

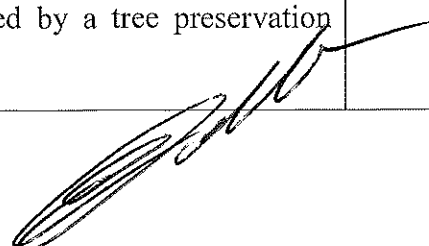
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2024 IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL AT 5.30PM**

<p>Present: Mrs Elaine Woodburn (EW) Mr Michael McVeigh (MM)</p>	<p>Chairperson Vice-Chairperson who arrived at 5.40pm</p>
<p>Also: Mr Sam Pollen (SP) Mr Chris Whiteside (CW) Mr Patrick McMahon (PM)</p>	<p>Mr Graham Calvin (GC) who arrived at 5.40pm Mr Gareth Stringer (GS) who arrived at 5.50pm Mr David Wright (DW) who arrived at 5.55pm</p>
<p>Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP) Mrs Nicola Cattanaach (NC)</p>	<p>Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk</p>

Members of the public – Mr S Scott, Mr J Conway & Ms K Conway

108.24.25	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED to note that apologies were received, noted & accepted for J Lewthwaite, R Tear & S Pollen.	ACTIONS NC
109.24.25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA EW declared an interest on a correspondence item for discussion, reasons were accepted & noted.	
110.24.25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION S Scott asked what had been done regarding standing water in the cemetery since the last Town Council meeting. EW replied that if there were any updates, he would be informed, however at this moment in time, there was nothing to report. S Scott asked about a percolation test being carried out, EW said that advice had been sought, a percolation test would only be done if a soakaway was to be installed and this would not be carried out at present. K Conway asked if anything would be done in the near future, EW said that the situation will continue to be monitored. S Scott became angry & despite EW informing him that no further discussion would take place if he continued to be abusive & speak in derogatory terms about the Town Council, he continued so the Chairperson moved onto the next agenda item & all three members of the public left the meeting.	
111.24.25	CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS EW discussed the Copeland Local Plan and informed Councillors that comments had to be submitted by 16 th December. EW said that a request to obtain footage of the old East Road garage had been received via the website, RESOLVED that he is told to contact Cumberland Council. An email was received from Lesley Graffin - caseworker for Josh MacAlister MP asking if it would be helpful to the Town Council if she attended all Town Council meetings, Councillors felt that it would not be necessary to attend all meetings but RESOLVED to invite her when her presence would be of benefit.	ALL GP GP

112.24.25	<p>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 15th October 2024.</p>
113.24.25	<p>TO CONSIDER & REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>4/24/2358/0F1 Installation of an air source pump to be installed at front of our property; solar panels on the roof 1 Rowntree Gardens, Egremont No objections</p> <p>4/24/2370/0F1 External alterations including replacement of existing windows to the rear and doors to the front and rear; replacement of two roof lights to the front elevation & reinstatement of a third roof light to the front elevation; reinstating & replacing windows to front elevation at street level; demolition of a lean-to passageway structure to rear & replacement with a new wider porch The Central Hotel, 70 Main Street, Egremont Councillors trust that replacements will be in line with requirements for the conservation area in which the building is located</p> <p>4/24/2373/0F1 The establishment of a community gardening initiative based on providing therapeutic benefits to the learners who attend – providing food to those who need it in an environmentally friendly way (retrospective) Land at West Lakes Science & Technology Park, Ingwell Drive, Moor Row No objections</p> <p>4/24/2374/0F1 Installation of three Totem Poles to be installed on the river trail Various locations to the East of the River Ehen, Egremont No objections</p>
114.24.25	<p>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN MEETINGS.</p> <p>4/24/2345/0F1 Proposed two storey side extension, dormer & internal alteration 10 Riverside Drive, Egremont No comments</p> <p>4/24/2347/0F1 Proposed single storey side extension Southcroft, Woodend, Egremont No comments</p> <p>4/24/2340/TPO Reduction of Oak tree protected by a tree preservation order 2 Park View, Egremont</p>



	<p>Councillors cannot support or object to the application without sight of any report which assesses the health of the tree. Councillors feel that they should be entitled to see the expert's report and are unable to give valid comments without this. They formerly request that any planning applications, in particular regarding tree preservation, where a report is necessary, that they are allowed access to view it prior to the deadline date or the deadline should be extended to allow comments to be made based on a specialist's report.</p>	
4/24/2044/0F1	<p>Consultation on Additional/Amended Information: Planning Application Reference: 4/24/2044/0F1 Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a discount food store, alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access, provision of car and cycle parking, servicing, hard and soft landscaping and associated works. Land at East Road, East Road, Egremont No objections - The Council's own independent Retail Impact Assessment shows no significant adverse impact on Egremont town centre. Furthermore, there is no reason to refuse planning permission based on national or local planning policy in relation to retail. There are no longer any objections from Highways England as of 30th October nor Cumberland Council's highway department (28th October) Egremont Town Council are in support of the redevelopment of a brownfield site that has overwhelming support from the local community, will create jobs & investment in Egremont and is supported by national and local planning policy.</p>	
4/24/2363/TPO	<p>Removal of a fire damaged tree within a conservation area Land adjacent to 11 Lamb Lane, Egremont Councillors cannot support or object to the application without sight of and report which assesses the tree's health and the need for the tree to be removed. Councillors feel that they should be entitled to see the expert's report and are unable to give valid comments without this. They formerly request that any planning applications, in particular regarding tree preservation, where a report is necessary, that they be allowed access to view prior to the deadline or the deadline should be extended to allow comments to be made based on a specialist's report. Egremont Town Council request that if Cumberland Council ultimately agree for the tree to be felled then two replacement trees should be replanted on land in Cumberland's ownership and within the Egremont conservation area to ensure that both the amenity value of the existing tree and the ecological value of the tree to local bio diversity are not lost.</p>	

115.24.25	TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL	
	WEBSITE, BOWLING GREEN, ALLOTMENT, CEMETERY, MARKET HALL, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, EG CASTLE, PUBLIC REALM & BORDERLANDS, LENGTHSMAN SCHEME	
	<u>Allotments</u> GS and RT had a site visit to East Road following a complaint regarding the eroding road and footpath before the entrance to the allotments. It was agreed that the land is not the responsibility of the Town Council and to ask if Highways could give advice on the path. The footpath at the entrance from Brisco Mount is also well worn. It was reported that tenants are willing to help with remedial work if the Town Council would arrange for the purchase & delivery of stones. There was also an enquiry about the responsibility of the bank in the same area. It was therefore RESOLVED that a full allotment committee meeting is required to discuss options.	GS.GC. MM. RT
	<u>Cemetery</u> EW said a meeting would be arranged to discuss progression of the potential restoration of the chapels. EW said that DW had contacted S Woodford from Cumberland Council about the heritage of the chapels but he has not had a response as yet. The front door to Cemetery house is rotten and as the building is listed a replacement must be like for like. The door is made of solid wood and is an unusual shape, one quote received states £5,000, a second quote is awaited. The Cemetery Curator was a little concerned about a hole in the boundary wall, RESOLVED that GS & GC will take a look.	GS.GC
	<u>Market Hall</u> GC reported his concern about youths running in & out of the Market Hall, this will be reported in full under private.	
	<u>Christmas Lights</u> Unfortunately, due to some high winds, the Winter Wonderland event was cancelled, however the Christmas lights still came on as planned but there is an issue with some of the lights so GS will speak to Lite to resolve these issues.	GS
	<u>Public Realm/Borderlands</u> Councillors had attended a recent Cumberland Council meeting to discuss the Former Red Lion site & its potential. A public consultation will also take place on 10 th December in Egremont Market Hall.	
116.24.25	CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE	
	A request from Fur & Feather to request funding towards holding future events. RESOLVED to donate £100.	GP
	A request from Bee Unique for a donation towards selection boxes for their Christmas party, RESOLVED to donate £50.	GP
	Cumberland Council offered the Town Council an opportunity to purchase the 5 self- watering hanging baskets for £10 each, these baskets belong to Cumberland Council who used to provide the floral provision for Egremont & will be used by J & R Bennett who we now get our flowers from. This was RESOLVED.	GP
	An email was received from Cumbria Tourism via DW to promote the expansion of the 200 mile Cumbria Coastal Route. DW thought it could provide opportunities	

	for Egremont & the surrounding area, RESOLVED that SP & GM will complete the survey. There was a request from Calderwood House for a discount on hall hire for their charity bingo night, RESOLVED to give a donation of £70.	SP.GM
117.24.25	TO CONSIDER & RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.	GP
118.24.25	TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS RESOLVED to ratify the payments at 20th November 2024 amounting to £10,462.15.	
119.24.25	TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RESOLVED to accept, consider & approve the financial statement at 20 th November 2024 amounting to £22,967.17.	
120.24.25	TO CONSIDER STREET NAME FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, LAND AT SCALEGILL ROAD, MOOR ROW The developer had suggested the name Woodberry Drive, however the Cumberland planning officer invited Egremont Town Council to submit any other suggestions. DW had looked into the history of Moor Row & found a historical connection between Moor Row & the Wildridge family, RESOLVED that Wildridge Drive is the recommended name to put forward.	GP
121.24.25	TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S INTERIM REPORT G Pritchard was congratulated on a successful and complimentary report & thanked for all her hard work in maintaining the finances of Egremont Town Council in an excellent manner as highlighted on the report. RESOLVED to accept the report.	
122.24.25	COUNCILLORS' MATTERS – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION GC said he was to meet with Cllr Graham Minshaw to further discuss the rear gardens of Rusper Drive, Moor Row which have encroached onto the public footpath. Councillors had heard that the former Age UK building had been purchased which was good news, it did raise the question about the land at the rear of the building where the gurning statue is in situ. As Cumberland Council own this piece of land, it was RESOLVED that if this land is to be used for something other than what it is now, the statue could be moved and suggestions were Egremont Castle or incorporated into the former Red Lion plans. As EW sits on the Borderlands Committee, it was RESOLVED that she passes this request onto Diane Ward at Cumberland Council. DW said that it was unfortunate that the Winter Wonderland event had to be cancelled & he wondered if going forward, if would it would be beneficial for other groups to work together e.g. Amenity Committee & Crab Fair Committee to support all events held in the town. On behalf of the Amenity Committee, EW explained that this had been muted in the past as it is known that funding is more easily obtained if applied for as one events group however the Crab Fair committee were not interested.	GC EW

DW asked why stalls booked for the cancelled outside event could not have set up in the Market Hall. EW said it would have been very difficult to choose a small number from those stalls to fit in the hall as there was no fair way of prioritising them.

123.24.25 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

No items were brought up at the meeting

The meeting was brought to a close at 7.30pm & as this was the last meeting before Christmas, the Chairperson wished all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.