

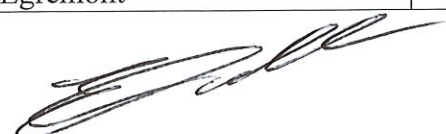
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2025 IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL AT 5.30PM**

Present: Mrs Elaine Woodburn (EW) Chairperson

Also: Mr Chris Whiteside (CW) Mr Graham Calvin (GC)
Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL) Mr Gareth Stringer (GS)
Mr Robbie Tear (RT)

Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP) Town Clerk
Mrs Nicola Cattanach (NC) Assistant Town Clerk

142.24.25	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED to note that no apologies were received from Sam Pollen, Patrick McMahon, David Wright and Graham Minshaw.</p>	NC
143.24.25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA Councillors declared the following interests & reasons were accepted & noted. GC declared an interest in item 8.1 re: Works 4 You EW declared an interest in item 8.5 re: Calderwood House</p>	
144.24.25	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION As Cumberland Councillors SP & GM were not present, their reports had been sent to Councillors previous to this meeting for their perusal.</p>	
145.24.25	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS EW said that complaints have been received regarding parking outside of the recently opened O'Halloran's pub at Bigrigg. Some people are choosing to park in residential areas rather than using the pub car park itself & this is causing visibility problems. The Police and GM are aware of problems and the advice given is for residents to report incidents as they occur direct to the police. EW spoke about the Cumbria Devolution Consultation and Councillors would get together to discuss a collective response. EW suggested that Extraordinary meetings should be arranged to discuss the Devolution Consultation (the deadline for a response is 13th April) and also to discuss the Borderlands scheme in detail.</p>	GP NC
146.24.25	<p>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING: RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 21st January 2025.</p>	
147.24.25	<p>TO CONSIDER & REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>4/24/2323/0R1 Consultation on Additional/Amended Information: Planning Application Reference: 4/24/2323/0R1 Application for reserved matters relating to layout, scale, appearance and landscaping pursuant to outline application reference 4/23/2076/001 – residential development for up to 65 dwellings with details of proposed access & all other matters reserved. Land off Dalzell Street, Moor Row, Egremont</p>	



		Councillors do not oppose the application, although they would like assurance that the 106 agreement for affordable housing is in place during the early stages of the development
	4/24/2391/0F1	<p>Consultation on Amended Description and Additional/Amended Information: Planning Application Reference: 4/24/2391/0F1 Proposed surface water dry retention basin and associated infrastructure including BNG enhancements relating to residential development pursuant to outline application reference 4/23/2076/0O1 Land off Dalzell Street, Moor Row, Egremont No objections</p>
	4/25/2032/0F1	<p>To extend the period for the siting of a storage container on site for an additional 3-year period Dalton Cumbrian Facility, Westlakes Science and Technology Park, Moor Row Councillors supported the original plan as permission was 3 years because it was considered a storage container was inappropriate for the long term. They ask why the applicant is now looking to extend the permission for a further 3 years rather than find a long term solution and ask what the long term plans are by the applicant.</p>
	4/25/2037/0A1	<p>Installation of 1 x non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 x non illuminated projecting sign Cumberland Building Society, 46 Main Street, Egremont The Town Council ask that the sign is in keeping with the building being in a conservation area</p>
	4/25/2039/0F1	<p>Siting a caravan on the property for residential purposes 19 Scurgill Terrace, Egremont Councillors have no objection to this planning application but request that the Council impose a planning condition to ensure that the caravan remains ancillary to the main residence and to prevent the caravan becoming an independent residential unit.</p>
	4/25/2044/0F1	<p>Alterations & rear extension 24 Parklands Drive, Egremont No objections</p>
148.24.25	<p>TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL WEBSITE, BOWLING GREEN, ALLOTMENT, CEMETERY, MARKET HALL, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, EG CASTLE, PUBLIC REALM & BORDERLANDS, LENGTHSMAN SCHEME</p> <p><u>Finance</u> A meeting was held on 17th February & attended by EW, JL, CW & GP. The following recommendations were resolved: The £1,000 youth grant is given to Egremont Youth Partnership with a request for publicity to show that Egremont Town Council has supported them. Retrospective permission for the emergency repairs on the Cemetery House and chapel</p>	

roofs, following storm damage.

The Town Council were satisfied with the internal auditor's assessment and to continue to employ the services of Mrs Julie Hartley at an annual cost of £600.

To renew the current bar agreement with Egremont Rugby League Club with no amendments & a copy to be sent to the Club for their agreement & signature.

To accept the quote of £4,980 Inc. VAT to replace the guttering at the rear of the Market Hall and a request for the work to start as soon as possible.

The Cemetery Chapel Committee will take into consideration the replacement of the chapel roofs at their next meeting.

To accept a quote from Works 4 You of £1495 + vat for stones to be delivered and tampered down at the first entrance to East Road allotment site and £265 + vat to lay stones in the muddy gully at the second entrance site. Tenants/residents will be notified that doing this work does not mean the Town Council own or have taken ownership of the land and that they are not committed to maintain these areas in the future.

Agreed to await further quotes with regards the repair/replacement of the cemetery house door as only one quote to date has been received.

To defer the decision regarding the increase of the Cemetery and Market Hall fees will be deferred until a further meeting in March.

To make no increase in the allotment and garage ground rent at East Road and Bridgend for 2026/27.

To allow free rent for Calderwood House first plot at East Road and free rent for the recently acquired second plot for the next year but the Councillors would expect to see some positive results.

To give the cemetery tenant the necessary 12-month notice to increase cemetery house rent by £25 in 2026/27 making the total rent £450 per calendar month.

To purchase a dehumidifier for Cemetery House to help alleviate extra moisture in the house.

Personnel

Details were discussed in private

Website

EW agreed to liaise with RT with regards to updating the Town Council website

EW

Bowling Green

The Bowling Green Committee sent photographs of the boundary fence that was damaged in recent storms. The Lengthsman along with assistance from the guys from Haverigg have now secured the fencing back in place.

Allotments

GS carried out a site visit to East Road and Bridge End and will provide a full report at the next town Council meeting.

Following Mr Sharples reluctance to use his ferrets on the East Road allotment site after he lost one due to being poison, he has now agreed to carry out his services again on the basis that all tenants are sent a letter informing them that they must not use poison of any kind and if anything happens again, Mr Sharples will no longer attend unless he is specifically asked and the tenants will have to pay him themselves.

Mr Sharples has also requested that a Councillor meet him on site so he can highlight the problems in the plots which is making the rat problem worse. RT has agreed to do this.

RT

	<p><u>Castle</u> The Lengthsman reported that some slabs have been vandalised in the castle grounds. A rescheduled meeting will take place with Matthew Towers from Leconfield Estates on 11th March to look at the entrance wall and trees at the back which Tyson Lane residents are extremely worried about especially when there are high winds.</p>	
	<p><u>Lengthsman Scheme</u> A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the scheme going forward</p>	GP
	<p><u>Other Reports</u> CW is organising a Teams meeting with DW & PM to discuss the location of defibrillators.</p>	CW
149.24.25	<p>CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE It was RESOLVED to email Councillors direct after the meeting regarding the nomination of Councillors to be part of the Cumbria Constabulary Policing Pledge. It was RESOLVED that the Chairperson will write to Greggs to discuss providing planters to deter motorists from parking on the pavement. GP informed Councillors that the developer of the Central pub had called into the office to discuss the demolition of part of the neighbouring wall to Wyndham Way. She said the wall had been taken down to allow lorries to access the site and that the wall belongs to her and she now wishes to retain the opening as a permanent access. She does not think planning permission is required as vehicles will be driving across Council adopted land, however if permission is needed then she will apply. GP told Councillors that the deadline for a by-election to be closes at the end of February; if this is not requested, then advertising a co-option notice can go ahead.</p>	EW
150.24.25	<p>TO CONSIDER & RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.</p>	
151.24.25	<p>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS RESOLVED to ratify the payments at 12th February 2025 amounting to £5,571.97</p>	
152.24.25	<p>TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 12TH FEBRUARY 2025 RESOLVED to accept, consider & approve the financial statement at 12th February 2025 amounting to £29,158.55</p>	
153.24.25	<p>COUNCILLORS' MATTERS – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION GP confirmed that RT would now be a member of the Market Hall Committee and GC is now on the Personnel Committee.</p>	
154.24.25	<p>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA No items were brought up at the meeting The meeting was brought to a close at 7.30 pm</p>	

