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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2015, starting at approximately 7.30 p.m, in the Jubilee Rooms, Lazonby Village Hall.

Present: Chair Councillor Virginia Minihan.

Councillors Christine Chamberlain, Chris Hill, John Judson , Chris West and Peter Minihan

Also in attendance: County Councillor Hilary Carrick, Broad band Champion Brian Smythe, and Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt and 3 parishioners.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gordon Nicolson the Parish Council Treasurer Chris Hoy.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
15/223	The filling of Council Member Vacancies by Co-option.	<p>The Council considered nominations to fill the Council Member vacancies left unfilled at the election by reason of insufficient nominations.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council will continue to look to co-opt a new Council Member to fill the remaining position.</p>
15/224	Requests for Dispensations.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no requests were 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.
15/225	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no declarations by Council Members of any Personal or Prejudicial Interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting.
15/226	Matters of Urgency.	<p>The Council received one matter on the grounds of urgency which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda, and/or was determined by certain deadlines.</p> <p>1. A request by the webmaster Geoff Bennett for permission to renew the annual web hosting for the Parish Council website as the payment is required by 4th December 2015. Geoff has said that if the Parish Council wishes to continue with the website then he would be happy to settle the account himself and be reimbursed by the Council at a later date. The cost should be similar to last year.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the web master Geoff Bennett renewing the web hosting for the Parish Council website, and to seek reimbursement of any costs incurred.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Geoff Bennett be thanked for continuing to volunteer to be the webmaster for the Parish Council website.</p>

15/227	Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015.	<p>The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015 were considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 7th October 2015 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
15/228	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 7th October 2015.	<p>The Council considered any matters arising from the Minutes of the 7th October 2015.</p>
	15/137 - Photocopier Lease Review.	<p>The Council received an update on the lease of a new photocopier. It was recommended that the Council consider two points which were highlighted under the 'terms and conditions of supply' before completing the contract; Condition 13 - An additional maintenance fee after the first year, although possibly small. It was believed that all maintenance was inclusive as per existing contract. Clarification will be required from Midshire; and Condition 16 - An additional fee for removal of equipment if the contract is not renewed. Again clarification will be required from Midshire. The existing contract with Office Technology does not seem to indicate such costs to remove equipment but it is possible that the complete terms and conditions (currently unavailable) may also incur a charge and therefore clarification will again need to be sought. If any costs are to be incurred to terminate the Parish Council's existing contract that are considered expensive as per Midshire then it should not rule out negotiating with Office Technology for new equipment and a very competitive contract.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed that if the Clerk speaks to Midshire and negotiates Condition 13 and 16 to see if they can be waived, the contract can be completed with no further action.</p>
	15/152 - Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	<p>The Council received an update about the drainage system for the Story Homes housing development. The conditions of the Story Homes planning application still need to be viewed to see if they are being complied with. Councillor John Judson did not have a copy of the planning application conditions.</p> <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick send the conditions for the Story Homes planning application to the Clerk so that they can be checked.</p>
	15/170 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919.	<p>The Council received an update about the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78 for Planning Application 14/0919 (behind the Lilacs). Following the October 2015 meeting of the Parish Council, the Clerk wrote again to the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Parish Council, regarding the handling of the Appeal for Planning Application 14/0919. Again to date the Clerk has not had a reply.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk ring the Planning Inspectorate to ask for a reply to the Parish Council's complaint regarding the handling of the Appeal for Planning Application 14/0919.</p>
	15/190 - Overgrown pavement, Seat and damaged Bus Stop Sign - Armathwaite Rd End.	<p>The Council received an update about the overgrown pavement, damaged seat and missing bus stop sign at Armathwaite Road End on the A6. The bus stop has still not been replaced so Councillor Virginia Minihan has been in touch with Stage Coach North West who said that they will send the details to the Carlisle office to ensure that the work is carried out. The Council also discussed further the future of the damaged seat on the A6.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Minihan and John Judson would take a look at the damaged metal seats that need to be scrapped, one near the bus stop on the A6 and the other the old seat from near Croglin Toys; and take a photo of them so that the Clerk can ring around local scrap merchants to see if they wanted to buy them.</p>

<p>15/193 - Community Oil Buying Groups.</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the possibility of a Community Oil Buying Group being set up in Lazonby. The Clerk has received no expressions of interest in the community oil buying group as yet. However, at this meeting of the Parish Council a parishioner expressed a possible interest in administering such a group and was advised to get in touch with the Clerk.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that the community oil buying group remain on the agenda to allow more time to see if anyone is willing to take it on.</p>
<p>15/218 - Plastic Recycling Cage at Eden Bridge Car Park Recycling Centre.</p>	<p>The Council received an update on what to do about the plastic recycling cage at Eden Bridge car park recycling centre which was recently removed. 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>
	<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk pursue a scrap merchant to take the recycling cage, along with the old damaged metal seat near the bus stop on the A6, and the old seat from near Croglin Toys.</p>
<p>15/229</p>	<p>Public Participation.</p> <p>The Chair asked the parishioners present if they wished to make any contributions relating to any items on the agenda, or any other parish related matter which they may wish to raise.</p> <p>Lazonby Bowling Club gave a presentation about their funding application for financial assistance to repair a wall at the grounds. They have 60 members and in the summer they play bowls and in the winter they play dominoes. They have reserves but they have been earmarked for replacing equipment.</p> <p>The Village Hall Management Committee gave a presentation about their funding application and why they needed financial assistance to help install insulation in the village hall. They have also made a funding application to Eden Community Fund, however this leaves a shortfall which they hope the Parish Council will help cover. The Village Hall reserves are earmarked for other parts of the project and possible professional fees.</p> <p>A letter was received from a parishioner who brought up the issue of the absence of a light at the Village Hall and concerns that someone may fall and hurt themselves soon. The parishioner has asked that this be resolved as soon as possible. The Village Hall Management Committee has also asked what is happening regarding the replacement light. Chair Carol Cutting has talked to North West Electricity to see if they can help in anyway. The parishioner has also said that her car was damaged when a lorry turned in at the Village Hall corner to go to the Story Homes building site, and asked if any signs can be put up directing the lorries straight down the village to turn.</p> <p>A parishioner contacted the Clerk to report a dangerous branch of a tree hanging over into the Swimming Pool car park. The tree is on the bank and has been like this for a while but with recent winds it is believed it has moved and now poses a danger. The Clerk spoke to Councillor John Judson who had a look and will ask another parishioner if he could remove it.</p> <p>A Hesket parishioner has contacted the Clerk regarding the bus shelter provision near the former Mason's Garage on the A6 on the borders of Hesket and Lazonby Parish but in Lazonby Parish. She had contacted Councillor Hilary Carrick, back in late 2009 early 2010, to ask about the installation of a bus shelter and was told that although Lazonby Parish Council agreed to pay for the bus shelter, Hesket Parish Council had refused to maintain it so the bus shelter was not put in place. However, Councillor Hilary Carrick said that this is not what she had explained. The Hesket parishioner has also said that there are a number of people using the bus stop now, including herself, some of whom are Lazonby parishioners, and they would benefit from a bus shelter.</p>

The Clerk has looked at past minutes and has found the following in the December 2009 LPC Minutes which says that it was Lazonby Parish Council who would not be prepared to adopt the new bus shelters, as no representation had been received from Lazonby Parishioners, thus the Council feel they cannot justify the provision of a bus stop and its maintenance. The Clerk has given this information to the parishioner who has asked if this could be reconsidered.

A parishioner contacted the Clerk to say that when she was on the Parish Council she highlighted a number of accidents happening with people pulling out of the junction from Great Salkeld to join or cross the C3002 road from Salkeld Dykes to Penrith. The parishioner knows of at least two more that have occurred during the summer and including her daughter who was in one of them in July 2015. Someone pulled out in front of her daughter travelling from the Great Salkeld direction and as usual they said that they just did not see her car. The accident involved 3 ambulances from various places with an almost three hour wait for one. Numerous police arrived with police cars to block the roads and collect reports which resulted in the roads being closed for a number of hours. Local people were amazing and a great source of help, as well as fireman, police, doctors and paramedics. However, the parishioner said that the cost of this to already stretched police and medical resources is huge compared to providing some better signage and road markings, which could make people think before they pull out and perhaps slow people down. This does not include the knock on effect to the people involved and personal and financial costs that can occur in these accidents. The parishioner believes there should be a STOP sign instead of GIVE WAY and better slow signs on the road to Penrith might help too. The parishioner also pointed out that the road from Lazonby to Penrith via Salkeld Dykes can only get busier with all the new housing the local parishes seem to be acquiring in their villages, with the potential for more accidents and possible fatalities. County Councillor Hilary Carrick is working on how to resolve the issues regarding the junction from Great Salkeld to join or cross the C3002 road from Salkeld Dykes to Penrith, and it will be on the County Crash Group agenda for discussion. The Parish Council and Councillor Hilary Carrick will be pushing for stop signs and road markings to be put there.

RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Councillor Gordon Nicolson to pursue Kevin Beaty of Eden District Council about resolving the issue of the light at the Village Hall.

ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson will ask a local parishioner to remove the broken piece of tree as soon as possible.

ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council would not be pursuing the installation of the bus stops near Hesket and stands by its original decision in December 2009.

ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will be talking to Cumbria Highways about having stop signs and road markings put at the junction from Great Salkeld to join or cross the C3002 road from Salkeld Dykes to Penrith.

<p>15/230</p>	<p>Fibre Optic Broadband.</p>	<p>The Council received the following report from Brian Smythe regarding Superfast Broad Band. The recent road closure across the bridge allowed for the ducting to be installed and Kirkoswald should go live from Christmas 2015 onwards. Brian also attended a meeting on 22nd October 2015, to discuss the future of broadband development in the Penrith & the Border parliamentary constituency and Eden District.</p> <p>Attendees at the 22nd October 2015 Meeting: Miles Mandelson, Broadband Champion & Hub Coordinator, Asby Parish Brian Smythe, Broadband Champion & Hub Coordinator, East Fellside Parishes Fra Cooke, Broadband Champion & Vice Chairman, Hub Coordinators Group Rory Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs Chris Townsend, Chief Executive Officer, Broadband Delivery UK Andrew Field, Project Director Phase 1 & Phase 2, DCMS Sophie Bolsover, Rory Stewart's Office</p> <p>General Information: Referring to their previously circulated briefing note, Miles, Brian and Fra expressed serious concern that Eden District and the constituency are being disadvantaged in the superfast broadband roll-out in Cumbria in that, compared to a county-wide average of 93%, in Eden there will be no more than 80% coverage by the end of Phase 1. Reassurances need to be given to the most sparsely populated areas of the constituency that this will be addressed. Constituents are really keen for more transparency and a clearer sense of progress and who is responsible for what. Rory, as Minister for Rural Affairs, sits on the Digital Taskforce. The Taskforce wholly recognises that special consideration needs to be given to very remote constituencies. Current regular reports from BT to Broadband Delivery UK suggest that targets are being met. Rory Stewart MP – The key question is who is responsible for resisting the push into the deepest parts of rural constituencies? Views were expressed that: There is a feeling that Cumbria County Council is putting political pressure on BT to prioritise the towns. There is a worry that Cumbria County Council is disproportionately channelling funds to the West Coast because of the relationship between County and District Council. Cumbria County Council say they are constrained by Broadband Delivery UK. (This isn't true – the contract is between BT and the council, Broadband Delivery UK just oversee this. The final decisions lie with the council.) BT are demotivated to push into the remotest areas due to the extra costs incurred. Is it BT's ruthless pursuit of the next cheapest option?</p> <p>Other Providers Alternative network providers (altnets) are seen positively as making a significant contribution but their sustainability and scalability are of concern.</p> <p>Broadband Delivery UK's Response Chris and Andrew stated that Broadband Delivery UK is very focussed on the last 5% nationally (20% in Eden) and it is monitoring and analysing progress county by county. Towards the end of Phase 1, any under spend in Cumbria that has been achieved through efficiencies will be quantified and re-invested thus boosting the gain share that comes back to Cumbria County Council from BT. Every Friday, Senior Management of Broadband Delivery UK visits the projects and meets with Council Chief Executives to assess and discuss progress. Broadband Delivery UK acknowledges the role of altnets but also their limitations. Broadband Delivery UK is testing new technologies for possible application with the remaining 5% (nationally) and 20% (in Eden). Technologies include microwave, point to point wireless, and fibre/wireless hybrid. Chris and Andrew then responded to some specific questions raised by Fra:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The responsibility for setting priorities lies with Cumbria County Council – it can prioritise the areas that it wants to. Broadband
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		<p>Delivery UK would only challenge if value for money became a major concern.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Balancing between Cumbrian districts to “even up” Super fast Broad Band coverage under further roll-out phases would be an option for Cumbria County Council – Broadband Delivery UK would not object. 3. The £1700 per premise target average cost is not an absolute Broadband Delivery UK limit but a trigger for discussion between BT and Cumbria County Council as to whether there is a case to exceed it. 4. As a general pattern, Local Authorities have targeted areas containing clusters of businesses because they attract European Regional Development funding. <p>Community projects</p> <p>Miles raised the prospects for community initiatives, referring to the recent Community Fibre Partnership scheme launched by BT Openreach which Broadband Delivery UK is aware of and supports. There are potential funding streams to support community projects – Local Enterprise Partnerships as a conduit for European funding, Defra access to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. Rory acknowledged timing of Rural Communities Broadband Fund was mistaken, but no further such funding is in prospect. Private funding can also be used alongside BT funding. Potential Broadband Delivery UK funding for further broadband rollout depends on what comes out of the Comprehensive Spending Review in November 2015.</p> <p>Universal Service Commitment (USC) / Universal Service Obligation (USO)</p> <p>Brian sought clarification of the status of the USC and its implementation. Chris confirmed that there will be a national satellite voucher scheme by the end of the year to be administered in Cumbria by Cumbria County Council. Any premises currently accessing less than 2Mbps download and not covered by a definite superfast rollout plan will be eligible; those areas covered by an accepted altnet actual/planned coverage will not be eligible. Raising of the USC to 5-10Mbps at some time in the future is also subject to current study. The USO is the subject of detailed study at present, looking at more than just speed – also lead-in (‘order-to-install time’) and maintenance response (‘call-to fix time’). [N.B. the subsequent announcement of a USO of 10Mbps download by the Prime Minister and Ofcom on 7.11.15.] Rory was emphatic that LonsdaleNet needs to follow through on its coverage commitment and get on with it now to ensure that those excluded from satellite vouchers by its coverage plan are not disadvantaged. Rory to email LonsdaleNet making that point. Rory welcomed Brian’s offer to facilitate a Rory/Lonsdale meeting at a Rory surgery.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rory to meet with Craig Brass and Jon Robson of LonsdaleNet to discuss their progress – to be facilitated by Brian. 2. Broadband Delivery UK is happy to speak openly to Cumbria County Council (although they stressed that they must remain apolitical), and Rory encouraged them to do so. <p>RESOLVED that Brian Smythe be thanked for his report about broadband, the contents of which were noted.</p>
15/231	<p>Report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from the District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Gordon Nicolson is working with Councillor Hilary Carrick and the Lazonby Fire Fighters on a campaign to oppose Cumbria County Council proposals to close the fire station in Lazonby. The fire fighters have launched social media links and on line and paper petitions. It is very important that all residents record their opposition to

		<p>the proposals. They will be organising visits to neighbouring parish and town councils and will be asking them to make a resolution opposing the proposals. In addition, it is likely that there will be public meetings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Eden Local Plan is out for consultation before being submitted to Government. The consultation closes on 30th November. A copy of the Plan and comment forms are on the Council website www.eden.gov.uk 3. Eden District Council is discouraging fly tipping and seeks the support of Parish Councils. It would be very helpful if a note could be placed in Parish newsletters.
		<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Council Newsletter about fly tipping.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
15/232	<p>Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.</p>	<p>The Council received a written report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The weeds in the parish are treated once a year but Cumbria County Council has said that they will do it again in the near future. 2. A grid drain near Inglenook was broken but has now been reinstalled and made level again. The railings have also been reported as damaged, which are the responsibility of County Council, so replacements have been ordered. A light is also out which is the property of Eden District Council, so Councillor Gordon Nicolson is to be notified. 3. The drop kerb is to be installed at the school. 4. The barriers at the corner of Station Road are to be replaced one more time but after that it is the responsibility of the Parish Council. <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserves the right to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p>
15/233	<p>Lazonby Parish Projects:</p>	
	<p>a. Registration of Parish Land.</p>	<p>The Council received an update regarding the registration of Parish land. Winter Addis, trainee Solicitor at Cartmell Shepherd Solicitors, who is assisting Bethan Griffiths with the Parish Council's application to register its land, contacted the Clerk about a request from the Land Registry. They have asked for further information regarding 3 pieces of land which were indicated in three plans given to the Parish Council. The Solicitors needs a response before 26th November regarding who owns the land tinted in pink, blue and brown on the separate plans.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk give the following answers, regarding the pieces of land in Lazonby that need to be identified, to Cartmell Shepherd Solicitors to pass onto the Land Registry:</p> <p>Plan 1 - It is believed this belongs to Bracken Bank Farm Plan 2 - It is believed that this is owned by Mr Shaun Boyd of Rock House. Plan 3 - It is believed that the piece of land is common land (no man's land) reclaimed from the river and used as access to the swimming pool car park and the campsite.</p>
	<p>b. Will Pool Project.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that as there was nothing further to report regarding the creation of a path to Will Pool that this item be taken off the agenda.</p>

c. Neighbourhood Plan.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. More funding has been received. A draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to John Boardman of Eden District Council, to look at. Parishioners need to be encouraged to be more involved again. The next meeting is 12th November 2015. Parking and Road issues in the village are being looked at.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the Neighbourhood plan be noted.</p>
d. Street lighting in the Parish.	<p>The Council received an update regarding the street lighting in the parish. There has been no progress as yet.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be noted as discussed earlier in the meeting that the Clerk will ask Councillor Gordon to pursue it on his return.</p>
e. Scour Close Green.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that there was no update on the revamp of the Scour Close Green project.</p>
f. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge Car Park.	<p>The Council received an update on the maintenance of the Eden Bridge Car Park's surface.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors John Judson and Peter Minihan are to repair the remaining potholes at Eden Bridge car park this weekend.</p>
g. Community Playground.	<p>The Council received an update about the ownership and maintenance of the Community Playground. Councillor Virginia Minihan has been working on a financial assessment of the Community Playground, with help from the Treasurer. The issue of the ownership of the land is being discussed with the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Management Committee who are wanting to take legal advice before they commit to transferring the land to the Parish Council. If they do not want to transfer ownership then it is thought that they should take over the responsibility of the maintenance of the land. The future maintenance of the equipment will need further discussion, as will liability cover. Paul Emmerson of Eden District Council wrote to advise that the cost to carry out repairs to the Hurricane Swing (new chains, and possibly seats/connectors), Birds Nest Swing (plastic bushes) and bolt repair from Wicksteeds will be in the region of £455.00 + VAT to add. Although he did say that these costs may rise if other faults are found during the repairs. In addition the hire of the safety 'Heras' fencing will also be in the region of £210.00 + VAT to add. Wicksteeds have indicated that they can be on site within 4-6 weeks of an order being placed with them. Paul Emmerson has also said that he has been told by their contractors that the wear on the Hurricane Swing and Birds Nest Swing will lead to even more damage and costs if left in place much longer, so under these circumstances he has arranged for them to be removed until they are repaired and he will let the Council know the cost once this has been done. The Clerk has given the authority to carry out the repairs as they are urgent. Each repair is under £1000 each and will be invoiced separately. Paul Emmerson of Eden District Council has reported on the following equipment and suggested ways of dealing with them: 'Pick up Sticks' – the fraying wire will be monitored; Scramble Net Log Climber – a quote will be obtained from our contractors, Amey to smooth off the edges; Hurricane Swing – it is not recommended to fix the safety surfacing in place with metal pins. This is an installation issue and Paul suggests that the Parish Council take this matter up with Wicksteeds as re-instatement replacements may prove costly; and the Rockscape Tabletop Climbing Boulder – which he suggests that the Parish Council take up with Wicksteed, however, the Parish Council has already resolved to remove it.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council wait for a decision from Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Management Committee before they progress any further with the future maintenance of the community playground.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Wicksteed to see whether the</p>

		<p>faults with the Hurricane Swing and the Rockscape Tabletop Climbing boulder are covered under the guarantees provided by Allison Gething as these run out in February 2016, so need to be accessed immediately.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Council Newsletter to notify the local community about what is happening with the equipment at the playground at the moment.</p>
	<p>h. Creating a 'Child friendly' Village.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that parishioner Carol Cutting would be happy to assist in any way to create a 'Child friendly' Village in the future.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that this issue be taken off the agenda until the issue of the future of the Community Playground is resolved</p>
<p>15/234</p>	<p>Annual Lazonby Parish Council Grant Applications for 2016 – 2017.</p>	<p>The Council received the 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 3) The Fellrunner for financial assistance of £444.10 towards providing a scheduled bus service to the residents in the Parish of Lazonby. 4) Lazonby School for financial assistance of £250 towards replacing a climbing frame for the playground after the old one was condemned. 5) Eden Valley Camera Club for financial assistance of £200 towards buying more photography equipment for use by members. 6) Lazonby and District's Got Talent for financial assistance of £250 towards purchasing a set of specialised speakers and stands. 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. 8) Lazonby Bowling Club for financial assistance of £500 towards repairing a wall on the bowling grounds that borders the B6412. 9) Lazonby Village Hall Management Committee for financial assistance of £1500 towards the cost of the installation of insulation in the hall. <p>The Council also received 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> <p>RESOLVED that the Finance and Budget Committee meet on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Reading Room, where the budget and the grant applications for 2016/2017 will be discussed, with recommendations being brought back to the December 2015 meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
<p>15/235</p>	<p>Financial Report by the Treasurer.</p>	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
<p>15/236</p>	<p>Authority for Payments.</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to pay Mounsey & Wheatley Stone Masons the amount of £137 and £212.80 for the stone plaques at Will Pool and the Church.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give a £25 donation for the Parish Council Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath.</p>

15/237	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no new Planning applications or Appeals for consideration.
15/238	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no Planning Application Decisions were received.
15/239	Police up-date.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no written or verbal report was received from the Police.
15/240	Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no written or verbal report was received from Lazonby Fire/Rescue Service. ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk write a letter to voice the concerns of the Parish Council regarding the proposed closure of Lazonby Fire Station and giving its support to its continued service.
15/241	Housing Development in the Parish.	RESOLVED that there was nothing further to report regarding the Barton Dale signs or any other issues relating to housing in the parish at present.
15/242	Traffic and Parking Issues in the Village.	<p>The Council received an update about the issue of speeding traffic passing the school and possible traffic calming measures. The Council also considered whether they wished to pursue any other safety measures to reduce traffic speeds in the village. 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 a restorative justice initiative. <p>The Clerk also requested the presence of the yellow safety van (speed camera van) but the contact Kevin Tea has left the Police so another contact will need to be sought. The Clerk had yet to contact anyone else on how to proceed with any other safety measures until the Council had considered them. County Councillor Hilary Carrick gave PC Jeff Taylor as another contact at the Police to get in touch with regarding the yellow speed camera van. Councillor Hilary Carrick said that the County Crash Group would also be looking at carrying out a speed assessment in Lazonby, with any future action taken being dependant on the results of the assessment.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk contact PC Jeff Taylor to request the presence of the yellow speed camera van in the village.</p>

15/243	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	<p>The Council received notification about the finger post restoration in the parish. 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 Scarrows Lane in Lazonby, which he hopes 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. The Council also noted that the finger post sign near Baron Wood Farm was not on the list.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk to ask David Spence of Cumbria County Council whether the finger post sign near Baron Wood Farm is being restored too, as it is not on the list.</p>
<p>At this point in the meeting the Chair addressed the Parish Council present to ask if they wished to carry on business beyond the time allocated to hold the meeting. It was agreed by all present that they wished to continue to complete all business on the agenda.</p>		
15/244	Wall at Bankfoot.	<p>The Council considered the course of action to take regarding the collapsed wall at Bankfoot which still has not been repaired. In August 2012 Councillor Virginia Minihan attended a meeting with Eden District Council representatives Kevin Hutchinson, Alan Park and Chris Potter, and Trevor Price from Arnison's Solicitors to discuss the collapsed wall that borders the Parish Council Land around Croglin Toys and Lace's now derelict Egg Packing Plant. The meeting concluded that the wall was the responsibility of the Laces and that Alan Park and a structural engineer would visit the site to advise the Lace family as to how to proceed. They had until 8th September 2012 to respond. Lazonby Parish Council made it clear at the meeting that it was not acceptable for Laces to continue with the temporary safety fencing as this may potentially endanger the lives of the villagers who use the track as access. This was supported by Alan Park who said that heavy rain during subsequent winters could cause substantial undermining and damage to the wall area, leading to a landslip from the access track. Over three years later the wall has still not been repaired and has collapsed further, as has the original safety fencing and the whole area is now not only unsightly but extremely dangerous.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Virginia Minihan contact Kevin Hutchinson at Eden District Council to bring the collapsed wall at Bankfoot to his attention again.</p>
15/245	Eden Local Plan - Proposed Submission Plan - 2014- 2032.	<p>The Council considered the Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 – Submission Document -Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. 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 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. 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</p>

		<p>Secretary of State. The Inspector may decide to hold hearing sessions during the examination.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Eden Local Plan - Proposed Submission Plan - 2014-2032 be noted with no further comments.</p>
<p>15/246</p>	<p>Consultation on new County Council Plan, Budget Savings and New Ways of Working.</p>	<p>The Council considered a Consultation on new County Council Plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working. 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> <p>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.</p> <p>Briefly the proposals are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

		<p>The other two strategies are more strategic but again will change the way they work going forward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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 22nd January 2016.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Parish Council comment on their concerns about the closure of Lazonby Fire Station.</p>
<p>15/247</p>	<p>Highstand and Coombs Woods</p>	<p>The Council considered whether they wished to invite Gareth Browning, the Area Forester for North and West Cumbria, to talk about the plans for Highstand and Coombs Woods. The Clerk received the following Email from Gareth Browning: <i>"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 poorly formed trees. 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 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> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write and thank Gareth Browning, the Area Forester for North and West Cumbria, for the report about the management of Highstand and Coombs Wood, and to say that the Parish Council have no concerns to raise, wish him all the best with these projects and ask him to continue to keep the Council informed of any other progress.</p>

15/248	Invitations to Participate.	<p>The Council considered whether Members would like to 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 is 13th November 2015.
		RESOLVED that the invitations to participate be noted without comment.
15/249	INFORMATION given for reference only.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Proposed changes to the CALC Constitution. 2. CALC Circular - November 2015. 3. Eden District Council Chairman's Christmas Carol Service on 14th December 2015 at St. Andrews Church, Penrith at 6.30 pm. All welcome.
15/250	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the date of the next scheduled Meeting be confirmed as Wednesday 2nd December 2015, at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Rooms at Lazonby Village Hall.