

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 6 January 2026 commencing at 7.20 p.m. The Pre-meeting with the Development Officer at ACT was cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions.

Present:

M. Boswell
K. Bridges (Chair)
R. Cockburn
G. Moore
P. Normington

Also Present:

Members of the public: Two

J. Rae (Clerk)

89/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

90/25 MINUTES – 4 NOVEMBER 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2025 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

91/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

92/25 REPORTS

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor was not in attendance. Cllr Perry will be notified that there are still issues at High Ireby and Aughertree with the recycling collection service.

93/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public the opportunity to raise any matters of interest.

The Pie and Pea Supper had been a success with the donations received more than covering the cost of hiring the venue. The Steering Group had reimbursed the Parish Council with the room hire charge.

There had been a tremendous reception from the community and good participation from Ireby School at the Christmas Fair held on 6 December in Ireby.

The meeting was re-convened.

94/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 4 NOVEMBER 2025

Further to Min Ref 81/25 Members noted that it had not been possible to obtain a wiring plan for the defibrillator cabinet at Ireby. It had been decided to install a security light above the defibrillator cabinet rather than purchasing a new cabinet.

95/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) A copy of the financial report had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances 31 December 2025

Business Current Account £5,712.79

Business Savings Account £7,513.95

- (b) Income Received:
£30.00 – Reimbursement of Room Hire Charges CLP

- (c) Payment of Accounts
The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 3 £ 455.21

HMRC PAYE Quarter 3 £ 113.80

Clerk's Expenses Quarter 3	£ 130.95
Ireby WI Hall – Room Hire (CLP)	£ 30.00
J. Pattinson & Son – Grass Cutting 2025 Season	£1740.00
K. Bridges – Refund Defib Supplies	£ 97.20

96/25 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority
7/2025/2214 - Uldale Hall, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HA
Proposal: Roof over of 682m2 of livestock yard

(b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority
7/2025/2214 - Uldale Hall, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HA
Proposal: Roof over of 682m2 of livestock yard **GRANTED**

Appeal Ref: APP/Q9495/C/25/3366525
Land at Low Longlands Farm, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HN
Decision: The appeal is dismissed, the enforcement notice is upheld, and planning permission is refused on the application deemed to have been made under section 177(5) of the 1990 Act as amended.

9725 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Cllr R. Cockburn reported that the drains are blocked outside Manor Farm and Binsey Farm, High Ireby. There had still not been any developments with the blocked drain outside Stone Croft, High Ireby.

Pot hole on the Ruthwaite to High Ireby road.

The deteriorating condition of Snittlegarth Lonning was raised. The lonning is now considered to be dangerous to walkers and cyclists and is also affecting access to livestock. It was suggested that the National Park be asked if they can provide any assistance to get some maintenance carried out on the lonning.

Cllr G. Moore reported that water is running across the road between Guards lonning end and the Aughertree junction. This is particularly hazardous in the current freezing temperatures.

98/25 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Cllr P. Normington reported that following the Pie and Pea Supper event on 8 November the Steering Group had held a further meeting. Sub Groups had been formed and are currently devising a questionnaire to be distributed early in the year. The potential to hold a further community event was discussed. Further interest in contributing to the Plan had been received from the community. The Steering Group would encourage some interest from more outlying areas.

99/25 RESILIENCE PLANNING

Members considered combining resilience planning into the Community Led Plan with an action plan being drawn up to include the following:

- Consider what shared space is available and establishing an emergency centre
- Encouraging individuals to have their own emergency plan
- Identifying vulnerable or isolated individuals who may need extra support
- Organisations to come together to compile an at-risk register

It was agreed that the CLP Steering Group would draw up and circulate a template before their next meeting.

100/25 ELLENVALE SERVICE 39 VARIATION

Notification had been received from Cumberland Council that from 17 February 2026 Ellenvale Bus Service will withdraw the section of 39 route between Wigton and Carlisle. The 39 service currently operates one service on a Tuesday and Friday. The proposed revised 39 timetable means that passengers can change onto the 300 at Wigton to allow people to make the connection to Carlisle.

The 39 will arrive into Wigton at 09:52 with the 300 leaving at 10:07. The 12:55 300 departs from Carlisle to arrive into Wigton at 13:25 and the 39 will depart at 13:30. On a Friday the service will no longer serve Blennerhasset but will instead start from Ireby. Details including timetables will be uploaded to the Parish Council's website.

101/25 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION - CONSULTATION ON THE FURTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WARD BOUNDARIES IN CUMBERLAND

Members noted that the LGBC have opened an additional phase of public consultation in the review of Cumberland Council's electoral arrangements. A new warding pattern has been proposed and the Parish will fall into the proposed Ward Caldbeck & Bothel. The Parish boundary will not be affected. The consultation will close on 26 January 2026.

102/25 PUBLIC BENCHES IN IREBY

Cllr P Normington reported that the Northern Fells Group Men in Sheds had advised that they are not able to refurbish the benches that they looked at in Ireby deeming them to be beyond repair. Cllr Normington had subsequently met with NFG and they are willing to support a bid to the Lakes to Sea Community Panel for funding to replace the benches, probably with composite (recycled plastic), for a low-maintenance and longer-lasting solution, with a 20-year guarantee. The Community Panel would be more likely to grant the funds if other support is evident, whether that be part-funding or even offering to install. It was agreed to ask for five benches enabling the replacement of the existing ones and add another on an identified site suitable for visiting walkers and cyclists as well as local residents. The next panel meeting is 26 March and bids will need to be in before the end of February. Cllr. P. Normington agreed to liaise with NFG to establish what the Community Panel require.

103/25 VACANCIES

Members noted there are two vacancies on the Parish Council.

104/25 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email:

Letter of thanks from Uldale Sports Committee
Letter of thanks from Uldale DCC
CALC - Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council
CALC - Cumbria LNRS Launch and Celebration Event, Friday 5 December
Keswick Mountain Festival gCycling and Triathlon Events - 16 - 17 May 2026
Cumberland Council - Ellenvale Service 39 variation effective from 17 February 2026
CALC - Have your say on the future of the Lake District
CALC - United Utilities priorities service register
LDNPA - Lake District National Park Partnership Plan Consultation
CALC - Cumberland EV Infrastructure
Cumberland Council - Letter re Election Costs
LDNPA Member Peter Walter's Newsletter
CALC - Protect Where We Play - request for support
CALC - Equality and diversity training
Cumberland Council Newsletters
Cumberland Council – Have you say on Cumberland Council's budget consultation
Cumberland Council – Draft Council Tax Base figure for the Parish

105/25 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No additional items added.

106/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March 2026 - WI Hall Ireby 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman Date