

## IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

E. Alexander  
K. Bridges (Chair)  
R. Cockburn  
A. Forrest  
J.W. Hall  
G. Moore

Also Present:

J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor  
Four parish members  
J. Rae (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### 74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. J. Logan. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

### 75 MINUTES – 7 NOVEMBER 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

### 76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Forrest declared an interest in item 11 on the agenda Adoption of Defibrillators. No requests for dispensations were received

### 77 REPORTS

- (a) Cumbria Police: The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated.
- (b) Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported on the following:

#### “Local Government Boundary Commission review

We are going to undergo another boundary review. We have had a presentation from the LGBC on their planned review of Cumberland ward boundaries, which will be in place in time for the next Cumberland elections. It will be taken in parts. First they will review the number of councillors, they will liaise with the Council on this, and will make a decision by October of this year on whether to increase the number or not. When that has been decided, there will be a consultation on ward boundaries/number of councillors per ward Nov 24-Feb25. They will draft proposals and be a full public consultation May-August 25. In October 25 they will make their final recommendations which cannot be altered.

I am pretty certain that the number of councillors will increase as it is difficult to fill places on all the committees and outside bodies, as well as the workload associated with one councillor per large ward. However, it is completely up in the air how this will be managed – it could mean smaller wards (based on number of voters, not size of area) or it could be two or three councillor wards, or some combination of the two. The aim, as always, is to equalise numbers of voters. Obviously cost will also be an issue.

### Community Panel news

At our last Community Partnership meeting – December - we decided to advertise for up to three co-opted members to help us deliver our community investment plan. The posts are voluntary and non-voting but travelling expenses will be paid. The adverts will be placed this month, so if you are interested or know someone who might be, let me know and I can let everyone know when the adverts go out.

We also gave out grants details of which are on the council website in the Lakes to Sea section but include a grant to Bothel village Hall for a power wall battery storage system to use with solar panels. We have about 25,000 left in the pot and only one more meeting before the end of the financial year.

The next network meeting is to be held this month but we have no details of the form it will take or where it will be held as yet”

Cllr Perry also reported that she had received a response from Highways advising that a review of speed limits will not be undertaken for three years. A request has been put forward to Cumberland Council for the timetable for the review to be revised as there are currently 50 applications outstanding in the former Allerdale area.

Cllr Perry advised that there is a guide to developing an emergency plan on ACT's website.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to raise matters relating to items on the agenda.

### **78 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following matter was raised:

Withdrawal of Rural Bus Service – A resident in attendance advised they had written to Mark Jenkinson MP regarding the suspension of the Stagecoach 73 service during the winter months. A response had been received from Stagecoach to advise that the service will be reviewed in 2024. It was suggested that the Parish Council contact the MP and Cumberland Council requesting that the service be considered under the Bus Service Improvement Plan.

The meeting was re-convened.

### **79 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 7 NOVEMBER 2023**

None.

### **80 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) A copy of the financial report had been circulated with the agenda. No matters were raised:

Balances 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023

Business Current Account	£8,362.15
Business Premium Account	£6,667.53

(b) Local Government Services Pay Award 2023-24  
Members noted that the LGA pay award had been agreed in November 2023. The agreed award was a flat rate payment of £1925 which amounted to an increase of £1.00 per hour backdated to April 2023.

(c) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

Clerks account Quarter 3 (includes back dated pay award 2023-24)	£483.70
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HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£120.80
Clerk's expenses Quarter 3	£110.80
CALC Training Course	£ 30.00
Cumberland Council – 50% recharge election costs	£1734.84
DJ Web Design – Website Hosting Fee	£ 100.00
Donation granted to:	
Great North Air Ambulance Service	£ 350.00

## 81 PLANNING

(a) Applications received: None

(b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2023/2191 – Gehawian, Aughtertree, CA7 1EP

Build new garden shed

GRANTED

## 82 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) Highway issues in the Parish

The following matters were reported:

Cllr Cockburn reported that Highways had cleared one drain reported at the last meeting but had not been back to the drain outside Stone Croft. The Clerk agreed to report this again.

Cllr Cockburn reported a blocked drain outside Manor Farm and various pot holes/road surface breaking away from the verges on the Ireby to High Ireby road.

Cllr Moore had reported pot holes on the Aughtertree to Uldale road

(b) Speeding Issues in Uldale

It was noted that the review of speed limits in the former Allerdale area is not due to take place until 2026. There are currently 50 applications awaiting review.

RESOLVED to write to the Assistant Director of Highways to support the request that the timescale for the review is brought forward.

## 83 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Members noted that the grass cutting contract is due to be renewed this year. RESOLVED to advertise the contract for a three-year period. Tenders will be considered and a contractor appointed at the next meeting.

## 84 ADOPTION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

The Clerk reported that further information was awaited regarding the official handover of the defibrillators in the Parish. Cllr Forrest agreed to enquire with BIUFR when this is to take place.

The guardian of the defibrillator in Uldale advised they had successfully obtained a new battery under a warranty claim for the defibrillator in Uldale.

## 85 BENCHES ON GREENGATE LONNING

The Clerk reported the contractor had been instructed in November and was hoping to carry out the work early in the new year.

## 86 DONATION REQUEST – GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

The request for financial assistance from the Great North Air Ambulance Service was considered. RESOLVED to grant £350.00.

## 87 PARISH PLAN

This item was deferred to the next meeting

**88 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Savills - Invite to consult on Woodland management plan - Ireby woodlands, Ireby – It was suggested that Binsey Squirrel Group be advised of the consultation.

LDNPA Members Report

Keswick Mountain Festival Cycling and Triathlon Events – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

CALC - Partnership Information LGR and Coronavirus

CALC - Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023

CALC - Draft NALC Response - Govt. Consultation on Very Hard to Reach

Broadband Areas - Chance to Track Change / Seek Council Evidence.

Cumberland Council - Focus on food, get tickets to see the Crown Jewels, Taste

Cumbria Christmas, Millom's sparkling transformation

CALC – AGM Minutes

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

Cumberland Council - Commemorating this year’s Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

Cumberland Council - Countdown to Christmas, complete our food survey, a rare Bronze Age find

Cllr J Perry, Cumberland Council - Council encourages residents to complete survey on food  
CALC News

Cumberland Council - Winter weather update, awards for our Roman dig, our Winter Holiday and Food Programme, good news for Maryport

CALC - FREE on-line Forum: Climate Change & Biodiversity Loss- How Town and Parish Councils can take action- Thursday 25th January 2024 @ 7pm via Teams.

Cumberland Council Community Investment Funding

Cumberland Council - Lakes to Sea Panel - Meet your Panel

CALC - Fraud Prevention

Cumberland Council - Grant opportunities from UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) applications are now open.

CALC - WARM SPOTS Cumberland update

Hyperfast GB Newsletter - December 2023

CALC - Charge my street

OPCC - Commissioner asks the public their view on Policing budget proposals

CALC - Hospice at Home Christmas Tree Collection Appeal

CALC - December Edition of Civility and Respect Newsletter

CALC - December legal bulletin update

Cumberland Council - Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council

Cumberland Council – Budget consultation

Black Lion - Update

**89 VACANCY – CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

In accordance with the Co-option Policy the press and public were asked to leave the meeting whilst the applications were considered.

Two expressions of interest in the vacancy had been received from M. Boswell and P. Normington. The applications were considered and following a vote 4/2 P. Normington was duly elected onto the Council and will be summoned to attend the next meeting.

**90 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – WI Hall, Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Chairman ..... Date .....