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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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A NOTICE TO:

All Members of Lazonby Parish Council and to all Lazonby Parishioners.

Date: Friday 6th November 2015.

Dear Sir/Madam,

There will be a Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on **Wednesday 11th November 2015, in the Jubilee Rooms, Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.** The Agenda for the Meeting is enclosed and you are hereby summoned to attend.

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out as below.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca Wyatt
Clerk to the Council.

AGENDA

| ITEM NO: | ITEM | RECOMMENDATIONS, CONSIDERATIONS & ACTIONS. |
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| 1. | Apologies for absence. | TO RECEIVE any apologies for absence. |
| 2. | The filling of Council Member Vacancies by Co-option. | TO CONSIDER nominations to fill the Council Member vacancies left unfilled at the election by reason of insufficient nominations. |
| 3. | Requests for Dispensations. | TO RECEIVE any requests received by the Clerk since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest. |
| 4. | Declaration of Interest. | TO RECEIVE any Declarations by elected and co-opted Members of any Personal or Prejudicial Interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting. Members are invited to declare any personal interests they may have relating to any item on the Agenda and, having done so, to consider whether they also have a prejudicial interest in that item. Members are also reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registerable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.) Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registerable or other interests. <i>If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised</i> |

to contact the clerk at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

A note from the Clerk to the Council.

A **personal interest** might be reasonably regarded as one which might affect a member's wellbeing, financial position, or business (which would be a 'direct' interest, as it impacts on the member directly); or that of a relative or friend (which would be an 'indirect' interest) to a greater extent than that of other council tax payers, ratepayers or other inhabitants of the area.

A personal interest will also be a **prejudicial interest** if a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that a member's personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice his / her judgement of the public interest.

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| 5. | Matters of Urgency. | <p>TO CONSIDER any matters on grounds of urgency which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda and/or are determined by certain deadlines.</p> <p>Please Note: This item can be used to raise any 'matters of urgency', even if the matter is to be discussed later in the agenda under a related item heading. For example: planning applications which were received after the agenda was issued in order to meet the 21 day deadline. These will then be dealt with in the appropriate agenda item.</p> |
| 6. | Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015. | <p>RECOMMENDATION that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 7th October 2015 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p>Note: Please see Appendix 6a.</p> |
| 7. | Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015. | <p>TO CONSIDER any matters arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015.</p> |
| | 15/137 - Photocopier Lease Review. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update on the lease of a new photocopier with a recommendation report from the Treasurer.</p> <p>Note: Please see Appendix 7a.</p> |
| | 15/152 - Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update about the drainage system for the Story Homes housing development, and the resurfacing of Scaur Lane.</p> |
| | 15/170 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update about the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 (behind the Lilacs).</p> <p>ALSO TO RECEIVE an update about the letter of complaint which was sent on behalf of the Parish Council about the way the planning Appeal was handled.</p> |
| | 15/190 - Overgrown pavement, Seat and damaged Bus Stop Sign - Armathwaite Rd End. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update about the Overgrown pavement, Seat and damaged Bus Stop Sign at Armathwaite Road End of the A6.</p> |
| | 15/193 - Community Oil Buying Groups. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update about the possibility of a Community Oil buying group being set up in Lazonby.</p> |
| | 15/218 - Plastic Recycling Cage at Eden Bridge Car Park Recycling Centre. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update on what to do about the plastic recycling cage at Eden Bridge car park recycling centre which was recently removed due to the ceasing of plastic recycling.</p> <p>Report of the Clerk to Council. The Clerk has asked Porters if they would like to buy the recycling cage back but they are not interested. The Clerk is still to ring around other scrap merchants to see if they are interested in buying it.</p> |

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| 8. | Public Participation. | TO RECEIVE any contributions from the parishioners relating to: a) Any item on the agenda; b) And any other parish-related matter which they may wish to raise. |
| 9. | Fibre Optic Broadband. | TO RECEIVE an update regarding Fibre Optic Broadband from Brian Smythe. |
| 10. | Report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson. | TO RECEIVE a report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish. |
| 11. | Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick. | TO RECEIVE a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish. |
| 12. | Lazonby Parish Projects: | |
| | a. Registration of Parish Land. | TO RECEIVE an update regarding the registration of Parish land. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 12a.</u> |
| | b. Will Pool Project. | TO RECEIVE an update regarding the path to Will Pool and the possible funding possibilities to achieve this. |
| | c. Neighbourhood Plan. | TO RECEIVE an update regarding the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan. |
| | d. Street lighting in the Parish. | TO RECEIVE an update regarding the Street lighting in the Parish. |
| | e. Scaur Close Green. | TO RECEIVE an update on the revamp of the Scaur Close green. |
| | f. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge Car Park. | TO RECEIVE an update on the maintenance of the Eden Bridge Car Park surface. |
| | g. Community Play Ground. | TO RECEIVE an update about the ownership and maintenance of the Community Playground. |
| | h. Creating a 'Child friendly' Village. | TO CONSIDER further any ideas to create a 'child friendly' village. |
| 13. | Annual Lazonby Parish Council Grant Applications for 2016 – 2017. | TO RECEIVE grant applications from the following, to be further discussed at a Finance and Budget Committee meeting to be held before the December 2015 meeting of the Parish Council. 1) Great North Air Ambulance for financial assistance of £200 towards the purchase of two portable scanners for the aircraft and the rapid response vehicles. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 13a.</u> 2) Parish Church of St.Nicholas (Parochial Church Council) for financial assistance of £500 towards the on-going costs of maintaining the grave yard and outward appearance of St Nicholas Parish Church. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 13b.</u> 3) The Fellrunner for financial assistance of £444.10 towards providing a scheduled bus service to the residents in the Parish of Lazonby. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 13c.</u> 4) Lazonby School for financial assistance of £250 towards replacing a climbing frame for the playground after the old one was condemned. <u>Note: Please see Appendix 13d.</u> |

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| | | <p>5) Eden Valley Camera Club for financial assistance of £200 towards buying more photography equipment for use by members. Note: Please see Appendix 13e.</p> <p>6) Lazonby and District's Got Talent for financial assistance of £250 towards purchasing a set of specialised speakers and stands. Note: Please see Appendix 13f.</p> <p>7) Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Association for financial assistance of £250 towards providing a series of subsidised water based activities in Lazonby Swimming Pool for local children. Note: Please see Appendix 13g.</p> <p>8) Lazonby Bowling Club for financial assistance of £500 towards repairing a wall on the bowling grounds that borders the B6412. Note: Please see Appendix 13h.</p> <p>9) Lazonby Village Hall Management Committee for financial assistance of £1500 towards the cost of the installation of insulation in the hall. Note: Please see Appendix 13i.</p> <p>ALSO TO RECEIVE notification of the date of the Finance and Budget Committee meeting on Thursday 26th November, in order to discuss grant awards, the budget and precept for 2016/2017, before the December 2015 meeting of the Parish Council.</p> |
| 14. | Financial Report by the Treasurer. | TO RECEIVE the Financial Report of the Treasurer. Note: Please see Appendix 14a. |
| 15. | Authority for Payments. | TO CONSIDER any requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members. |
| 16. | Planning Applications – New (or Appeal). | <p>TO CONSIDER any new applications which have been issued for consultation by Eden District Council.</p> <p>Please Note: At the time of this Agenda being issued there were no New Planning Applications received. However, if any New Planning Applications reach the Clerk to the Parish Council between the Agenda being issued and the Meeting itself, then the Clerk and the Chair will consider if it is appropriate to introduce them to the meeting; or if it may be necessary to convene a meeting of the Planning Committee. These will be initially introduced under the 'Matters of Urgency' item on this agenda to then be further discussed in this item of the agenda.</p> |
| 17. | Planning Applications – Decisions. | <p>TO RECEIVE any decisions on Planning Applications which have been issued by Eden District Council.</p> <p>Please Note: At the time of this Agenda being issued there were no Planning Application Decisions received. However, if any Planning Application Decisions reach the Clerk to the Parish Council between the Agenda being issued and the Meeting itself, they will be presented at the Meeting.</p> |
| 18. | Police up-date. | TO RECEIVE a report from the local Community Police, including any Neighbourhood Alert bulletins. |
| 19. | Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service. | TO RECEIVE a report from the Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service, including any neighbourhood Alert Bulletins. |
| 20. | Housing issues and Development in the Parish. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update regarding the Barton Dale signs.</p> <p>TO CONSIDER any other issues relating to housing issues in the parish.</p> |

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| 21. | Traffic and Parking Issues in the Village. | <p>TO RECEIVE an update about the issue of speeding traffic passing the school and possible traffic calming measures.</p> <p>ALSO TO CONSIDER if they Council wish to pursue any other safety measures to reduce traffic speeds in the village.</p> <p><u>Report of the Clerk to Council.</u> The Clerk spoke to PC David Drury at Cumbria Police about speeding traffic monitoring. He gave the Clerk Kevin Tea's email to contact about the speed camera van. He also gave the Clerk Sergeant Michael James's Email who also deals with speeding issues as the problem solving branch of the police in the Eden area, along with his colleague PC Louise Gaskell.</p> <p>Several ways to monitor speeds, which are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The yellow safety vans (speed cameras). 2. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which are temporary vehicle activated signs which detect and display real-time vehicle speeds. 3. Traffic sensors which record traffic speeds, which need to have a site survey before placing. 4. A police officer with a hand held speed gun 5. Trained community volunteers, working in pairs with a speed gun, who monitor speeds. Any person detected speeding will get a warning letter from the Police about their speeding (no fine more of a deterrent). 6. A portable police unit that requires the presence of police, the fire service and a local community member. A policeman stands outside with a speed gun and pulls over speeding traffic and gives them a choice of a speeding ticket and fine, or a 20 minute session with police, fire services and local community member to let them know the consequences of their actions etc. This is an restorative justice initiative. <p>The Clerk has now request the presence of the yellow safety van (speed camera van) but yet to contact anyone else on how to proceed with any other safety measures until the Council have considered them.</p> |
| 22. | LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report. | <p>TO RECEIVE a report on any other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>ALSO TO RECEIVE notification about the finger post restoration in the parish.</p> <p><u>Report of the Clerk to Council.</u> Terry Moore contacted the Clerk to notify the Council about the finger post restoration in the parish. He has said that he has been employed by the Highways department to work through a programme of restoring these in parishes in North Cumbria. He has said that he has dismantled the finger post at Scarrow Lane in Lazonby, which he hope to complete in 2-3 weeks. He also said that we may have noticed others in the Kirkoswald parish in a similar state of restoration.</p> |
| 23. | Wall at Bankfoot. | <p>TO CONSIDER the course of action to take regarding the collapsed wall at Bankfoot which still has not been repaired.</p> |
| 24. | Eden Local Plan - Proposed Submission Plan - 2014- 2032. | <p>TO CONSIDER the Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 – Submission Document -Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p><u>Report of the Clerk to Council.</u> The District Council wrote to inform the Parish Council that the Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 was agreed by the Executive on 6th October 2015 for publication prior to its submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The Eden Local Plan 2014-2032, its Sustainability Appraisal, Infrastructure</p> |

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| | | <p>Delivery Plan and supporting evidence documents can be downloaded from the Council's website at http://www.eden.gov.uk/localplan2015 These documents will also be made available at the Council Offices as well as the Local Links and Libraries across the district.</p> <p>At this stage, representations can only be made regarding whether the Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 has been prepared in accordance with the legal and procedural requirements, the Duty to Cooperate and whether it is 'sound'. Please note that due to the formal nature of the consultation, and to ensure that the Council has all the relevant information, all comments should be made using the official response forms. All comments received in writing by 5pm on Monday 30th November 2015 will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. These comments will then be taken into account during an examination by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector may decide to hold hearing sessions during the examination.</p> <p><u>Please Note: This information has already been given out on Email to Councillors.</u></p> |
| 25. | <p>Consultation on new County Council Plan, Budget Savings and New Ways of Working.</p> | <p>TO CONSIDER a Consultation on new County Council Plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working.</p> <p><u>Report of the Clerk to Council.</u> Cumbria County Council has launched a public consultation on how it plans to work differently in the future as it battles to balance its budget. To meet all the necessary timescales the council needs to go out to consultation now, but, the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review will not be known until the announcement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 25th November 2015, creating a great deal of uncertainty about the County Council's financial position. Even before the Chancellors announcement the County Council needs to find £80 million over the next three years. This was explained to the County Council in September 2015. There is no change at the moment to these planning assumptions. In 2016/17 the County Council needs to deliver savings of £37million and of that they still have £17.5 million to find. This will not be achieved without a new plan for how the County Council will operate in coming years.</p> <p>They are seeking views on a refreshed Council Plan that will fundamentally change the way the County Council works and delivers services in the future. It sets out the opportunities and challenges we face and our vision and priorities for the future. The County Council will increasingly have to focus on meeting its statutory responsibilities and the scope for continuing to spend on discretionary areas will be limited. This consultation document also seeks the public's views on a 2% rise in the County Council's share of Council Tax. Alongside the County Council Plan they are also consulting on three other plans and strategies which set out our direction of travel for the future and in particular we wanted to draw your attention to some of our proposed changes as outlined in the Integrated Risk Management Plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2015-2020 - outlines how the Fire and Rescue Service will seek to prevent, protect and respond to fires and other risks. They have recently undertaken a service review in support of the wider Council's work towards closing our budget gap. They have undertaken this review and factored in the reducing risk to our communities from fires and other emergencies that has been in steady decline over the last few years, including the continuing downward trend in the number of fires that the Service attends. As a result this review has identified some stations that now have very low levels of demand, in some cases as few as 2 calls a month. Therefore as part of the IRMP we are proposing a reorganisation of the services' resources which could see some fire stations close. |

Each station has its own rationale for closure which includes the reducing demand levels (i.e. number of incidents), close proximity of alternative fire cover, ability to recruit, retain and maintain competency of retained firefighters and to achieve financial savings to address budget pressure issues.

Briefly the proposals are as follows:

- Arnside – Fire Station closure
- Frizington – Fire Station closure
- Lazonby – Fire Station closure
- Maryport – Remove second fire appliance
- Staveley – Fire Station closure
- Walney – Transfer Walney appliance to Barrow and combine with Resilience crew to provide 2 crews at Barrow – close Walney Fire Station

The other two strategies are more strategic but again will change the way they work going forward.

1. The Draft Commissioning Strategy for Care and Support – which provides a framework for adult social care in Cumbria and how we will modernise the service to meet increasing demand at a time of significant reductions in funding.
2. The Extra Care Housing and Supported Living Strategy – which sets out how we intend to deliver a further, significant increase in the number of Extra Care Housing units in the County.

All of the savings proposals and further background on the scale of the challenge are available at www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation and the consultation document(s) are also being circulated through libraries, council offices and all key stakeholders.

The consultation will run until 22 January 2016. Please also look out for details of local drop in sessions where residents will have the opportunity to discuss these proposals in more detail

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Highstand and Coombs Woods

TO CONSIDER if the Council wish to invite Gareth Browning, the Area Forester for North and West Cumbria, to talk about the plans for Highstand and Coombs Woods.

Report of the Clerk to Council.

The Clerk received the following Email from Gareth Browning:

"May I introduce myself. I am the forester responsible for managing Highstand and Coombs Wood. I have taken on this role from our Recreation Manager Adrian Jones who continues to look after the recreation and access provision in both woods. My role is to manage the trees and habitats. We are progressing plans to thin both woods next year, probably starting in April/May 2016. Our thinning is planned at removing around 20% of the trees across the mature forest with the aim of developing a more structural diverse and resilient forest with space for regeneration and encouraging the trees that remain to be come more windfirm.

Visitors to both Highstand and Coombs will see that we have paint marked trees in the forest with two different marks. Trees marked with painted bands are trees we want to keep for a long time, we will be removing a couple of competing trees around each paint banded tree when we come and thin next year. Removing these trees helps to encourage the paint banded tree to become more windfirm by developing a larger crown and anchorage roots which also increases the banded trees ability to produce seed for regeneration. The trees marked with diagonal marks are trees we want to remove to improve the quality of the trees we leave, open up gaps for regeneration or removed

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| | | <p><i>poorly formed trees.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst we are thinning the forest some or all of the forest will be closed to public access for reasons of safety. We will advise visitors when and where the forest is closed by maintaining information signage around the boundary of the woodland where visitors access the forest from.</i></p> <p><i>I wondered if it would be helpful if I came along to a Parish Council meeting to explain our plans and discuss any concerns. In addition please could you advise if I should contact any neighbouring Parish Councils, I'm not sure if the two woods fall into more than one parish council."</i></p> |
| 27. | Invitations to Participate. | <p>TO CONSIDER if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2019. This consultation is being run by the Cumbria's Health and Wellbeing Board to look at how to improve the health and wellbeing experience of the Cumbrian population. The closing date for comments are 13th November 2015. <p><u>Please Note: Some of this information may have already been given out on Email to Councillors.</u></p> |
| 28. | INFORMATION given for reference only. | <p>TO RECEIVE and note any information that has been given out for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Proposed changes to the CALC Constitution. 2. CALC Circular - November 2015. <p><u>Please Note: Some of this information may have already been given out on Email to Councillors.</u></p> |
| 29. | Date of the Next Meeting. | <p>RECOMMENDATION that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 2nd December 2015, at 7.30 pm, in Lazonby Village Hall.</p> |

INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Please note that following the Council meeting there will be a 15 minute period where members can exchange information of a general nature. As items raised are NOT on the Agenda they will not be minuted.

Longstanding matters that will return to either the next month's Parish Council Meeting's Agenda

or in due course:

- 15/126 - Lazonby Parish Projects: e. Footpath between Lazonby and Kirkoswald.
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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

November 2015 Meeting of the Parish Council

SUPPLEMENTARY APENDICES

| ITEM NO: (Appendix) | ITEM |
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| 6a. | Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015. |
| 7a. | Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015. |
| 12a. | Lazonby Parish Projects: a. Registration of Parish Land. |
| 13a, b, c, d, e, f and i. | Annual Lazonby Parish Council Grant Applications for 2016 – 2017. |
| 14a. | Financial Report by the Treasurer. |