle Green Hotel in Kendal.

More than 200 guests attended the awards ceremony, which was jointly hosted by Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council, which celebrates our cared for children and young people and the staff and carers who support them.



[Read more](#)

Cumberland Council going greener and cleaner...

Carbon-cutting steps are being taken by Cumberland Council to make more of our vehicles greener and cleaner.

We are launching a trial of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as a replacement to diesel in some of our refuse and recycling collection vehicles.

HVO is a renewable fuel alternative to diesel that offers a 90% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, helping us meet its carbon reduction targets.

[Read more](#)

...and Garden waste collections to continue into November in the former Allerdale area

Garden waste collections in the former Allerdale area have been extended until 17 November.

Working with our waste contractor, Allerdale Waste Services, we have agreed to extend garden waste collections which were due to end this month until 17 November which is the same date as collections end for the year in the former Copeland area.

Waste collection calendars have been amended online and residents are encouraged to check as to when their revised last collection date is by visiting the Cumberland Council website.

[Check calendar](#)

Tributes to former councillor Eddie Martin

Members and Officers from Cumberland Council share their condolences on hearing of the death of the former council leader, Eddie Martin.

Councillor Mike Johnson, Leader of the Conservative Group from Cumberland Council was saddened to hear of the passing of Eddie who was the much-respected Leader of Cumbria County Council.

He said: "Eddie was a Councillor who will be remembered by those he worked with for his kindness and compassion. Eddie worked tirelessly to ensure the residents of Cumbria received the best possible service from Members and Officers alike. Our sincere condolences are sent to his family and friends and this sad time."



High Streets Task Force boosts Whitehaven's transformation

Ways to transform Whitehaven were discussed when an expert from the Government's High Streets Task Force delivered a workshop for senior council, business and community leaders at Whitehaven Civic Hall on Monday 8 October.

The visit and expert report are part of a package of support that the area will continue to receive after it was selected by Government in 2022 as one of a second group of 68 places to work directly with the High Streets Task Force.

[Read more](#)

Devonshire Street – welcomes customers as it's business as usual

Following the completion of investigatory work and safety measures the footways in Devonshire Street, Carlisle, are now open for public use.

Over the past few weeks, certain sections of the footways, particularly those buildings with light wells in the footways, were cordoned off to allow for immediate remedial works to take place.

[Read more](#)

Improvement works continue at Blaze Bridge, High Lorton

Phase two of the Blaze Bridge project in Lorton started this week.

The work is expected to take around three weeks. During this phase, the Highways team will concentrate their efforts on the construction of the parapet approach walls, marking a significant milestone in the project's overall completion.

To facilitate the improvements there will be a full road closure while the works take place, with a diverted route fully signposted.

[Read more](#)

The Sands Centre event update

Following the announcement of the temporary closure of The Sands Centre Auditorium, a detailed structural assessment has been completed and engineers are recommending that the auditorium remains closed until the RAAC panels in the roof are replaced.

The assessment of the roof was undertaken following the recent change in government guidance on the use of RAAC in buildings.

Mitigating steps to allow The Sands Centre to continue hosting events for a temporary period have been ruled out as they would have restricted the use of the auditorium leaving insufficient space for audiences and shows.

This year's Sands Centre pantomime will not go ahead as planned.

The decision to temporarily close the events space does not impact on the day to day running of the main leisure centre.

The new main Sands Centre building's leisure provision is unaffected, which includes the pools, gym, studios and sports hall.

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The banner features a light blue background. In the top left corner is the HM Government logo. In the top right corner is the NHS logo. Centered at the top is the word 'STOP' in white inside a red circle, followed by 'TOBER' in bold black letters. Below this, the text 'STOP SMOKING AND GOOD THINGS HAPPEN' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath that, it says 'Join the thousands of smokers committing to quitting this October' in a smaller black font. In the bottom left corner is the 'Better Health Let's do this' logo. In the bottom right corner is a dark grey button with the text 'Commit to quit' in white.

It's not too late to join Stoptober

Quitting smoking is much easier with the right support. See how we can help you quit for good. [#Stoptober](#)

Find out more on the NHS website.

[NHS website](#)

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With 86 posts currently available, there is bound to be something available for you. Find out more on our website.

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Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Cumberland Council <Cumberland@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 22 October 2023 20:31
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Subject: Latest on the Carlisle Southern Link Road, good news for Maryport, join our Green 2 Grow event, action on loan sharks and more...

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Carlisle Southern Link Road project hits first major milestone

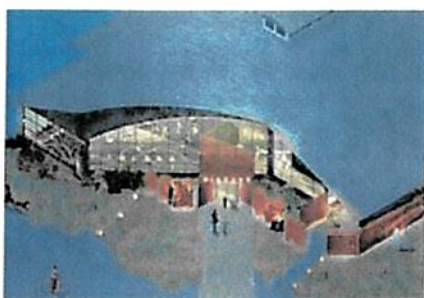
In June 2023 we alongside our main contractor Galliford Try Infrastructure, started the construction of the £225 million Carlisle Southern Link Road.

Since then we have made steady progress in challenging conditions.



The project achieved a major milestone last week, with the installation of a new 124 tonne temporary bridge that will provide access over the River Caldew so contractors can work between the railway and the river. This vital temporary link enables works on the much larger permanent 'Caldew Crossing' structure to progress

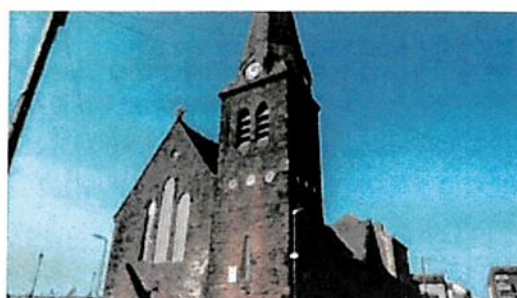
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Government signs off new regeneration investment for Maryport

The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has approved our exciting new multimillion pound masterplan which will help transform Maryport's town centre, harbourside and promenade.

[Read more](#)



Help inspire Maryport's new Maritime Museum

Maryport residents are invited to shape the future of the town's new Maritime Museum at a drop-in event on Monday 23 October 2023.

The session takes place from 10am to 4pm at the temporary pop-up museum in the shop at the junction of Curzon Street and Senhouse Street.

[Read more](#)

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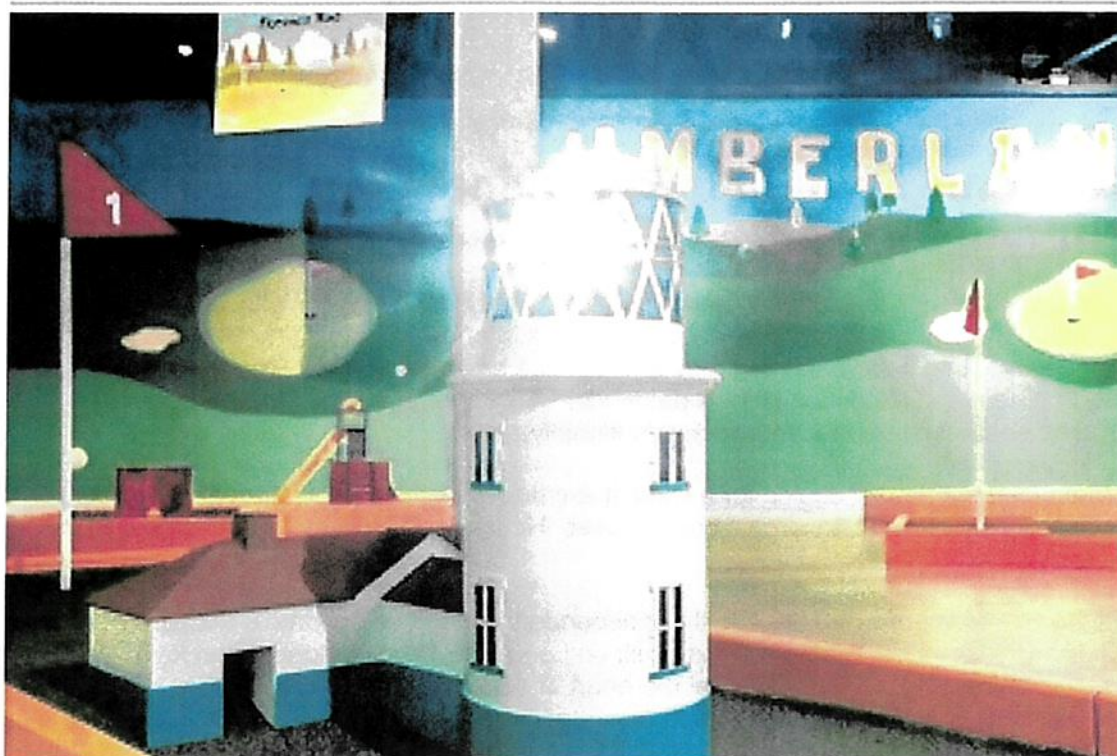
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Share your feedback on Senhouse Street, Maryport parking proposals

Residents, businesses, and local road users are invited to give their feedback regarding proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Senhouse Street in Maryport.

Enabled by the Government's Future High Street Fund, proposals aim to improve the environment through enhanced planting, seating and signage.

[Have your say](#)



Mini-Golf Cumberland exhibition to open at The Beacon Museum

Get your putters at the ready for the opening of a new family-friendly experience at The Beacon Museum, Whitehaven.

Mini-Golf Cumberland opened in time for the start of the October half-term - on Saturday (21 October) - and includes a playable 9-hole mini golf course in the Harbour Gallery, with each hole based on a Cumberland landmark.

[Read more](#)

School admissions: is your child due to start primary, transfer to junior or secondary school in 2024?

Applications are now open for pupils starting primary, transferring to junior school or secondary school in 2024.

If your child is due to start Year 7 next year, please be aware that **the deadline for applications is 31 October 2023.**

For children starting primary school or transferring to junior school (Y3), the deadline for applications is 15 January 2024.

The [school admissions application process and guidance can be found on the Cumberland Council website](#). If you have any queries, please contact: school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk

Regional Fostering Recruitment and Retention Hub Announcement

Cumbria Fostering is excited to announce that Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council are among five local authorities, alongside Blackburn, Blackpool and Lancashire, that have been awarded £1.2m to be a pathfinder for a Regional Fostering Recruitment and Retention Hub. A pathfinder will help others learn how to successfully implement these regional approaches nationally.

When care is the best choice for a child, it is critical that the care system provides stable, loving homes close to children's communities. Homes that provide consistency, stability and warmth.

In the Government's response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care, and CMA markets study, Stable Homes, Built on Love, DfE have pledged to put love, relationships, and a stable home at the heart of being a child in care.

The way we currently plan, commission and provide homes for children in care is not working. This means too often children are living far from where they would call home or in the wrong type of home for what they need. We need to transform the way we provide homes for children, so they are the right homes in the right places.

To start changing the way we provide stable, loving homes for children in care, over the next two years the government has pledged to deliver a fostering recruitment and retention programme so foster care is available for more children who need it, investing over £27 million over the next two years.

Our intention is to build upon regional relationships to achieve our regional shared vision for foster care; to have a foster care recruitment service that meaningfully supports, enables and empowers our foster carers to care for all our children in local stable loving family homes.

[Find out more](#)

Book onto our online information event this National Adoption Week

Nearly half of the children with a plan for adoption in Cumbria need a home with their brother or sister. What's more is that they often wait the longest for a loving forever family.

The latest research shows that children in sibling groups wait 13 months longer than children not in a sibling group. That's why this National Adoption Week (16 to 22 October) Cumbria Adoption is asking potential adopters to consider whether they might have time and space for two or more children in their hearts and homes.

If you've been thinking about adoption but aren't sure where to start, our adoption information events are the ideal introduction. Our events are held online so you can join us from the comfort of your own home and they last around an hour.

Our next information event takes place on **Wednesday 25 October** at 6pm. To book a place please email events@cumbriaadoption.org.uk and one of our team will send you the Teams link for the event.

Green 2 Grow event

If you are interested in finding out more about community food growing initiatives, sustainable living and schemes aimed at improving health and wellbeing, then come along to our free interactive and engaging event in Workington.

The "Green 2 Grow" event which is organised by Cumberland Council and Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC), is open to anyone, and will focus on the interactions between food, people and nature.

To sign up go to green2grow.eventbrite.co.uk

There will be an opportunity to hear from guest speakers about local and national initiatives, as well as speak with stall holders about schemes in the local area.

The event is being held at Energus at Lillyhall on Tuesday 31 October 2023 between 9:15am and 4:30pm. Attendees can come along to part of the event if they cannot make the whole day. Lunch will also be provided.

**Green
2 Grow**



Food-People-Nature

[Sign up](#)

Zero Tolerance to Loan Sharks in Cumberland

Earlier this week, Leader of Cumberland Council, Cllr Mark Fryer and Deputy Leader, Cllr Lisa Brown attended a "Zero Tolerance to Loan Sharks" training event organised by the Whitehaven, Egremont & District Credit Union and England Illegal Money Lending Team, at the United Reformed Church in Whitehaven.

The event was part of "Stop Loan Sharks Week", a week-long event organised by Stop Loan Sharks England to raise awareness of the dangers of loan sharks throughout the UK.



At the event, Cllr Fryer and Cllr Brown signed a charter, pledging zero tolerance of loan sharks in Cumberland.

There is advice for those facing financial difficulties at: [Cost of living support | Cumberland Council](#)

Community Wheels – paving the way to a greener Cumberland, one ride at a time.

In celebration of Community Transport Week 2023, we wanted to update residents about the 'Community Wheels' scheme.

The 'Community Wheels' project is a community transport scheme which is supported by the council to provide sustainable transport solutions to local communities that are not served by regular bus routes.

[Read more](#)

Latest on Cockermouth's Former Courthouse building

Following the partial collapse of the Old Courthouse building in Cockermouth earlier this month (Sunday, 8 October), agencies are continuing to work together to protect public safety.

We have been making assessments of the site - with the permission of the owner of the building - and have undertaken a LiDAR survey which has provided a 3D map of the building. Further assessments of the site are ongoing, and a contractor is working with the council to assess access to the site and is helping to determine how any works could be undertaken.



The bridge over the river Cocker continues to be closed to traffic, as a precautionary measure, but a new walkway is available for pedestrians and cyclists. This opened on Thursday 12 October.

Temporary traffic lights have been installed in Kirkgate and the on-street parking in this area has been suspended to help manage the flow of traffic through the town.

The river embankment has been fenced off in the potential drop zone.

Discussions are ongoing with key partners including the owner of the building.

Shops and businesses in the town remain open as usual.

[Read more](#)

Remember, remember, to be careful with those embers

As bonfire night draws closer, and you may look to burn foliage as it withers, please take the following precautions.

- Never leave an outdoor fire unattended.
- Warn your neighbours beforehand so they can make necessary preparations.
- Never use oil, petrol, or methylated spirits to light a fire.
- Do not start fires if it is windy, or in damp weather when the smoke hangs in the air.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam, or paint.
- Make sure the size of the fire is small and manageable, do it in stages or use a garden incinerator if needed.
- Avoid burning green or damp materials as they will create lots of smoke.
- Make sure the fire is in a clear area and away from trees, fences, buildings, and roads.
- Check there are no cables (telephone wires etc.) above the fire.
- Be prepared to extinguish the fire at any time.
- Make sure the fire is extinguished and not smouldering when you leave it.
- Hold your bonfire on private land with the owner's permission.

Household waste should be composted or recycled when possible. Garden waste can also be disposed of at some Household Waste Recycling Centres.

[Find out more about safely burning waste.](#)

Highways news

Scotby Road to Park Road, Carlisle: carriageway improvements

There will be carriageway improvement works from Scotby Road to Park Road in Carlisle.

These works are scheduled to commence on Monday 23 October 2023 for five days concluding on Friday 27 October 2023. The improvement works will be taking place on Scotby Road to Park Road, in Durranhill, Carlisle.



[Scotby Road to Park Road, Carlisle: carriageway improvements](#) | Cumberland Council

Edgehill Road, Carlisle: resurfacing the road for a smoother ride

There will be carriageway resurfacing works on Edgehill Road in Carlisle.

These works are scheduled to commence on Monday 23 October 2023 for seven days (excluding the weekend of 28 and 29 October) and will conclude on Tuesday 31 October 2023. The resurfacing works will be taking place on Edgehill Road, between Beverley Rise and Silverdale Road.

[Edgehill Road, Carlisle: resurfacing the road for a smoother ride!](#) | Cumberland Council

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Community investment funding

Do you know of a community group or project that needs support?

Our eight local Community Panels are open for applications.

Any eligible voluntary or not-for-profit organisation can apply – the deadlines for applying for the next two rounds of investment are below. Visit www.cumberland.gov.uk/your-council/community-panels for more details.



**Cumberland
Community Panels**

- Lakes to Sea Community Panel: 13 November 2023 and 19 February 2024
- South Cumberland Community Panel: 1 December 2023 and 7 February 2024
- Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel: 3 November 2023 and 12 February 2024
- Workington Together Community Panel: 2 November 2023 and 1 February 2024
- Border, Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panel: 27 November 2023 and 29 February 2024
- Carlisle West Community Panel: 11 November 2023 and 14 February 2024
- Fells and Solway Community Panel: 8 November 2023 and 7 February 2024
- Petteril Community Panel: 26 October 2023 and 25 January 2024

[Find out more](#)



Exciting leisure project is moving forward

AN invitation to tender is to be issued this week as part of an exciting project to create a new activity and leisure facility in Millom and Haverigg.

[Read more](#)



Invitation to tender issued for key Town Deal project

AN invitation to tender is to be opened this week in relation to the development of a project to create a new leisure facility in Cleator Moor.

[Read more](#)

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Carlisle Fireshow 2023

With less than a week to go, preparations are underway for this year's Carlisle Fireshow.

The sparkling event is organised by Cumberland Council and will be held in Bitts Park on Saturday 4 November, starting at 6.30pm. It will celebrate Cumberland, the area and its communities.



[Read more](#)

Share your views on homecare

We have launched a comprehensive public consultation on homecare services. The consultation seeks to gather valuable insights and perspectives from all Cumberland residents.

The results of this consultation will shape the specification for new homecare services and ensure residents receive effective, quality services which meet their needs in the years to come. The online consultation is open now and residents have until 22 November to share their views.

[Have your say](#)

Success for retailers refusing underage e-cigarette sales

Retailers in Workington, Flimby, Maryport and Carlisle, have all refused to sell e-cigarettes (vapes) to an underage test purchaser this week.

All sixteen businesses requested to see the underage volunteer's identification, during an operation carried out by Cumberland Council's trading standards team.

In a summer clamp down on underage vape sales, in August, results in these areas varied with 62 percent of sales refused in Workington, only 34 per cent of sales refused in Maryport, and 92 per cent refused in Carlisle and Wigton.



[Read more](#)

£1 million investment for Sixth Form provision

A project funded by over £1 million to renovate St. Edmunds Catholic Church will open after the half-term holidays.

The project means that a dedicated Sixth Form campus for James Rennie School, will be housed at St Edmunds Catholic Church, on Orton Road, Carlisle.

The new Sixth Form facility, is a key milestone, promising to accommodate an increased student body, with James Rennie's number set to rise from 159 to 195 students.

The new facilities at St Edmund's Church, have been repurposed to cater to the educational needs of young people, ensuring that their requirements are met effectively.

St Edmund's is scheduled for opening after the October half term holiday, and this project was successfully completed with key partners including Day Cummins as the consultant and Story Contracting Limited as the contractor.

[Read more](#)

The Old Courthouse, Cockermouth update

Legal action is being taken against the owner of the Old Courthouse building in Cockermouth.

Following the partial collapse of the building earlier this month, Cumberland Council has issued a Notice of Intention of Emergency Works under section 78 of the Building Act 1984. This sets out the emergency work they have had to take to remove the imminent danger caused by the building. This includes installing fencing and installing a covered walkway across the Cocker bridge.

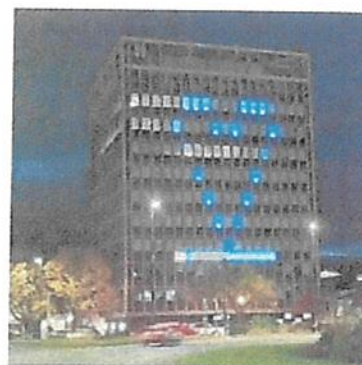
The council has also informed the owner of the property that they require access to the property and will soon be serving a further notice using section 54 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation) Act 1990. This enables a local authority to carry out urgent works for the preservation of listed buildings in their area after giving notice to the owner.

[Read more](#)

Shining a light on our care leavers

Landmarks across Cumbria were lit up blue this weekend for National Care Leavers Week.

The move comes as both of Cumbria's councils are calling on local businesses and organisations to join them by signing up to the ['Care Leaver's Covenant'](#) and offer care leavers support and opportunities.



[Read more](#)

Don't miss the school places deadline

The application process to apply for a Year 7 secondary school place closes on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Find guidance and how to apply for your child's place online.

[Apply now](#)

Uncovering Roman Carlisle returns for a “Mini-Dig” this month

The ongoing community excavation and exhibition project of Carlisle's Roman Bathhouse, Uncovering Roman Carlisle (URC), has been nominated for a prestigious national award and is set to return to site for a “mini-dig” later this month.



The project has been nominated for the Council for British Archaeology, Archaeological Achievement Awards 2023; in the Learning, Training and Skills category (kindly sponsored by Archaeological Management Solutions) and in the Public Dissemination or Participation category (kindly sponsored by the Institute for Archaeologists of Ireland). The winner will be announced on Friday 24 November 2023.

This October and early November, thanks to the generosity of Carlisle Cricket Club and the support of Cumberland Council, Wardell Armstrong, joined by volunteers, will be excavating on site between Saturday 28 October and Saturday 4 November 2023.

At the same time Tullie is hosting the Digging Deeping: Uncovering Roman Carlisle, exhibition until Saturday 11 November, showcasing the “once in a lifetime” recent internationally significant finds from Carlisle's Roman Bathhouse - including the two huge carved Roman heads.

This is a smaller excavation and volunteer positions for this mini-dig are limited and must be booked through [Eventbrite](#). The site is free to visit and will be open to the public to see between 10am and 4pm.

Keep in touch with project updates through [The Diggers: Archaeology in Carlisle Facebook Page](#).

Highways news

Aglionby Street, Carlisle

There will be carriageway improvement works on Aglionby Street, Carlisle.

These works are scheduled to commence on Monday 30 October 2023 for five days and will conclude on Friday 3 November 2023.

[Read more](#)

Cummersdale to Dalston footpath closure

The Cummersdale to Dalston footpath will be temporarily closed due to works associated with the Carlisle Southern Link Road project.

These works are scheduled to commence on Monday 30 October 2023 for five weeks and will conclude on Monday 4 December 2023.

[Read more](#)

Blooming success

Whitehaven has won a top prize in the national Britain in Bloom competition.

The Cumberland town has achieved a silver gilt award.

The prize was awarded at the Royal Horticultural Society Britain in Bloom UK Finals ceremony on Monday, 23 October.

Whitehaven competed in the coastal town category and was nominated for its outstanding wildflower displays, community engagement and nature conservation.

The town was selected to represent Cumbria, following the success of the 2022 Cumbria in Bloom Gold Award for its horticulture work, in partnership with Whitehaven Town Council.

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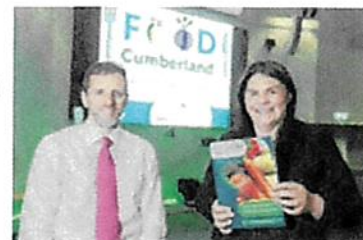
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Council agrees food framework

LEADING Cumberland Councillors have agreed new and ambitious plans to improve diets and the local food system, which has the potential to significantly benefit the health and wellbeing of residents.

The Food Cumberland Strategic Framework was agreed by Executive Committee councillors at their meeting on 31 October 2023 in Workington.



Agreement of the framework represents a major milestone in the council's commitment to improve access to nutritious, tasty, and affordable food, tackle food poverty and waste, as

well as improve the local environment. The framework also sets out the actions to support a vibrant and prosperous local food growing economy.

[Read more](#)

After it was agreed at the Executive meeting, the Food Cumberland Strategic Framework was officially launched at the Green 2 Grow event held at Energus in Workington on the same day. The event was organised by the council with Cumbria Association of Local Councils and sponsored by the Allerdale Geological Disposal Facility Community Partnership.

Guest speakers at the event included Andrea McGibbon from Sustainable Food Places, John Irwin from the National Allotment Society, Adam Day from The Farmer Network and Nick Lancaster from Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership's Low Carbon Food Programme.

Image: Colin Cox, Director of Public Health and Cllr Lisa Brown, deputy leader, launch the Food Cumberland Strategic Framework at the Green 2 Grow event. Credit: Tom Kay Photographic.



National Crown and Coronation event comes to Carlisle

Carlisle is set to host a spectacular sound and light show this coming February, bringing the splendour of the Crown Jewels - 300 miles from their home at the Tower of London - to some of the most iconic buildings in the city.

Tickets are now on sale.

[Read more](#)



Fabulous fun at Taste Cumbria Christmas!

Self-proclaimed 'Farmer's Wife' Helen Rebanks will star at this year's Taste Cumbria Christmas festival in Cockermouth.

Plans are well underway for this highlight of the festive season - and it promises to be an absolute cracker. Taste Cumbria Christmas takes place on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December 2023.

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How to recycle your metal packaging

A new campaign promoting metal packaging recycling has been introduced by Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.

In a bid to improve kerbside recycling rates, households across the region are being encouraged to recycle their metal packaging including food and drinks cans, aluminium wrapping foil and foil trays, as well as empty aerosols and metal screw tops.

[Read more](#)

Keep your mind and body healthy during the cold season

Do you know how to keep your mind and body healthy as the colder and darker nights draw in?

We are urging residents to reach out and speak to loved ones and professionals if they're struggling with their physical or mental health.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is known to be prevalent at this time of year, with the lack of sunlight affecting people negatively, and symptoms peaking from November to February.

Younger people, those with a history of depression, or with family members who have the disorder are more likely to be affected. Symptoms include:

- A persistent low mood.
- Lack of energy.
- Loss of interest or pleasure in normal activities.
- Irritability.
- Feelings of despair, guilt, or worthlessness.
- Difficulty concentrating.

[Read more](#)



Fireshow

Thanks to everyone that joined us at this year's Fireshow in Carlisle.

Thanks also to our amazing events team, stewards, and Merlin Fireworks for putting on such a great show.

The event was also supported by emergency services including Cumbria Police, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service and North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust.



Local businesses and organisations have also provided support: Brampton Pallets, Cumbria Waste Recycling, Cabletech (Edmundson Electrical), Laversdale Timber, Travis Perkins, Johnstone's Decorating Centre, Wallace Oils, T G Norman Timber Ltd, Carlisle Rotary Club and the University of Cumbria.

Also, thanks to the Cumbria Army Cadet Force - Harraby Detachment who are kindly helping us with litter picking after the event.

Photos courtesy of Stuart Walker Photography.

Millom's sparkling transformation

We have been undertaking a comprehensive street cleaning programme for Millom.

The project started on Sunday 29 October and lasted all week.

The project has effectively eliminated unsightly chewing gum and stubborn dirt from pedestrian areas enhancing the overall cleanliness and appeal of the area for residents and visitors alike.

Dedicated crews equipped with specialist jet washers and mechanical sweepers diligently cleaned the town centre of Millom.

[Read more](#)

Highways news

Workington drainage survey and cleaning project update

There will be highway drainage survey and cleaning activities at Hall Brow and Ramsay Brow in Workington next week.



[Read more](#)

Resurfacing works at Wetheral

There will be resurfacing works, on the B6263 in Wetheral.

The resurfacing work comprises of a carriageway inlay project which will enhance the road's durability and quality. This involves reshaping the road to improve drainage, replacing ironwork for future maintenance accessibility, and renewing line markings throughout.

The resurfacing works are scheduled to commence on Monday 6 November 2023 for 15 days, until Friday 24 November, weather permitting.

[Read more](#)

Whelpside culvert improvements

The culvert work at Whelpside along the A591 has officially finished.

The culvert's foundation was in poor condition, and the bottom part got washed away. But thanks to the hardworking Cumberland Highways team, the culvert is now much stronger, making the whole area safer for our community.

The team built a solid 6-metre-wide concrete base that will protect against erosion and reduce the risk of flooding on the A591.

[Read more](#)

The Old Courthouse, Cockermouth - update

Structural engineers working on behalf of Cumberland Council are making assessments of the interior of the Old Courthouse building in Cockermouth after the council was granted a warrant to gain entry.

A warrant of entry was granted on Monday (30 October) at Workington's Magistrates' Court.

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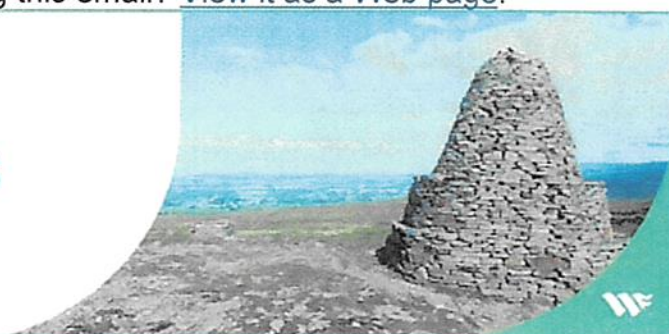
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TOP STORY: Cumbria residents encouraged to recycle their metal packaging

A new campaign promoting metal packaging recycling has been introduced by Westmorland and Furness Council and Cumberland Council. In a bid to improve kerbside recycling rates, households across the region are being encouraged to recycle their metal packaging including food and drinks cans, aluminium wrapping foil and foil trays, as well as empty aerosols and metal screw tops.

Spearheaded by the Aluminium Packaging Recycling Organisation (Alupro), the 'MetalMatters' programme will use targeted social media messaging and bus advertising to communicate the widespread benefits of metal packaging recycling.

The six-week initiative is expected to reach more than 228,000 households across the two local authorities. Since its launch in 2012, more than 121 local authorities have adopted MetalMatters, with recycling rates improving as a result.



This week's headlines:



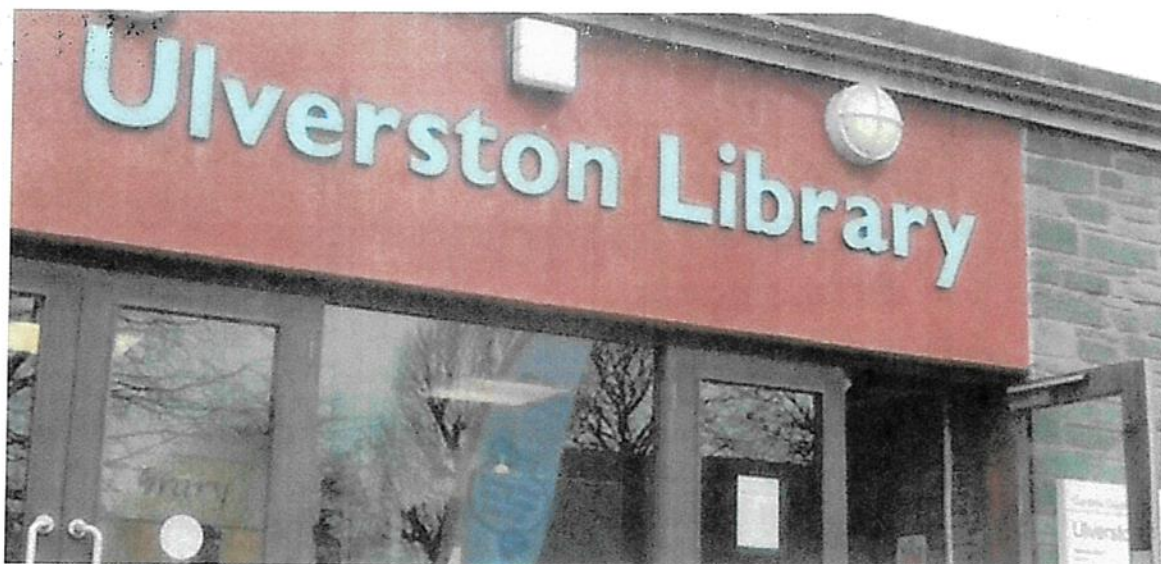
Consultation launched on closure of North Walney Primary School

Currently, the number of pupils at the school is just 27, with the school able to accommodate up to 161 children.



Sale of "vape" products to under 18s targeted in Barrow

Officers were acting on intelligence from concerned parents, schools, and members of the public.



Roose and Ulverston libraries update

Council exploring all options to achieve the best and most cost-effective long-term solution for the local community.

In other news...

Social and gaming activities in our libraries

Did you know that your local Libraries offer a huge selection of fun social and gaming activities?

Barrow Library

- Gaming Club | 3:45pm - 5pm, every Wednesday
- Lego Club | 4pm - 5pm, every Wednesday
- Pokémon Club | 4:30pm - 5:30pm, every Thursday
- Chess Club | 3pm - 4:30pm, every Friday

Kendal Library

- Chess Club | 10am-12pm, every Wednesday

Penrith Library

- Chess Club, at Eden Rural Foyer | 5pm-6:30pm
- Lego Club | 4pm-4:45pm

Visit or call your local Library to find out more about the above events and special one off activities we're running!

Fun and Games @Your Local Library Free Events



The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic coming soon to Barrow!

We are very excited to welcome the [Royal Liverpool Philharmonic](#) to the heart of Barrow's musical life for the next three years.

The world-famous orchestra is coming to Barrow-in-Furness in January 2024 thanks to a creative partnership including [Arts Council England](#), [The Forum theatre Barrow](#), [Art Gene](#), [BarrowFull](#), [Cumbria Music Hub](#) and Westmorland and Furness Council.

Whether you're a fan of classical music or this is your first time hearing a live orchestra, this partnership will give more people the opportunity to hear orchestral music in their community.

From concerts at The Forum and Barrow Town Hall to events designed for under-5s and dementia-friendly performances at Barrow Library, there will be something for everyone - including inspirational music-making projects in schools.

[Find out more information and book tickets](#)



It's time to get winter strong!

Those at greater risk will need extra protection this winter: [COVID-19 and flu vaccinations](#) will protect lives. You may be eligible for both vaccinations if you are:

- Aged 65 years & over
- In a clinical risk group
- Pregnant
- A household contact of someone at high clinical risk
- A carer
- A resident, or staff member in a care home for older adults
- A frontline health or social care worker

In addition, the free flu vaccine will be offered to:

- Children aged 2-3 years
- All primary school children
- All secondary school children up to and including year 11

You are encouraged to [get your vaccinations](#) as soon as possible to get fully protected. If you are offered both vaccines together it is safe to have them at the same time!



Ulverston Leisure Centre FREE Course

[Inspira](#) is helping Ulverston Leisure Centre to find new recruits by offering a FREE course with guaranteed interviews for pool lifeguard roles.

The course is for people aged 18 and over who are not in work, education or training and includes:

- Free lunch and refreshments
- Help with CV and application
- Interview prep
- Guaranteed interview with Better for Royal Life Saving Society UK - RLSS UK

✓ Enrolment | 10 November, 11am at Barrow JobCentrePlus

✓ Course dates | 15, 16 and 17 November, 10am-3pm at Inspira in Barrow

✓ To book a place or find out more, call 01229 824052.

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FREE Inspira course with guaranteed interviews with Greenwich Leisure Limited.

Enrolment: 10th Nov 2023, 11am at Barrow JCP

Course dates: 15th, 16th & 17th Nov 2023, 10am to 3pm

Venue: Inspira, 237-241 Dalton Rd, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 1PQ

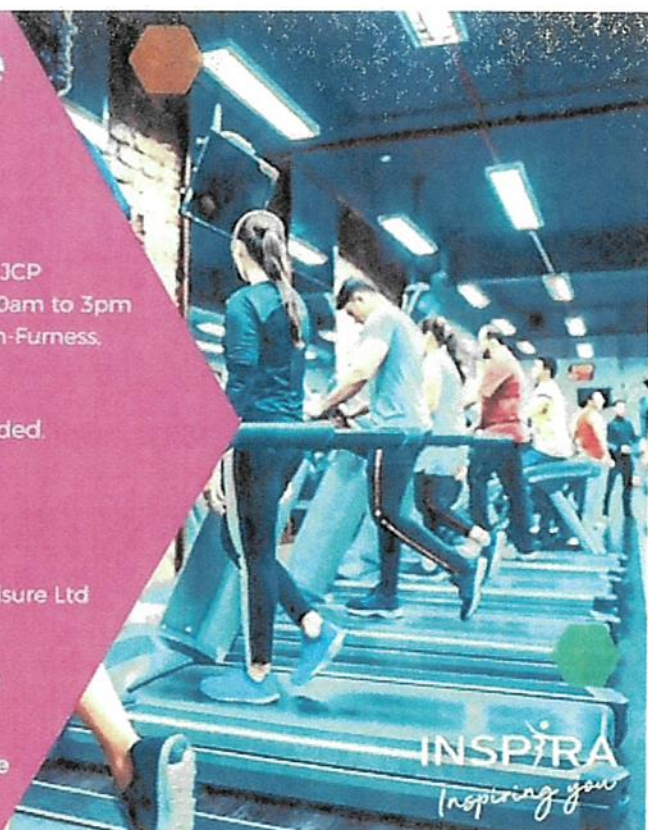
Free lunch and refreshments will be provided.

The programme includes:

- CV and application support.
- Interview preparation support.
- Guaranteed interview with Greenwich Leisure Ltd for RLSS National Pool Lifeguard roles

Eligibility: 18+ not in employment, education or training.

To book a place on this course or for more information please call 01229 824052



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GOVDELIVERY

Admin - Cockermouth TC

From: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Sent: 06 November 2023 06:22
To: Admin - Cockermouth TC
Subject: Fwd: local bus route alteration

Agenda Item 16g

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: C J <~~clerk@cockermouth.org~~>
Date: 5 November 2023 at 22:05:59 GMT
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC <clerk@cockermouth.org>
Subject: local bus route alteration

Dear Councillors,

My elderly parents live in Cockermouth and I would love for you to be able to help them and their friends.

Since the bridge has been closed, many residents of Lancaster Court feel isolated. Many relied on the bus service to aid them in doing their shopping. Some can manage the walk down into town, but the return journey was too much so they would catch the bus back. They obviously no longer can, losing them some independence.

Those that have tried the walk struggle with the 'new' bridge as the ramp is so steep and has no handrail either.

their friends cant visit them from across town, but more worryingly, friends are putting off doctor's appointments as they can no longer get to the doctors.

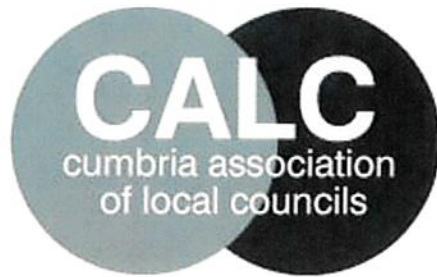
Would it be possible the re-route one of the narrower town 'minibuses' (C1, C2, or C3) so that residents can once again be linked up?

Thank you for your consideration

Carol Jenkins

(PS, I'm sure you've considered it, but may I suggest using the part of the Main street that is already closed for the Christmas light switch on, rather than causing more traffic chaos closing another part of main Street?

I have responded and dealt with this part of the email. -KG



Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Annual General Meeting 2023

Notes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils held on Saturday the 30th September 2023

This was a Hybrid meeting held at Rheged and on the Teams platform starting at 10.30am

Face to Face attendees

Name	Council
Sonia Hutchinson	Chief Officer CALC
Rachael Kelly	Town & Parish Development Officer – CALC
Lindsay Nicolson	Parish Support Officer – Westmorland and Furness
Kate Grove	Parish Support Officer - Cumberland
Mary Bradley	Chairperson of CALC
Jackie Donney	Ousby Parish Council
Steve Harwood	Keswick Town Council
Peter Winter	Preston Patrick Parish Council
Lesley Smyth	Barrow Town Council
Vivien Little	Keswick Town Council
Norma Boyes	Moresby Parish Council
Trevor Allison	Cummersdale Parish Council
Neil Hughes	Bampton Parish Council
Leith Hallatsch	Windermere & Bowness Town Council
Christine Hallatsch	Windermere & Bowness Town Council
David Wilson	Brigham Parish Council
Raymond Wren	Bothel & Threpland Parish Council
Julia Dobson	Wetheral Parish Council
Andrew Povey	Dent with Cowgill Parish Council
Andrew Bedford	Brough Parish Council
Alan Brocklehurst	Brough Parish Council
Deb Holden	Penrith Town Council
Will Huck	Burneside Parish Council
Julie Huck	Burneside Parish Council
Sue Castle-Clarke	Ousby Parish Council
Andy Pratt	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Michael Heaslip	Workington Town Council
Kimberley Lawson	Ainstable Parish Council
	Patterdale Parish Council

Teams attendees

Name	Council
Barbara Hind	ENMO Parish Council
Bryan Craig	Dalston Parish Council
Dave Faulkner	Bootle Parish Council
Mike Cumming	Ireleth Parish Council
Becx Carter	Threlkeld Parish Council St Johns, Castlerigg & Wythburn Parish Council Clifton Parish Council Dacre Parish Council Borrowdale Parish Council Underskiddaw Parish Council Broughton Parish Council Embleton Parish Council
Roger Atfield	Levens Parish Council
Val Bowen	Penrith Town Council
Christine Williams	Hethersgill Parish Council
Doug Sim	St Bees Parish Council
Holly Ho	Alston Moor Parish Council
Judith Derbyshire	Dacre Parish Council
Phillipa Hartley	ENMO Parish Council
Mike Higginbotham	Wetheral Parish Council

WELCOME: Councillor Mary Bradley, Chairperson of CALC

MINUTES

PART 1

Business Agenda

1. In the absence of a President, it was agreed for Councillor Mary Bradley, Chairperson of CALC, to Chair the Annual General Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were noted from:

Name	Council
Catherine Gourlay	Workington Town Council
Jane Tea	Kirkoswald Parish Council
Peter Streatfield	Bowness on Solway Parish Council
Phil Hancock	Morland Parish Council
Meg Hancick	Newby Parish Meeting
Tina Church	Beckermeth with Thornhill Parish Council
Nick Perie	Dalton Town Council
Anne Broadie	Claife Parish Council
Gwynneth Everett	Arlecdon & Frizington Parish Council
Bev Pink	Great Salkeld Parish Council
Pete McSweeney	Arnside Parish Council
D Jesset	Broughton East Parish Council

3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 October 2022 were agreed
4. The CALC 2022/23 Annual Review was presented to the meeting and noted.
5. The Statement of Accounts for 2022/2023 were presented and noted

6. Appointment of Executive Committee

i. The Nominations of District Associations were noted

It was noted that the nominated Executive Committee members will become Directors of the limited company from 1st October 2023.

7. Cumbria Association of Local Councils Limited – Company Number 15107335

It was noted that the Certificate of incorporation for Cumbria Association of Local Councils has been received.

8. Appointment of Auditors

It was agreed to re-appoint Saint & Co as the auditors for Cumbria Association of Local Councils limited on the recommendation of the CALC Executive Board.

9. It was agreed for the annual increase of the CALC subscription fees for 2024/25, the AGM approved an increase of £2,246 in the portion of CALC membership fees, including an increase to the CALC membership fee for all parish meetings by £1.00 (2023/24 £37.00 fee for parish meetings becoming £38.00 in 2024/25).

10. It was agreed to dissolve Cumbria Association of Local Councils, including the transfer of all assets, employees, policies and procedures to Cumbria Association of Local Councils Limited which will commence trading on 1st October 2023.

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Councillor Mary Bradley, Chairperson of CALC.

Mary said that she believed it was timely to say thank you to everyone who has been involved in CALC over the years and contributed to it being a strong organisation.

This is borne out by the numerous committees which has CALC representation on, because it is recognised as important to have a voice for local people, by people who live in that locality who actually know what's going on from the grass roots . We also thank the people from the various Councils who have stood up to be on the Executive.

The executive and has had to take some tough decisions over the years including financial and future planning.

CALC has been an opportunity to share good practice amongst Clerks and councillors.

We've been very lucky over those years to have committed presidents and chairs.

We have been fortunate with our chief officers and our staff who have been very loyal in their support. So, we have can all look back on CALC with pride and really think that we have got a very solid base to move forward.

I think where we're going to is a whole new world and that's not only changing because of the unitary authorities, but the whole world out there, seems to be changing so much with all

the other issues that are going on in our daily lives and not to mention climate change plus the cost of living and the emphasis on health and well-being.

We will continue to have many challenges, but we will have opportunities now that we never had before and part of the reason for setting CALC up as the company has been so that we can grasp those opportunities and provide the support we will all need as we move forward. Please be patient because the Unitary councils can't just jump and do everything at once. We know that asset transfers and budget transfers are examples of type of things we'd probably like and can't wait to do, but we'll have to be patient.

Thank you everyone for the past, the current and let's look forward with hope and confidence for the future.

So, thank you very much.

PART 2

Guest Speakers

Nicola Jordan

Strategic Lead, LNRS

Lois Browne

Senior Adviser, LNRS

Topic – The Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Case Studies from member councils

Norma Boyes – Moresby Parish Council - Walkmill Project

Will Huck – Burneside Parish Council – Community Tree Planting

CLERK'S REPORT

Town Hall

Claire Gallop will join the staff on 1/11/23. She will assist for a few months and then cover Amy's maternity leave.

Library/TIC

Window behind reception desk either needs a new weight or re-weighted. Quote of £90 received.

Self weigh baby scales will be provided in the library. A retractable screen has been ordered for privacy.

Allotments

Please could the water be turned off at both access points before the frosts.

12a The Gote was relet 19.10.23.

1B St Helens was officially evicted 01.11.23 and has been re let.

Public Toilets

Nothing to report.

Play Areas

Nothing to report.

Tourism and Publicity/Library

Nothing to report.

Memorial Gardens

Nothing to report.

Weddings

November is a busy month for weddings, we have 10 as well as our first naming ceremony.

Marvejols visit to Cockermouth October 2023

The visit went very well. A massive thank you to all involved.

Letters have been sent out regarding the cost of and availability of places for our 41st anniversary to Marvejols.

Remembrance Service

This will be held on Sunday 12 November 2023 at 1pm in the URC Church followed by a short wreath laying service at the cenotaph at 2pm. Please make a note in your diary.

SWOD

Arrangements are in place for switch on day.

Fireworks

This event went well. Thank you to all those who assisted with the event.

Grand Window Competition

This will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 and judged by the Mayor of Cockermouth

Window Spotting Competition

30 shops have replied to enter our window spotting competition. We have also introduced Christmas drawing and word search competitions which will run alongside the window spotting competition. This decision was due to very positive feedback from our Easter competitions earlier in the year.

Carol round the Tree

Christmas Eve- time tbc

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