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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT BEFORE APPROVAL

Minutes

For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on Wednesday 7th September 2022, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Gordon Nicolson, Angie Miller, Tim Wright and Steve Craig.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
22/162	**Apologies for absence.**	**RESOLVED** that the apologies received from Councillors Peter Foley (Holiday), John Judson (Holiday) and Andrew Miller (Holiday) be accepted and noted.
22/163	**The filling of Council Member Vacancy.**	There were no nominations for a new Council Member to be considered. However, there is an interested parishioner who is considering becoming a Councillor.
		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.
22/164	**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.
22/165	**Declaration of Interest.**	The Chair asked if there were any declarations by Council Members of any Personal or Prejudicial Interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Gordon Nicolson declared a personal interest in matters concerning Eden District Council.
22/166	**Matters of Urgency.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
22/167	**Public Participation.**	There were no parishioners present to make any contributions relating to any items on the agenda, or any other parish-related matter which they may have wished to raise. The Parish Council however discussed issues that parishioners had been in contact about. 1. The Council have received complaints from parishioners at the Rigg because dog walkers have been picking up after their dogs and then depositing bags of waste in their dustbins, sometimes without the bags. While the Parish Council will always encourage picking up after your dog waste there is a litter bin in the area for dog waste. 2. A parishioner has complained about the tree saplings hiding the view of the Eden Bridge and asked if they could be cut back.

		3. It was reported that a sandstone plinth has come loose on a wall near the church by the litter bin and Telegraph pole.
		1. RESOLVED that it be noted that the issue of dog waste being put in people's private rubbish bins on the Rigg be put in the Parish Council Newsletter asking dog walkers to refrain from doing this. **2. RESOLVED** that it be noted that the Council look into cutting back the tree saplings hiding the view of the Eden Bridge. **3. RESOLVED** that it be noted that the Council would go and check out the sandstone plinth that has come loose on a wall near the church.
22/168	**Report from the local Community Police.**	**RESOLVED** that the following Reports from Erica Norman PCSO 5397 be noted: 1. 1st July 2022 - 10 pm - Reports of bikes and cars racing around in Fiddlers Lane. 2. 19th July 2022 - Just before midnight torches were seen and loud bangs were heard from the auction mart. It was a concern that persons were breaking in. At 00:30 am police stopped three youths in the area but they had no torches on them and claimed to have been at the park. 3. 3rd August 2022 – At Eden Bridge, Youths were throwing and smashing glass bottles around the seating area/recycling centre and across the river. 4. Possibly 3rd August 2022 - at 01:30 am a house in Great Salkeld burgled whilst occupants were on holiday. 5. 10th August 2022 - Possible poaching in the river and anti-social behaviour (ASB) driving by the Swimming pool and Play Park. Video footage was sent to the police. 6. The general issue with the smell of cannabis at Barton Dale. A leaflet drop has been conducted and Eden Housing informed. 7. Several reports of over the permitted limit (OPL) driving and ASB driving by a Blue Clio. 8. 18th August 2022 – A vehicle was stopped in Lazonby and the driver was arrested for driving OPL of cannabis. The driver and passenger are also being investigated for possession of a small quantity of cannabis. 9. 30th August 2022 - A house was egged whilst the parishioners were on holiday. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that the Council received the Police Newsletters for Penrith & Alston for June to July 2022 and the Penrith Town and Rural July 2022 Newsletter.
22/169	**Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th July 2022.**	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 6th of July 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
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22/170	**Progress Reports on Recent Actions.**	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 6th July 2022.
	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 22/146).	The Council received an update about the donations for Eden Bridge Car Park which is still ongoing. It was also reported that a rafting excursion had been using Eden Bridge car park to do their safety checks. They had not asked the Parish Council if they could use the area as they believed it

		belonged to the Swimming Pool because the start of the excursions originated from there. They have said if they do it again next year they would be happy to give a donation to the Parish Council for the use of the Eden Bridge Car park.
		RESOLVED that it be noted that the setting up of the donations for Eden Bridge Car Park is still ongoing. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the report about the rafting excursions using the Eden Bridge car park be noted.
	b. Repair of the door on the Grass Cutting equipment storage shed (Last minute 22/146).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that it was reported that the rendering work on the grass-cutting equipment storage shed is still ongoing.
	c. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 22/146).	**RESOLVED** that there was nothing further to report as yet regarding the state of footpaths in the village.
	d. Highways Issues Updates (Last minute 22/146).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the sunken tarmac in Fiddlers Lane has yet to be dealt with and that there is now a water leak adding to the problem. .
	e. Parish Notice Board Maintenance (Last minute 22/146).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the welding repair on the notice board legs still needs to be painted.
	f. Parish Fishing (Last minute 22/146).	The Council received an update about the Fishing Rights and Bailifing in the parish. The Treasurer has provided an analysis of the historical use of Fishing Permits and revenue. The Treasurer provided this detail to Councillors Peter Foley and Tim Wright at the end of July 2022 to interpret and analyse before they reported to the full Council. There has been a dip in fishing permit sails because of flooding and covid in the last few years. The Council also believe that people are fishing without a permit too. Councillor Peter Foley has given the information to the Angling club and is now awaiting a response from them by the end of September 2022 so he can report back at the October 2022 meeting of the Parish Council.
		RESOLVED that the analysis of the historical use of Fishing Permits and revenue sales report be noted with thanks to Treasurer Chris Hoy. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that an update about the Angling Clubs' response to the report will be given at the October 2022 meeting of the Parish Council.
	h. Sign at River Eden (Last minute 22/121).	The Council received an update about the sign saying “no access ISSS site on our stream by Lazonby Estates.” which appeared at the gate at the River Eden. Councillor Chris West went to see Lazonby Estates to talk to them about changing the words on the signs because of the possible impact on fishing in that area. Councillor West was told that the Estate’s Trustees are meeting soon and this issue would be discussed then, and then they will get back to the Parish Council once they have decided what to do.

		RESOLVED that the report about the 'no access ISSS site on our stream by Lazonby Estates' sign on the gates at the River Eden be noted.
	h. Broken Rail near the Old School (Last minute 22/146).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the contractor has measured up and ordered supplies to carry out the work to the damaged step and broken rail near the Old School which will be started in the near future.
	i. Dangerous Gap on the Steps at the bottom of Scaur Close (Last minute 22/146).	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there was nothing further to report on the dangerous gap on the steps at the bottom of Scaur Close at present.
	j. Scaleshill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road (Last minute 22/146).	The Council received an update about the overgrown state and the unrepaired signpost on the Scaleshill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road. A parishioner who has been in touch previously wished to report to date that for yet another year, 2021 and 2022, this path has not been cleared of vegetation, nor the footpath sign properly erected. The parishioner feels that this reflect very poorly on Lazonby village when two of their public footpath network are obstructed. Townhead to Scaleshill and Townhead to Brackenbank. The Eden river path now has two gates with no catches and an area of river banking severely undermined by digging, which they believe has been reported with a map and photos to the County Councillor. The parishioner said that they would appreciate the Parish Council's feedback on this matter. Councillors have checked the footpaths and the Scaleshill footpath from Townhead to Great Salkeld Road and yes it is overgrown with grass and nettles but it's dying back and will die back further over winter. There is also the issue that not many people will walk in a field of cows with their dogs. The footpath is on the County Councils' maintenance schedule for next year. Cow muck is the issue on the Townhead to Brackenbank footpath and is not something that can be stopped due to it being on a farm. People need to be encouraged to walk the paths still. The signpost is still on the list of maintenance jobs to be done by the County Council. The footpath along the river is currently being assessed after children were reported to have dug into it to make a den over the Summer holidays. Councillors Tim Wright and Hilary Carrick have been down to see the problem. Eden Rivers Trust has been notified too. Cumbria County Council has said that it is the responsibility of the Landowner to rectify it. Some barbwire has now been unearthed by the activities there and could be dangerous.
		RESOLVED that the report about the Townhead to Scaleshill and the Townhead to Brackenbank footpaths and the River bank issues on the River Eden be noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that County Councillor Hilary Carrick is going to chase the issue of the river bank and find out what the Landowner can do about rectifying it. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Clerk will give an update on what is happening to the Townhead to Scaleshill and the Townhead to Brackenbank footpaths, and the River bank to the concerned parishioner.

	k. North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) Event (Last minute 22/146).	The Council received an update on the possibility of hosting a North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) event in the Parish. Councillor Tim Wright reported that he is meeting with the Headmaster of the School to discuss the Apple Juicing Autumn event. The date proposed for the event is Saturday 8th October 2022 and several activities are now pencilled n including tug of war, music etc. They will also be discussing it all further with the North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG). **RESOLVED** that Councillors Tim Wright's report on the Apple Juicing Autumn event in the parish be noted.
22/171	**Report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson.**	The Council received a report from District Councillor Gordon Nicolson about Eden District Council matters affecting the Parish. 1. It is currently quiet at Eden District Council as they focus on preparation for the new Council. 2. New "Nutrient Neutrality" regulations for planning – the planning applications for all new developments in the Rivers Kent, Eden and Tyne catchment areas where people may stay overnight must demonstrate that they will not increase the level of phosphates in these rivers and their tributaries. This proves a major challenge for developers and other planning applicants. Other Councils are affected by these new regulations. Eden is particularly affected given the extent of the River Eden and the fact that the Alston area has some tributaries of the River Tyne. All residential and overnight tourism developments are affected. Schools, shops and offices are not affected. Councils are working with Natural England and developers to find solutions. The immediate effect is that determination of planning applications is on hold. (There are no planning applications for consideration at next week's Planning Committee and only two planning applications were validated last week). **RESOLVED** that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.
22/172	**Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.**	The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish. 1. Cumbria County Council is involved with the transition regarding the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Sam Plumb has been appointed as the chief executive to lead the new Westmorland and Furness Council. The Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finances Officer positions are still to be filled with interviews being held soon. 2. The H bars for the entrance access to the graphics company in Scaur Lane have been ordered and are imminent. The owners of the graphics company will still need to put up a sign to indicate that it is an entrance. There will be no yellow lines going in as requested by the parishioners opposite as it would have taken away too much parking space.

		RESOLVED that County Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.
22/173	**Lazonby Parish Projects:**	
	a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.	The Council received a report about the proposed development of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station. Councillor Gordon Nicolson reported that they have a new prospective development partner for the Egg Packing Station site. Discussions are proceeding with the Addington Fund who are a housing charity that provides homes for land workers in housing need (see www.addingtonfund,org,uk). Representatives for the Addington Fund are visiting the site on Friday and Thursday next week. This would be followed by discussions on the costs of the potential development. When viable proposals are assembled, Lazonby Parish Council would be able to pursue an option to purchase the site. It has been confirmed by Eden District Council that, in principle, there are no adverse legal and housing policy implications of the proposed links between Lazonby Parish Council and the Addington Fund. However, the award of the site purchaser and remediation grants are conditional on demonstrating viable fully funded proposals.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to continue conversing with the prospective new partners about the development of the Egg Packing station site. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Council give continued delegated authority to Councillors Gordon Nicolson, Peter Foley and Chris West to continue to progress the Egg Packing Station Housing Development Project. **ALSO RESOLVED** that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for the report about the Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing Project which was noted.
	b. Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.	The Council received an update on the footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool project. Councillor Chris West reported that the opening of the footway event was well attended regardless of the initial rainy weather. Over 200 Parishioners attended, as well as the children from both Lazonby and Kirkoswald schools. After walking the path and meeting the Kirkoswald school children, the Lazonby School children under the watchful eye of the Headmaster of Lazonby School served tea/coffee and cakes, under the canopies that had been erected beside the school hall. The refreshments were supplied by Lakes and Dales Cooperative and Bells of Lazonby. The sun eventually came out and lots of excellent photographs were taken, some of which are now on the Parish Council website. It gave people an opportunity to chat to each other, especially with those who all had worked together to bring the project to fruition. It was a wonderful event, enjoyed by everyone, and the children did a wonderful job of serving the refreshments. The Parish Council and the Footway Committee would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the footway project. The cost of building the path has still to be received. The footway was immediately adopted by Cumbria County Council.
		RESOLVED that it be noted the Parish Council and the Footway Committee would like to thank everyone involved for their support

		throughout the footway project. **ALSO RESOLVED** that it be noted that the Parish Council would like to thank the Head and Year 6 pupils of Lazonby School for serving the refreshments on the footway opening day; and Bells of Lazonby and the Lakes & Dales Co-op for providing the food for the refreshments. **ALSO RESOLVED** that Councillor Chris West be thanked for her report on Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.
	c. New Lazonby Signs.	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the 'Lazonby signs on the main roads into the village' project is to be kept on the agenda to be considered once the Footway has been completed.
22/174	**Financial Report by the Treasurer.**	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for July and August 2022 (please see attached Treasurer's Report). PKF Little John Auditors have now confirmed the clean bill of health for the Parish Council's 2021/2022 Accounts. Nothing unusual has come to their attention. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit will now be put on the Parish Council's website for a period of one month from the 24th of September until the 24th of October 2022. This will include details of the AGAR Forms (Annual Governance and Accountability Returns), the Certificate of Audit completion and the contact details of the Parish Council Treasurer. Parishioners will be able to confer with the Treasurer if they wish during this period. This now completes the 5 year contract with PKF. A New contractor will be appointed, either PKF or another Auditor. The Parish Council will be notified by March 2023.
		RESOLVED that the update about the Parish Council's 2021/2022 Accounts, and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit be put on the Parish Council's website for a period of one month from the 24th of September until the 24th of October 2022 be noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the completion of the 5 year contract with PKF be noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
22/175	**Option to opt-out of the SAAA Central External Auditor Appointment Arrangements.**	The Council considered the option to opt-out of the SAAA Central External Auditor Appointment Arrangements. Under the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, SAAA is responsible for appointing external auditors to all applicable opted-in smaller authorities, for setting the terms of appointment for limited assurance reviews and for managing the contracts with the appointed audit firms. Smaller authorities are those whose gross annual income or expenditure is less than £6.5 million. The next 5-year appointing period runs from 2022-23 until 2026-27 and SAAA has undertaken a procurement exercise to appoint auditors to each County area from 1 April 2022. Now that the submission deadline for the 2021-22 Annual Governance and Accountability Returns has passed, this is to advise you of the option to opt out of the next round of 5-year audit appointments. All authorities require an appointed external auditor even if the authority meets the criteria to qualify for an exemption, as a Certificate of Exemption

		is required to be submitted to the external auditor and the auditor must be in place in case of objections from local electors. During the previous 5-year period **all** smaller authorities were 'opted-in' to the central procurement regime managed by SAAA - no authority decided to 'opt-out' and follow the various complex procedures required under statute to appoint their own external auditor. **If you wish to continue as part of the SAAA sector led auditor appointment regime then no action is required, you will remain part of the central scheme.** However, all authorities must be given the option to opt out of the central procurement and appointment scheme and appoint their own external auditor for the next 5-year period, although the process is onerous for smaller authorities. This is communication is to advise that whilst all smaller authorities are opted into the central procurement of external auditors by default, any authorities who do not wish to be part of the SAAA arrangements must formally notify SAAA that they wish to opt out within **8 weeks** of this communication but no later than **28th October 2022;** this decision must be communicated to SAAA via email to admin@saaa.co.uk. If notification of your decision to opt out is not received within this 8-week period, then your authority will be regarded as opted-in for the next five-year period beginning on 1 April 2022 and ending on 31 March 2027. The Treasurer recommends that the Parish Council continue the existing contract as any changes to opt out would be extremely problematic and result in extra costs and work.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the recommendations to continue the existing SAAA Central External Auditor Appointment Arrangements.
22/176	**Funding Agreement for Lazonby & District Swimming Pool.**	The Council received an update about the new funding agreement for Lazonby & District Swimming Pool. The Swimming Pool Committee have agreed to the new funding agreement between the Parish Council, which was changed to add the cost of repairs and renewals to play equipment, to point 5 of the agreement so that it is included as part of the maximum payment of £2500.
		RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the sum of £1402.90 be given to the Swimming Pool Committee for the upkeep of the Community Playground. **ALSO RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Chair and the Swimming Pool Committee Chair will now sign the new Funding Agreement, which will then be given to the Clerk for safekeeping.
22/177	**Authority for Payments.**	**RESOLVED** that the Council considered requests for payment received by the Treasurer, Clerk or Council Members, and agreed to pay the following: 1. The sum of £240.00 (including VAT) to PKF Little John Auditors for auditing services.
22/178	**Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there were no planning applications to consider.

22/179	**Planning Applications – Decisions.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the following Planning Application Decisions were received: 1. **Planning Application No. 22/0343** - Removal of domestic ground floor kitchen and lounge area, in lieu of community kitchen and store, maintaining the existing round floor access up to first floor domestic accommodation, at the Village Hall, Lazonby, Penrith. **- GRANTED.** 2. **Planning Application No. 22/0378** – Listed Building Consent for the insertion of 2no windows to the rear of the property, at Nord View Farm, Armathwaite, Carlisle – **GRANTED.** 3. **Planning Application No. 22/0134** - Proposed conversion of two containers to provide a detached garden room/annexe ancillary to the existing dwelling, at Scarthwaite, Plumpton, Penrith – **GRANTED.**
22/180	**LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that there was nothing further to report regarding Cumbria Highways.
22/181	**Local Government Reorganisation.**	The Council received updates on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Bulletins – updates and newsletters on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - Service blueprints and Staff Allocation Framework; Branding/logo design for the two new councils and Newsletters – 21st July 2022, 4th August, 12th August, 18th August and 26th August 2022. **RESOLVED** that the information and updates about the Local Government Reorganisation be noted.
22/182	**Parish Councils Elections 2023 - The Cost of Elections.**	The Council received information on the cost of elections taking place in 2023, and that it may be the case that Parish Councils will have to fund that election. CALC has written to make sure that when Parish Councils are setting their budget for next year that if they are due to have an election in 2023 and if they think the election may be contested they would be wise to include the cost of running an election in their precept request. Although CALC has not had a definitive answer from the workstream dealing with the Elections on whether the new Unitary Authorities will bear those costs it is best to be prepared in case Parish Councils are required to pay for them. For an idea on costs for an election in your area, as these currently vary, Parish Councils will have to contact your District or Borough Council, but they can be in the region of £2,000. CALC will be attending a meeting of the Electoral Administrators Cumbria group in September 2022 and has asked for this matter to be included on the agenda. **RESOLVED** that the information on the cost of elections taking place in 2023, which includes Parish Councils having to fund that election and that being reflected in their budget, be noted.
22/183	**Request from Lazonby Village Hall Committee to review electricity use.**	The Council received a request from Lazonby Village Hall Committee to review the electricity use of the external street lights. The Parish Council installed two street lights in 2016 with permission of the Village Hall Committee in response to concerns from parishioners about the lack of lighting on a dangerous corner with Scaur Lane. The lights were attached to the building and an agreed price of £100 per annum was then paid to the Village hall for electricity use. The Village Hall Committee are asking if the Parish Council would consider an uplift to the lighting grant as the cost of electricity has risen and their bills have hugely increased. The Electricity bills in April, May and June of 2021 averaged £37.95 per month,

		but in April, May and June of 2022 have averaged £71.34 per month with the similar use of the hall. The Village Hall Committee is happy to provide further information for the Parish Council to consider this request.
		RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the Village Hall Committee for more information on the costs regarding electricity use for the external lights before the Parish Council make a decision.
22/184	**Reviewing Staff Expenses.**	The Council considered reviewing the staff office expenses in light of the huge rise in the cost of living.
		RESOLVED that the Clerk look further into finding out about the wattage being used and the cost for office hours and report back to the Council in October 2022.
22/185	**Invitations to Participate.**	The Council considered if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate. **1. Westmorland and Furness Council Plan** Engagement gets underway on the first Westmorland and Furness Council Plan. The draft Council Plan is now open for your feedback and is available to view at https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/council-plan-have-your-say/ You'll be able to comment using the survey link below or by responding by email to info@newcouncilsforcumbria.info **<<Have your say - Draft Westmorland and Furness Council Plan>>** The deadline for responses is 5 pm on 16th September 2022. 2. **Tree Planting Funding Opportunity - open to Town & Parish Councils** Every year, ITF supports community groups to achieve their tree-planting ambitions. They are inviting you to send your ideas and proposals. This could be something small, such as a community woodland or orchard. Or it could be a large-scale project like landscape restoration or rewilding. They are open to all sorts of project types so please get in touch through https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-grants There are two tiers of funding available: • Small scale: A maximum of £1,000 is available for projects of up to 1 year in duration. This could be small community woodland, orchards, hedging projects, etc. • Larger scale: Projects to range from 1000 – 10,000 trees, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.50/tree (inclusive of tree protection). Most suitable for community woodland or hedging projects. 1. **The Tree Council - Branching Out Fund** - Grants for planting trees, orchards and hedgerows, open to Town & Parish Councils Grants for planting trees, orchards and hedgerows for schools, community groups, parish & town councils and Tree Warden Networks. https://treecouncil.org.uk/.../planting-and-care/our-grants/ You can apply for trees, hedges, orchards, or any combination of these. Key requirements of this fund are that there is strong community involvement and that children and/or young people up to the age of 21 are involved in the planting, and ideally the planning and aftercare of the project. You can apply for between £200 and £2,000 (excluding VAT). Application opening and closing dates: Monday 18th July to Sunday 4th December.

2. **Cumbria Action for Sustainability's Great Big Green Week from 24th September – 2nd October 2022 -** They are trying to encourage as many groups as possible to organise an activity to raise awareness of the impact of climate change etc. and to do something positive to tackle it. Please use the link below to find out more information go to https://cafs.org.uk/2022/07/26/cafs-org-uk-greenweekgrants/
If you would like to chat about your ideas or would like more information about the project and how CAfS can help, please get in touch with helen.attewell@cafs.org.uk

3. **CALC Annual General Meeting 24th September 2022 at 10.00 am held virtually.** The theme for the AGM will be the Cost of Living and we are delighted to let you know that the guest speakers for this year will be Steve Shaw, Power for People and Howard Cox, Founder of FairFuelUK**.** More information on both speakers and the topics they will cover will be sent out over the next few weeks with the formal invite. The agenda and papers will be sent out at the beginning of September 2022.

4. **Local Council Award Scheme** - CALC has organised a virtual information session on the Local Council Award Scheme, this will be held on 19th September at 7.30 pm, if this is something you are interested in, please email CALC, and links will be sent out.

5. **Cumbria's Plan Bee - A Pollinator Action Plan for Cumbria -** ***"CUMBRIA's PLAN BEE'*** *– a Pollinator Action Plan for our vitally important pollinators. Cumbria has a great reputation for its work on pollinators, including the highly successful Get Cumbria Buzzing Project, however, we need to do more by replicating our best work across the county. The development of Cumbria's Plan Bee is part of the Planting for Pollinators Project, developed through the Cumbria Local Nature Partnership and being led by the Cumbria Wildlife Trust. The aim of Cumbria's Plan Bee is to increase action for pollinators in Cumbria. It aims to help mobilise people, councils, communities, farmers, landowners and businesses –* ***in fact everyone in Cumbria -*** *to act to improve food sources and habitats for these species. The Plan will outline priority actions and opportunities to help conserve and enhance pollinators and their habitats and will seek commitments from key organisations, groups and landowners to deliver on these.* ***We want to get everyone thinking about pollinators, everyone to take some action (however small) and to get every available piece of land working for pollinators.*** *The Plan will sit under the developing Local Nature Recovery Strategy and will aim to deliver its key outcomes for pollinators by identifying a suite of priority actions for different organisations, communities and businesses. We will be developing the Plan over the coming 6 months and will be consulting widely, including engagement with local communities across Cumbria.* ***We hope you will be willing to input your thoughts and expertise*** *into this work and then work with us to secure commitments to deliver change. We will be in contact shortly with some further information and hope to access your expertise and support through a range of webinars, questionnaires and individual meetings. If you have a preference as to how you would like to help/engage at this stage please let us know."*

Now is your opportunity to put forward ideas as to how pollinators can be helped in your community, your workplace or

Cumbria in general. We are very keen to get your ideas as to how we can improve things for our pollinators and what you see as the priorities. Please complete the short questionnaire so that we can bring your ideas into play: https://www.cbdc.org.uk/about-us/projects/cumbria_plan_bee/ Closing date for this consultation is 17th October 2022.

6. **Common Land** - Lorayne Woodend Wall, the MRTPI Planning Officer at Friends of the Lake District has stated the following:

*"This message is pertinent to those Parishes containing any Common Land and/or a designated town or village green. This can be checked using the relevant layers on **DEFRA's MAGiC mapping service**. You will need to select the 'Registered Common Land' and 'Village Greens' layers under the 'Access' heading. You may need to zoom out to see the town/village green notations. Friends of the Lake District has a long-standing involvement with Common Land and town and village greens in Cumbria, which includes our lobbying and campaigning for their protection. Although not a new issue, recent cases we have been involved in have increased our awareness that works are being carried out on Common Land (and town and village greens) without the proper consent or appropriate scrutiny. This includes cases where someone has secured planning consent for the works. Sometimes people are aware that they need, and then obtain planning consent but do not realise that separate Common Land consent is also necessary. However, in other cases, they are unaware, or simply press ahead knowing that there are weaknesses in the reporting and enforcement of Common Land breaches. This issue is relevant across Cumbria, where we have one-third of all the Common Land in the country, meaning its landscape, culture, character and heritage are all heavily influenced by it. In the Lake District National Park, there is the additional dimension of Common Land being one of the attributes of Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site. Common Land should have extra protection by virtue of the World Heritage Site being a heritage asset of international value. It is therefore really important that where it is required, including where it is needed alongside planning consent, that Common Land consent is sought. This will help to ensure that the impacts on Common Land are given appropriate consideration. Failure to do this devalues Common Land, risks harm to and loss of Common Land and puts at risk the benefits and value it has for the landscape, our cultural heritage and for society. We have considered what might help to improve this situation. Whilst legislative or procedural changes might be a longer-term answer, we'd like to explore some simpler but more immediate actions. We would be grateful if those Parishes that contain any Common Land (or whose boundaries adjoin it), or a town or village green, would confirm whether or not they would be willing to support Friends of the Lake District in actions including: raising general awareness of the issue and why it's important to address it asking relevant local planning authorities to add an advisory note to relevant planning decision notices asking relevant local planning authorities to consider including references to Common Land in planning policies and guidance We are not seeking financial support but rather support through measures such as sharing our relevant social media posts, letting the relevant planning authority know that your Parish supports us and agree*

		that we can confirm in communications on the topic (with pre-agreed messaging) that we have your backing. I'd be grateful if you would let me know your initial thoughts and whether or not your Parish would be willing, in principle, to support us. We'd be more than happy to meet, either in person or via Zoom or Teams, to discuss this work; please do get in touch if you would like further information." **7. CALC's Training Programme September to December 2022.** **8. Draft Local Flood Risk Management Consultation** - Cumbria County Council is asking for feedback on proposals to improve the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. The Strategy will set out how local flood risks will be managed in Cumbria, who will deliver them and how they will be funded, and the county council now need to finalise the Local Flood Risk Management (2022) Strategy and Action Plan, with input from the community. This feedback will then feed into the Strategy revision, and help finalise the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy going forward. A consultation will be open from Monday 5th September and concludes on Friday 30th September 2022. The public consultation drop-in events have been arranged to provide an opportunity to feedback on the documentation. This feedback will then feed into the Strategy revision and help finalise the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy going forward – the following has been arranged in Eden on Monday 12th September - Penrith Library: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.
		RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted. **ALSO RESOLVED** that Councillor Gordon Nicolson will attend the virtual CALC Annual General Meeting on 24th September 2022 at 10.00 am. **ALSO RESOLVED** that Councillor Chris West will look at the Cumbria's Plan Bee - A Pollinator Action Plan for Cumbria - "CUMBRIA's PLAN BEE' Consultation; and the Draft Flood Draft Local Flood Risk Management Consultation.
22/186	**INFORMATION given for reference only.**	**RESOLVED** that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only: **1. CALC news for May & June 2022.** **2. NALC Bulletins** - Request To Circulate NALC Short-Term Holiday Lets Policy Consultation Briefing To All Member Councils, Pse. **3. Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletins.** **4. Homes for Ukraine Update 08/07/22.** **5. Home for Ukraine: information and resources relating to Children and Young People arriving from Ukraine.** **6. Dementia courses for Family Carers.** **7. Eden Rivers Trust's Summer Newsletter 2022.** **8. Eden Economic Development and Tourism newsletter: Issue 60.** **9. Grants for Older People in your communities – are made on a referral basis.** **10. Cumbria County Council Environment and Climate Change newsletter - Autumn 2022.** **11. Every Life Matters Training Courses Autumn 2022.** **12. Climate Change- 3 Ways that Town and Parish Councils can respond using their powers and duties information.**

		13. **Healthy Start Scheme -** All families in Cumbria with children under the age of two are being encouraged to collect free vitamin drops for their children and apply for help with the cost of food and milk as part of the Healthy Start Scheme. Families can collect 8 weeks' supply of children's vitamin drops from any of the community venues across the county listed in the Healthy Start Scheme booklet. Families with children aged between 2-4 years will be able to continue collecting the vitamin drops from the same venues if they are in receipt of a Healthy Start card. Pregnant women and mothers with babies up to six months (if breastfeeding or dual feeding) are also entitled to collect free vitamins for themselves - these will initially be distributed by midwives and Health Visitors during their early visits. To find out more about the Healthy Start card and how to apply please visit the Healthy Start website. 14. **Chief Executive Appointed for Westmorland and Furness Council** - At a Shadow Authority for Westmorland Furness Council meeting, Members agreed that Sam Plum should be appointed as the Westmorland and Furness Council's Chief Executive. Sam Plum was chosen as the proposed appointee by the Westmorland and Furness Senior Appointments Committee following an extensive recruitment process. The appointment will start on 31st December 2022. 15. **Emergency Information Sheet -** CALC has created an Emergency Information Sheet (EIS) for Town and Parish Councils to complete, for those areas that don't have an Emergency Plan and don't have the resources to create one. It is quick and easy to complete yet still gives useful information to emergency services and agencies in case of an emergency or event. It would be really helpful if this EIS template attached could be completed and emailed back to me. CALC will then store these documents on their system so they can be accessed if required. If you do already have an emergency plan in place, please could you let me know and email me a copy. CALC also encourage those who do not wish to lead on emergency planning for their area, to be part of any community ERG that exists or is in formation in their Town or Parish, due to their invaluable local knowledge. There is also the option of completing the Emergency Information Sheet (attached) which also gives valuable information to emergency services in case of an event or emergency. (Please email back to me when completed). 16. **The Churchill Fellowships - New environment Fellowships** exploring global innovations across climate change and the natural environment**.** These Fellowships will open for application to all adult UK citizens in September 2022. 17. **Funding opportunity for Town and Parish Councils in the district of Eden- COP26 Community Fund Information.**
22/187	**Date of the Next Meeting.**	**RESOLVED** that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 5th October 2022, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm.