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## **LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY**

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Date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Lazonby Parish Council to express our support of the Lazonby Playground Committee in the construction of a new play area in the Parish of Lazonby in Cumbria.

The project will be of huge benefit to the community and provide a much needed and long sought facility for the children and parents of Lazonby. At the last national census in April 2001, the parish population was 981. This was a considerable rise of almost 20% since 1991. There were 402 households in which 119 included dependent children. There were 204 under 16's (20.1%). The population of Lazonby continues to grow as do the numbers of children in residence.

As written in the Parish Plan (2005) the existing play area is not popular with parents, as it has been seen as unsatisfactory in relation to the equipment and its position being too close to the road. In the past groups of people have worked hard to find a better location for a play area, but without success until now.

A committed group of parents approached the Parish Council with their proposal in September 2008, and asked for the Councils support in establishing a new play area within the Parish of Lazonby. They have since gone on to establish an active committee working in partnership with Lazonby and District Swimming Pool Committee, and a representative from the Parish Council, to establish a location ground adjacent to the swimming pool. The group is now actively seeking the funds to equip the play area.

Once the funding has been sought, and the play area is established and approved then Eden District Council will take over the maintenance of the play area, and it is anticipated therefore that there will be minimal future cost to the community.

If I can be of further assistance regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Geoff Wilson  
Chairman of Lazonby Parish Council

