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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

For the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019, starting at 7.30 p.m, in the Jubilee Rooms, Lazonby Village Hall.

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Gill Sharples, Tim Wright, John Judson, Peter Foley, Lynn Whiteley, Andrew Sharples and Phillip Whitehead

Also in attendance: the Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt, County Councillor Hilary Carrick, Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy, and 5 parishioners.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
19/187	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that it be noted that apologies were received from Councillor Gordon Nicolson.
19/188	The filling of Council Member Vacancies.	The Council considered nominations to fill the Council Member vacancies by co-option.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council have a parishioner interested in joining the Council in the near future.
19/189	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.
19/190	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.
19/191	Matters of Urgency.	The Council received the following matters which arrived too late to be otherwise placed on the agenda, or were omitted by mistake, so were introduced in this part of the agenda. These are as follows: 1. CCTV at Lazonby Station – Northern Rail are installing CCTV at Lazonby, Langwathby and Armathwaite train stations. In Armathwaite opinions about CCTV are mixed. So if any rail users in Lazonby have any comments about this please contact the Clerk so that they can be fed back to Northern Rail.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council do not have any issues with the installation of CCTV at Lazonby Station. ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk will put the issue of CCTV at Lazonby Station in the Parish Council newsletter to ask if any rail users in Lazonby have any comments to make so that they can be fed back to Northern Rail.

19/192	Public Participation.	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A complaint has been made about the misuse of the footpaths in the fields near the swimming pool and campsite in Lazonby, next to the River Eden. It was reported that large groups of dogs are being exercised there and let off their leads to run around in groups, near fields used for livestock. Also, the amount of dog faeces continues to increase, including being bagged and then left by the path. This is happening despite interventions from the Parish Council with notices and the provision of dog poo bags. 2. Parishioners have written to the Parish Council and attended the meeting to express their concerns about the proposed no waiting on B6412 in Lazonby. Firstly, they were concerned about families with young children not being able to park near their homes because it would make it more difficult for them to keep an eye on their youngsters when they are taking them to their vehicles. They also explained that the vehicles which currently park on that stretch of road actually serve to slow down the flow of traffic, particularly vehicles entering the village from the south. Some cars travel well in excess of the speed limit until they approach the parked cars, at which point they have to slow down so the drivers concerned can see any vehicles heading in the opposite direction. There is invariably room for vehicles to pull in close to the kerb to allow those heading the other way to proceed. There are very few occasions when there are not enough gaps along this stretch of road to allow cars to pull in to allow vehicles to pass; perhaps once or twice a year when there is a major bowls match. They also said the speed strips were put in the wrong place to find out the true picture. They feel there are no car passing problems as they live there and experience it every day, and that once drivers have reduced their speed, forward visibility is not a problem. Also at no time in the 20 years that they have lived on Barton Dale have they seen an accident caused by cars parked on this stretch of road, or even a near miss, it is more likely an accident would be caused by excess speed. They also note that Cumbria County Council mentions in their letter on this subject that the proposal is a response to "comments from residents", but the parishioner has not heard any such complaints from those actually living on this stretch of Barton Dale. They, therefore, can only conclude they were made by people living elsewhere in the village who resent having to slow down a little and actually obey the speed limit. They would be interested to know how the Council have arrived at this decision for the location of this no waiting area. They have asked if a traffic survey had been carried out. Also, the parishioners have said would it not be better to concentrate on catching those motorists who consistently break the speed limit on this stretch of the road? There are other parts of the village, for example on the hill on the B6413, where there are often many more parked cars, but these also serve to slow traffic down to allow other vehicles to pass. The parishioners have lived in Lazonby for over 20 years, travel daily on this road and see absolutely no need for this proposal. They think it is a wholly unnecessary answer to a few complaints or temporary inconveniences, compared to the permanent effects this will have on residents of this road. The Council explained some of the rationales behind the proposals to the concerned parishioners and the initial parish consultation carried out earlier in the year when these issues were raised.
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19/193	Report from the local Community Police.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no report was received from the local community Police.
19/194	Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 4 th September 2019.	<p>The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 4th September 2019 were considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehouse name be correctly spelt with two L's.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that part of the wording on minute no.19/168 - b. Traffic Issues Consultation be corrected to say the following: <i>"Consultation on the initial set of proposed changes to traffic regulations would take place in two stages: an initial informal consultation to seek the views of parishioners living in or near the specific target areas; Followed by a formal and wider consultation on those specific proposals taking into account the feedback from the informal stage. The consultations would look at issues such as identifying any places that lend themselves to more natural retreats for traffic to pass on the main high street, which would not be detrimental to residents; and possible extensions to parking restrictions such as double yellow lines"</i></p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that subject to the above amendments the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 4th September 2019 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
19/195	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the 4 th September 2019.
	a. Transfer of Assets and Service to the Parish (last minute no. 19/165).	<p>The Council received an update regarding the 'Transfer of Assets and Services' to the Parish'. The Clerk wrote to Neil Buck at Eden District Council regarding the swings on Coronation Gardens (Lazonby), to say that the Parish Council are interested in maintaining them but would like to know if there would there be a need for weekly inspections, as a low use area, and would a risk assessment for the swings be needed? and would it make a difference to the number of inspections needed? Neil Buck replied today that it would be for the Parish Council's potential Insurance Company to evaluate the risk and provide them with guidance on what they feel would be a reasonable frequency of play area inspections. They do not have to be weekly, however, Eden District Council made the decision that the risk to reduce the frequency was too great. Neil Buck, also suggested an Annual Risk Assessment would be needed, however again he would recommend you discuss this with your Insurance Company.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the swings on Coronation Gardens be noted.</p>

b. Footway Light replacement on the B6413 (last minute no. 19/165).	<p>The Council received an update regarding the Footway Light replacement on the B6413 near Thorn Tree. Councillor Tim Wright spoke to the parishioner who had concerns about the Footway Light replacement on the B6413 near Thorn Tree to inform them that the Parish Council had agreed at the September 2019 meeting of the Parish Council to reinstate the footway light. The parishioner, however, is not happy about the outcome so Councillor Chris West spoke to him, backed up with a letter, explaining the reasoning for the decision.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report regarding the Footway Light replacement on the B6413 near Thorn Tree be noted.</p>
c. Establishing Parish Council Assets (last minute no. 19/165).	<p>Councillors Gill Sharples and Chris West have produced a report from their walk around the village looking at trees on Parish Council land. Several issues have been identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The crown of the copper beech tree near the Old School will need some work again soon 2. The shrubs opposite the Church near the notice board need pruning. <p>RESOLVED that Councillors Gill Sharples and Chris West be thanked for the work they have done on the report of trees on Parish Council land.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the report of trees on Parish Council land be held by the Clerk</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillors Tim Wright and Phillip Whitehouse will prune the shrubs by the Church Notice board.</p>
d. Telephone Box near the Old School (last minute no. 19/179).	<p>The Council received an update about the Telephone Box near the Old School. It was reported at the September 2019 meeting of the Parish Council that the telephone box near the Old School (Croglin Toys) was possibly going to be decommissioned, however it has now had a reprieve as the signal for mobile phones is non-existent in that area, as BT has decided to keep the telephone box and continue to maintain it for the time being.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the telephone box near the Old School being kept and maintained by BT be noted.</p>
e. Revised Financial Regulations (last minute no. 19/174).	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the revised Financial Regulations are still being worked on.</p>
f. The Old School Lease Update (last minute no. 19/175).	<p>The Council received an update about the Old School Lease. The final Schedule of Condition report for the Old School, completed by Lofthouse Consulting at Commercial Property Management, has now been signed by Councillor Chris West and the owners of Croglin Limited. A copy is now being held by the Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Schedule of Condition being finalised and signed by the Parish Council and Croglin Limited be noted.</p>
g. Hedgehog Warning Signs (last minute no. 19/180).	<p>The Council received an update about the Hedgehog warning signs. The location of the signs will have to be approved by Cumbria Highways. The purchase of the signs is still being looked into.</p> <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hillary Carrick will ask Cumbria Highways about the hedgehog signs.</p>

	<p>h. Parish Council representatives on Committees of local organisations (last minute no. 19/176).</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the Parish Council representatives on Committees of local organisations. The Parish Council discussed that in future representatives on committees would be there to see how grants from the Parish Council are spent. Furthermore, the conditions for receiving grants would mean that the recipients would be asked for a report on how the grant was spent.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Andy Sharples will be the new Parish Council representative on the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk revise the 'Grant Application Selection Criteria' to include on the point that says "You must be prepared to provide the Parish Council with evidence that the grant has been spent within 12 months of receipt on the project for which it has been awarded" text that goes along the lines of <i>"This must be done if the applicant wishes to apply for grant funding in future rounds of grant-giving."</i></p>
	<p>i. Replacing the existing Photocopier Printer Model (last minute no. 19/177).</p>	<p>The Council received an update about replacing the existing Photocopier Printer Model. The Clerk is now meeting the Midshires sales representative on 4th October to discuss a new printing machine. The lease for the current Lexmark machine finishes in a couple of months, and Midshires does not deal with Lexmark anymore, but instead are in partnership with Sharp so would like to show the Parish Council a new model that would cost around the same as the current one with added features. They have said that if the Parish Council wished too they can buy the old machine for £150 but they would have to fund the servicing and toners etc which are expensive. The Clerk will know more after the meeting when the information will be brought back to the Parish Council for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about the replacement of the current Photocopier from Midshires be noted.</p>
	<p>j. Boon day at Will Pool (last minute no. 19/161).</p>	<p>The Council received an update about the recent Boon Day at Will Pool. A successful clean up of Will Pool took place in September 2019 with the help of parishioners and Councillors. The memorial plaque from the broken bench will be put on the existing bench, and an old wildfowl plaque will also be re-sited there. The pond dipping platform and cantilever are also to be repainted.</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was agreed by the Council to put the memorial plaque from the broken bench on the existing bench, and an old wildfowl plaque will also be re-sited there.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the report regarding the successful boon day at Will Poll be noted with thanks to everyone that took part.</p>
	<p>k. Great North Air Ambulance Invitation (last minute no. 19/183).</p>	<p>The Council confirmed the attendance and the arrangements for the Great North Air Ambulance visit, at Langwathby, on 3rd October at 1 pm. The Clerk can only apologise but unfortunately, it was not made clear to the Clerk but the Great North Air Ambulance try where possible to keep visitors down to groups of 4 but will have 6 visitors at the most. This is due to it being an operational base and at any time the aircraft may be called out, as well as in the event of bad weather we are very limited on space. So far Councillors Peter Foley, Gordon Nicolson and Lynn Whitley, as well as the Clerk have kindly said they will drop put to lower the numbers. The Clerk, unfortunately, had to let County Councillor Carrick know that there wasn't space for her to attend either, and Councillor Andy Sharples cannot attend anyway. This leaves Councillors Chris West, Tim Wright, John Judson, Gill Sharples, Philip Whitehead and Treasurer Chris Hoy as the six people attending.</p>

		<p>RESOLVED that the report about the visit to Great North Ambulance in Langwathby be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Lynn Whitely and her husband would be attending as there were now spaces as other Councillors were not able to attend now.</p>
	I. Dog Fouling and rubbish bags (last minute no.19/162).	<p>The Council received an update about the dog fouling and the broken into blue rubbish bags. The Clerk had notified the Community wardens about a parishioner's blues rubbish bags being broken into to put bagged up dog faeces in. The Community wardens replied to the Clerk to say that they had to deal directly with the parishioner regarding the complaint. The parishioner was advised to contact the Community Wardens by the Parish Council.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the report about the dog fouling and the broken into blue rubbish bags be noted with the parishioner fully understanding the situation.</p>
19/196	Report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.	<p>The Council received a report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The closing date for comments on the draft Eden Council Plan is 4th October 2019. 2. The Referendum on Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan is on 17th October 2019 at Lazonby Village Hall, from 7 am to 10 pm. Arrangements to publicise the referendum and to encourage residents to vote are well in hand. Public drop-in sessions will be held at Lazonby Village Hall on 9th and 15th October from 7 pm to 9 pm. Leaflets will be delivered to residents and posters will be put up around the village. 3. Invoices for printing the pre-referendum leaflet and flyer will be due to be paid before the next meeting of Lazonby Parish Council. It is requested that delegated authority is given to Councillor Gordon Nicolson and the Treasurer to approve and pay the invoices provided the amounts are in line with the quotations received and the grant awarded by Locality. 4. Councillor Gordon Nicolson attended the AGM of Eden Association of Local Councils on 25 September. Sue Castle Clark from Ousby was re-elected Chair and Jane Tea of Kirkoswald was re-elected Vice-Chair of EALC. An interesting account of the history and growth of the Fellrunner was given by Kevin McGilloway. There was also a session about Warm Eden, an Eden District Council project which aims to assist residents experiencing fuel poverty. 5. Future training sessions under consideration include a repeat of the tree workshop held earlier this year and a workshop on improving the amenity of villages and hamlets. <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give delegated authority to Councillor Gordon Nicolson and Treasurer Chris Hoy to approve and pay the invoices regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, provided the amounts are in line with the quotations received and the grant awarded by Locality.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.</p>

19/197	Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	<p>The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council related matters affecting the Parish which has covered several items on the agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Eden Transport Toolkit – this is currently being produced for the rural community, especially regarding those that have specific transport needs. It will also include information on grants available. It will be launched in the next month. A link for the transport toolkit will be sent to the Clerk to send to the Councillors. <p>RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>
19/198	Lazonby Parish Projects:	
	a. Neighbourhood Plan.	<p>The Parish Council received an update about the Neighbourhood Plan. Leaflets for the Neighbourhood Plan referendum on 17th October 2019 are now ready for delivery by the 8th October 2019. The Referendum on Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan is on 17th October 2019 at Lazonby Village Hall, from 7 am to 10 pm. Arrangements to publicise the referendum and to encourage residents to vote are well in hand. Public drop-in sessions will be held at Lazonby Village Hall on 9th and 15th October from 7 pm to 9 pm. Leaflets will be delivered to residents and posters will be put up around the village. This information is also on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report about Lazonby's Neighbourhood Plan be noted.</p>
	b. Traffic Issues Consultation.	<p>The Council received an update on the Traffic Issues Consultations. The informal consultation has been given out to possible affected parishioners, for their responses to be returned by 11th October 2019. There needs to be a clear rationale for why things may change. The visibility down Rectory Lane is affected by parked cars so they are looking at refuges for where cars can pull in to allow other cars to pass. Also looking at properties which would be directly affected by yellow lines outside properties and whether they have accessible parking behind their houses.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the update about the informal consultation on traffic issues in the parish be noted.</p>
	c. Footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.	<p>The Council received an update about the Footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agree to Councillors Chris West and Gordon Nicolson having delegated authority to continue to liaise with County Councillor Hilary Carrick and Cumbria Highways regarding the footpath between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool project.</p>
	d. VE Day Celebrations.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the arrangements for the VE celebrations are still being progressed by Councillor Tim Wright.</p>
19/199	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agree to the 5 Year LTA at renewal, with Year 1 costing £1178.94 of which £477.85 would be recoverable from Croglin Ltd, leaving a total cost to Parish of £701.09.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer Chris Hoy will be going to the bank</p>

		<p>on 3rd October 2019, about the bank signatories, after which he will inform the Councillors concerned regarding sorting out their signatures with the bank.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
19/200	Authority for Payments.	<p>RESOLVED that the Council has considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members, and agreed to pay the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sum of £141.36 to Parish Council Clerk for her expense from July to the beginning of October 2019. 2. The sum of £1178.94 to Zurich Municipal Insurance renewal.
19/201	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no Planning Applications received.
19/202	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no Planning Application Decisions received:
19/203	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	<p>The Council received reports on other issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting concerning Cumbria Highways.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was reported that the drains outside of the Co-op were full of stones and had been for some time. There were concerns with flooding issues and houses in the area. 2. The drains were also blocked on Battery Hill 3. The drains were also blocked near Thorn Tree.
		RESOLVED that the issues would be reported to Cumbria Highways by County Councillor Hilary Carrick.
19/204	Memorial Plaque from the broken bench at Will Pool.	<p>The Council considered what to do with the memorial plaque from the broken bench at Will Pool. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>
		RESOLVED that it be noted that the memorial plaque from the broken bench will be put on the existing bench.
19/205	Lights on Fiddlers Lane.	<p>The Council considered and discussed the future of the lights on Fiddlers Lane. The Council have details of the company that provided and fitted the lights on the Village hall. The costs of providing a light and the maintenance of them and running costs would have to be looked in. Bollards with lights on them were also discussed as a possibility. The substation land could be where to site a new light. Councillor Hilary Carrick has been trying to find out who owns the land, with the possibility of it being owned by Eden Court, so Eden Housing will need to be asked.</p>
		RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Carrick will ask Eden Housing if they own the land that the substation near Eden Court was situated on.
19/206	Memorial for Chris Hill.	<p>The Council considered a memorial to Chris Hill, who was a longstanding Parish Councillor and active member of the local community. Several options were discussed such as planting a memorial tree or trees.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Council would enquire what the Lazonby & District Swimming Pool Committee were doing in relation to a memorial for Chris Hill.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead would get in touch with the Woodlands Trust about the planting trees package that they offer.</p>

19/207	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. CALC AGM Invitation – Saturday 9th November 2019, at the Market Hall, Church Street, Wigton, CA7 9AA. A light buffet lunch will be available after the AGM. <u>Guest Speakers:</u> Jo Lappin, Chief Executive, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership and Cllr Peter Thornton, Deputy Leader, Cumbria County Council. <u>To book:</u> Email your name and the name of your parish to office@calc.org.uk by Friday 25th October. If booking on behalf of your parish please provide each delegate's name and email address. Papers will be emailed to you nearer the time. 2. Climate Change Event - CALC is in discussions with CAFS to devise a day for town and parish councillors about the issues around climate change, including ways for your council to reduce its carbon footprint and how your council can support and influence your community in becoming greener. Alongside a lot of thought-provoking information on the facts of climate change, the day will include interactive exercises, parish and town council case studies and the information on the powers you have which will enable you to achieve your aims. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to discuss any plans you may have. Climate change is already having significant impacts on Cumbrian communities but this course will be designed to look at what locals can do to make a difference – even small changes help and are important. CAFS are Cumbria's experts on sustainability and have a lot of knowledge of this area to share. If you may be interested in attending and have any questions, requests or comments, please feel free to get in touch and we will take your views into account. If you feel a course on climate change and green issues would be of interest to you, please let CALC know. 3. Policy Consultation E-Briefing 10-19 – 5G Mobile Coverage In Rural Areas - The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is leading a joint consultation with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on extending 5G mobile provision in rural areas. This consultation seeks views on the principle of amending permitted development rights for operators with rights under the Electronic Communications Code (Code Operators) to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage, and the circumstances in which it would be appropriate to do so. The consultation also seeks views on whether it is appropriate to impose specific limitations, conditions and restrictions on any amendments to permitted development rights to mitigate the impact of any new development. NALC is minded to reiterate its standing positions on mobile masts in its response to this consultation, will be responding and is interested in the sector's views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A change in government policy on planning applications for mobile telephone masts to ensure that all heights of masts are subject to a full planning application and proper consultation with local councils (where possible); • New build houses and business to be provided with in-built infrastructure to enable connection to fibre-optic broadband; • We support the Rural Coalition's call for infrastructure which reaches rural areas, so the rural economy can grow and create quality jobs.
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NALC will be responding to the below review questions and is interested in the sector's views:

- Question 1.1: If these in principle proposals (set out in Questions 2 to 5) were taken forward, what impact would they have on meeting the Government's ambitions in relation to mobile coverage including addressing 'total not-spots' and 'partial not-spots'?
- Question 3.1: Do you agree with the principle of amending permitted development rights to allow an increase in the width of existing ground-based masts by more than one third, to support 5G deployment and encourage greater utilisation of existing sites?
- Question 5.1: Do you agree in principle with amending permitted development rights to increase the height of new masts, subject to prior approval?

Please email responses to this review by 5 pm on 11th October 2019.

4. Policy Consultation E-Briefing 09/19 - Independent Review Into Local Government Audit - Sir Tony Redmond is undertaking an independent review into local government audit. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) are providing the secretariat for this work. The review will make its initial recommendations to the Communities secretary in December 2019 and a full report will be published in March 2020. The remit of the review is to assess the arrangements in place to support the transparency and quality of local authority financial reporting and external audit including those introduced by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the Act). The Review will not look at broader issues of local authority finances and sustainability. NALC is minded to reiterate some of its main recent positions on audit in its response and submissions (there is likely to be a formal call for evidence this Autumn) – and will include feedback from the sector on its experiences on how well or otherwise the transparency and audit changes introduced by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 – have bedded in:

- We want to support the continued principle of audit proportionality (i.e. a lighter-touch for smaller bodies) and of safeguards to contain excessive fees brought about by habitual (local resident) audit complainers;
- In the National Audit Office (NAO) Code of Practice, there should be the inclusion of a principle relating to proportionality in respect of smaller authorities, especially where the authority has an annual budget/turnover below £25k and is potentially exempt (i.e. smaller and subject to the Smaller Authorities' Transparency Code). The local councils with annual budgeted incomes of less than £25k per annum will need further support moving forward in terms of ensuring complete compliance with the transparency requirements of the Act;
- The Review needs to be aware that to a smaller local council the costs of an audit investigation could cost more than the council's annual precept;
- MHCLG and NAO should in our view work with NALC and the local council sector in the future to consider the need to revise upwards the financial turnover audit and accounts

		<p>threshold of £6.5 million for the largest spending local councils in England; &</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2014 Act is still very new, is largely working and stability, for this reason, is needed to give the main changes from 2014 a chance to bed-in. <p>NALC is additionally interested in your views on the effectiveness and consistency of current internal audit arrangements. Wherever possible it would be very helpful to NALC if county associations of local councils and local councils could please provide case study examples to support their views. NALC will be responding to the below review questions and is interested in the sector's views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have audit standards been maintained or improved, and not been compromised? In particular, we are interested to hear from local (parish and town) councils as to why / how they think audit standards have been maintained and not comprised (or otherwise). • Is there an 'expectation gap' in what external audit provides? What is the nature of the gap and how can it be filled? In particular, we are interested to hear from Super Councils as to whether they think they are likely to exceed the £6.5 million ceiling threshold for the limited audit regime in the next three years. • Are auditors properly responding to questions or objections by local taxpayers? In particular, NALC is interested to hear examples of councils suffering repeat vexatious local objections to their accounts from their residents. • Are audit recommendations effective in helping local authorities to improve their financial management? In particular, we are interested to hear from local councils as to whether they think current internal audit arrangements for their council are strong enough with examples. • Does the financial information provided in local authority accounts facilitate scrutiny by local taxpayers and by the local press? In particular, NALC would be interested to hear examples from local councils which have had to pay excessive audit fees to cover the costs of an audit investigation and where these fees have been in excess of the council's annual precept. <p>Please email your responses to this review by 5 pm on 18th October 2019.</p> <p>5. Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document – public consultation - Eden District Council are undertaking a consultation on the draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Housing SPD has been produced to provide detailed guidance on the interpretation of policies in the Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 that relate to housing. This will assist applicants and decision-makers in the practical application of local plan policy. The Housing SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The Housing SPD adds detail to policies in the Eden Local Plan; it does not create new policy nor allocate further sites for development. The draft Housing SPD and associated documents can be viewed on the Council's website. The documents will also be made available at the Council Offices as well as the Local Links and Libraries across the district. Comments on the draft Housing SPD are welcomed before 5 pm on 25th October 2019.</p>
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		<p>RESOLVED that the invitations to participate be noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk inform CALC that Councillor Chris West will be attending the CALC AGM.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk inform CALC that the Parish Council would be interested in a future Climate Change event.</p>
19/208	INFORMATION gave 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"> CALC Newsletter – September 2019. Cumbria Action for Health Network Bulletin and Mental Health Provider Forum XTRA info 12.09.2019. Cumbria Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin 09.09.2019. Burnetts' Employment Law & HR Newsletter - September 2019. Information about the Non-native Invasive Species - Water Primrose - This information has been passed on by the Environment Agency. <p>RESOLVED that it be the information above be noted and was given to the Council for reference only.</p>
19/209	Date of the Next Meeting.	<p>RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 6th November 2019, in the Jubilee Room, Lazonby Village Hall at 7.30 pm.</p>

<p>At this point in the meeting, the Chair asked that any members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed that members of the public and press who were in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matter to be discussed.</p>		
19/210	Wall at Bank Foot.	<p>The Council received an update about the Wall at Bank Foot.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the working group continue to work with external parties on a confidential basis.</p>

The meeting finished at 9.11 pm.