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## LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT BEFORE APPROVAL**

### **Minutes**

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Chair Councillor Phillip Whitehead.

Councillors Maralyn Wade, Andrew Miller and Ryan Wilson-Lane.

Also in attendance: Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick, the Clerk to the Council Rebecca Wyatt, the Treasurer to the Council Chris Hoy, and two parishioners.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
26/63	<b>Apologies for absence.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the apologies received from Councillor Tim Wright be accepted and noted.
26/64	<b>The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the 'Notice of Vacancy' which was displayed for 14 days following the resignation of Councillor Andrew Sharples has passed without any requests for election so the Parish Council can now move to co-option.  <b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no new nominations at present but the Parish Council would continue to seek new Parish Councillors to fill the five empty seats.
26/65	<b>Requests for Dispensations.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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.
26/66	<b>Declaration of Interest.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no declarations of interest.
26/67	<b>Matters of Urgency.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
26/68	<b>Public Participation.</b>	The Chair asked those 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.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was reported that the bench near Birdhouse Bridge has had the arm damaged by accident. A parishioner has spoken to the Chair about them accidentally damaging it and is very apologetic about it. The bench was replaced by Lazonby Estates a few years ago after it was damaged by livestock.</li> <li>2. A parishioner has reported that there is a lot of soil build up at the bottom of Barton Dale from water runoff down the hill, which is now full of weeds; and nearby bowling green valley is full of rubbish.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the damaged bench by Birdhouse Bridge will be put on the maintenance agenda item for May 2026.</li> </ol>

		<p>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the parishioner said that they would send photos to the Parish Council of the issues at the bottom of Barton Dale, so that it can be reported by the Parish Council and Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick; the parishioner was also advised to report it to Highways.</p>
26/69	<b>Broadband in the Parish.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that B4RN continues to make progress with the installation of their fibre optic broadband in the village and are still waiting for the electricity to be connected.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Council received the Connecting Cumbria Newsletter March 2026 - Cumbria Springs Into Easter With a Focus on Digital Connectivity.</p>
26/70	<b>Report from the local Police.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith &amp; Alston Police Newsletter for March 2026 be noted.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the update on the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge meetings be noted as follows:</p> <p><i>“ Following feedback CALC have received from some councils regarding the launch of the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings last year they have reviewed, with the police, how these meetings are run and going forward instead of just two representatives from each council within a locality being invited to attend these meetings the invite will be extended to any councillor or clerk who would like to attend their locality meeting. CALC have also agreed a new protocol for the operation of these meetings which they have enclosed for information. Over the next few weeks, Parish Councils will receive dates for future meetings in your area.”</i></p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) Community Fund being now open is noted as follows:</p> <p><i>“Cumbria’s Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (Commissioner), David Allen, is opening his Community Fund for local organisations, charities and community groups. Groups can apply for funding to support projects to help tackle and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). In 2025, the Commissioner provided £236,044 through his Community Fund and Property Fund to 102 groups including Maryport Boxing Club, Stomping Ground Carlisle, Kendal Youth Darts Academy and Penrith Cricket Club. Organisations can apply for up to £2,500 for their projects. The Closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.”</i></p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Council would pass this funding information onto the bike track project.</p>
26/71	<b>Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</b>	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council’s Meeting Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
26/72	<b>Progress Reports on Recent Actions.</b>	<p>The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</p>
	<b>a. Boat Users on the River Eden (Last minuted 26/43).</b>	<p>The Council received an update on the issues around boat users on the River Eden. The Clerk has still not heard from the rafting company about meeting with the Parish Council</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk will contact the Rafting company again regarding meeting with the Parish Council to discuss concerns from both parties</p>

<p><b>b. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station (Last minuted 26/43).</b></p>	<p>The Council received an update about the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lazonby Train Station event in May 2026. The organisation of the event continues to progress. Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane had a meeting with Bells of Lazonby and they have kindly said they will provide the refreshments for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also Councillor Wilson-Lane has spoken to an artist who is gifting a painting, which will be displayed in Bells of Lazonby's meeting room.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report about the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station celebrations from Councillor Ryan Wilson–Lane be noted with thanks.</p>
<p><b>c. Eden Rivers Trust Request to replace existing information board about invasive species (Last minuted 26/43).</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Phillip Whitehead and Maralyn Wade have met with representatives from the Eden Rivers Trust to discuss the replacement of the existing information board about invasive species, and after a good discussion about the invasive plants and wildlife, it was decided to put up an A3 size and A2 size up in the area.</p>
<p><b>d. Request for a Memorial Bench to be put in the Parish (Last minuted 26/43).</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED that</b> the placement of the new memorial bench on the road to Carlisle has now been completed.</p>
<p><b>e. Parish Playing/Sports Field and Grazing to Let for 2026 (Last minuted 26/53).</b></p>	<p>The Council received an update about the sheep grazing to let for 2026. The Council received three bids for the sheep grazing on the Parish playing/sports field. The Clerk and Vice-Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade, having been given delegated authority by the Council to deal with the bids, considered the three bids received and agreed to accept the bid of £400 from Mr Ethan Rudd.</p> <p>Due to the timetable for the lease of the field, the Clerk has informed Mr. Rudd that he was the successful bidder because the lease started on the 1st of April 2026. The Clerk also informed the two other bidders that they were unsuccessful this time.</p> <p>Also it came to the Parish Councils attention that some of the fence needed repairing on the playing/sports field. Councillor Maralyn Wade and her partner have kindly made a repair to the fence so that the field is useable but there is another section needing to be repaired or replaced as well.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Parish Council were content with the decision to rent the field to Mr Ethan Rudd for the sum of £400, which the Clerk and Vice-Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade were given delegated authority to agree too.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that due to the timetable for the lease of the field, the Clerk informed Mr. Rudd that he was the successful bidder straight away because the lease started on the 1st of April 2026, and informed him of the ways to pay the rent.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Clerk also informed the two other bidders that they were unsuccessful this time.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council will now look into getting the deteriorating fence on the sports/playing field replaced.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Maralyn Wade and her partner for making the repairs to the fence on the parish sports/playing field.</p>

	<b>f. Bike Track Project (Last minuted 26/39 and 26/57).</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there was no update about the Bike Track project for the parish.
<b>26/73</b>	<b>Report from the Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor.</b>	<p>The Council received a report from Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland &amp; Furness matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>New Staffing Restructure</b> - Westmorland &amp; Furness Council are having a major restructure of staff which will mean a reduction in staffing.</li> <li>2. <b>Garden waster bins</b> – Westmorland &amp; Furness will be charging £60 per bin from June 2026.</li> <li>3. <b>Household fund</b> - The Government has announced that the Household Support Fund would be extended for a further 12 months until the 31st March 2027. The funding is available until 31st March 2027 or until it is fully allocated. The additional funding is to support households struggling with the rising heating oil costs, particularly in rural areas, where prices have risen sharply and are not covered by the energy price cap. Around 1.5 to 1.7 million UK households rely on heating oil. <b>Funding is limited and available until 31st March 2027 or until fully allocated, so please apply as soon as possible.</b> This funding is intended to provide targeted support to low-income households most affected by these increases. You may be eligible if you are experiencing financial hardship, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you cannot afford to purchase heating oil</li> <li>• you are struggling to pay for essentials such as food</li> <li>• you have little or no income and no savings available.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that County Councillor Hilary Carrick reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk put the information about the Household fund in the Parish Council Newsletter for Lazonby Lines.</p>
<b>26/74</b>	<b>Place Action Group (PAG).</b>	<p>The Council received an update about the Place Action Group (PAG) including the funding application for the signage for the Eden Bridge car park area. The funding of £3000 for Eden Bridge car park resurfacing project, and £960 for the Eden Bridge car park signage has now been secured with confirmation letters from PAG, thanks to Councillor Hilary Carrick and Councillor Maralyn Wade. The following signs need to be made with wording to cover - welcome to Eden Bridge car park, donations to use the car park, dangerous steps use at your own risk, park at your own risk and no overnight parking.</p> <p>Councillors Hilary Carrick and Maralyn Wade also attended the last PAG meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026. This included discussing the current projects on the action plan. There was also an opportunity to discuss any emerging priorities and ideas for the ward area. There are also emergency hub packs available.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the funding of £3000 for Eden Bridge car park resurfacing project, and £960 for the Eden Bridge car park signage has now been secured and paid into the Parish Council’s bank account.</p>

		<p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there are also funding reports to be send back to PAG once the funding has been spent on the Eden Bridge car park resurfacing and signage.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillors Hilary Carrick and Maralyn Wade will liaise about the wording wanted on the new signage for Eden Bridge car park in order to get them made as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Hilary Carrick and Maralyn Wade for securing the PAG funding.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk ask PAG Officers for a copy of the emergency hub pack.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Phillip Whitehead ask PAG for advice to get the Eden Bridge car park resurfacing project moving.</p>
26/75	<b>Parish Projects:</b>	
	<b>a. Will Pool Revamp.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the due to both the Ecologist Companies, one of which said the job was too small for them. and the other would rather refer the Parish Council to a water expert because of the pond, not being very forthcoming at this point, the Parish Council have agreed to put this back on the agenda for the Autumn (September onwards) so not to disturb any wild fauna or flora.
	<b>b. Donation Box at Eden Bridge Car Park.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the donation box at Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing and will be made once the car park has been resurfaced.
	<b>c. Resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the resurfacing of Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the Parish Council are still waiting to hear back from the Environment Agency (EA) after they were asked more questions, following the initial form for work permits being submitted. Councillor Phillip Whitehead has answered the further questions and is now waiting for the EA to reply.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there will be a 7 day closure of Eden Bridge car park while the resurfacing project is carried out, and all users and services will be given notice of the closure in advance.</p>
26/76	<b>Parish Maintenance:</b>	
	<b>a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.</b>	<p>The Parish Council have received the following update from the Senior Lead Officer for the Flood and Coastal Risk Management Climate and Natural Environment, at Westmorland and Furness Council as follows:</p> <p><i>“Firstly, please accept our apologies that it has been some time since a direct update was last provided to the Parish Council. We appreciate the continued patience of both councillors and residents while work has been ongoing across several flood-related matters.</i></p> <p><b>1. Flood Event Report – 13 November 2025</b>  <i>The Council has been working closely with the Environment Agency to gather information relating to the flooding experienced in Lazonby on 13 November 2025. In addition to the data already obtained by both organisations, we have also received further details from residents who were directly affected. If the Parish Council, or any residents, believe they have additional information about the event that has not yet been submitted, please forward this to: <a href="mailto:LLFA@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk">LLFA@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk</a></i></p>

		<p><i>If information has already been provided previously, it does not need to be resent. The Council will continue working with the Environment Agency to bring all the information together and will produce a report for circulation in due course.</i></p> <p><b>2. Meadow Close Culvert</b>  <i>The Council fully recognises the ongoing frustration within the community regarding the lack of progress on the proposed upsizing of the culvert at Meadow Close. Although the intention had been to undertake the works last year, the flood-risk evidence provided at that time was unfortunately not sufficient. This is not a reflection on the effort made by the developer, but rather the complexity of the local catchment and the importance of ensuring that any intervention does not inadvertently increase flood risk elsewhere. As a result, the Council requested additional assessments from the developer to better understand the implications of the proposed works—both within Meadow Close and downstream. The Council cannot support works that may reduce flooding for some residents while increasing it for others. The developer has confirmed that they are continuing to work on the additional evidence required and will contact us as soon as this work is complete. We also understand that the developer has recently issued communication indicating concerns about whether they can demonstrate that downstream flood risk would not be increased. If that proves to be the case, the Council will work collaboratively with the developer and the Environment Agency to explore how this issue can best be addressed.</i></p> <p><b>3. Government Funding Review</b>  <i>The Government has recently reviewed its national flood-risk funding policy. Both the Council and the Environment Agency are currently reviewing the updated guidance to understand whether there may be opportunities to apply for funding to benefit the Lazonby area. To assist with this, Council and Environment Agency staff will be present in Lazonby over the coming weeks to undertake preliminary assessments and explore potential options. While there is no guarantee that funding will be secured for Lazonby, the changes do present a positive opportunity, and any viable avenues will be fully explored. Further updates will be provided as soon as more information becomes available.”</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the resolution for the flooding issues is ongoing as indicated by the correspondence from Westmorland &amp; Furness Council.</p>
	<p><b>b. Roads in the Parish.</b></p>	<p>The Council received an update on the following road/Highways issues in the Parish from Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The resurfacing on Station Road.</b></li> <li><b>2. The recurring water flooding on the road between Eden Bridge car park and the swimming pool.</b></li> <li><b>3. Vandalised road sign on Carlisle Road near Scarrows.</b></li> <li><b>4. The H Bars on the dropdown kerbs near the Lofts which are in need of repainting.</b></li> <li><b>5. Pothole near the village hall.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that all the Highways repairs/maintenance from point one through to five are still ongoing.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that Westmorland &amp; Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report regarding the updates on Highways issues, the contents of which were noted.</p>

	<p><b>c. Footpaths in the Village.</b></p>	<p>The Parish Council received the following report on a footpath in the parish to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Scaur Close footpath</b> – Councillor Hilary Carrick met with Highways while inspecting the pathway and they have already said that they will be repairing the path this year as part of their scheduled maintenance.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the footpath in Scaur Close is now on the Highways maintenance schedule for 2026, with thanks to Councillor Hilary Carrick for taking the time to look at the path’s issues.</p>
	<p><b>d. Parish Tree Survey.</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing.</p>
	<p><b>e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the repairs of the damaged fence at Bateman Lane is still ongoing.</p>
	<p><b>f. Vandalised Metal Bench on Carlisle Road.</b></p>	<p>The Council received an update about the vandalised metal bench on Carlisle road. The wonderful team of Engineers at Bells of Lazonby, one of whom was an apprentice, have now finished building a replica bench of the original King George bench, after the original bench was too broken to be restored. The craftsmanship of the new bench is brilliant, and it had been painted the same green colour for the era, and the King George plaque reinstated. The bench is now back in its original position on a concrete plinth. The Parish Council is extremely grateful and thankful to Bells of Lazonby for the brilliant work they have done on the new bench and plinth, which they have kindly gifted to the Parish.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council thank Michael Bell and his team of Engineers at Bells of Lazonby for building the replica bench of the original King George bench, which was kindly gifted to the Parish.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Council send a thank you letter to Michael Bell and a thank you card to the engineers.</p>
	<p><b>g. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge car park.</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no current issues to report at the recycling centre.</p>
	<p><b>h. Tree Surgeon Tenders.</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will be putting tenders out to tree Surgeons for work to be done on the Cooper Beach, and the Oak at Will Pool.</p>
	<p><b>i. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the deteriorating fence on the sports/playing field in need of replacing be discussed further on this agenda item next month.</p>
<p><b>26/77</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Report by the Treasurer.</b></p>	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for March 2026 (please see attached Treasurer’s Report).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following information be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Internal Audit</b> - John Kidd has agreed again to audit the accounts for 2025/26 for the usual agreed fee of £70.</li> <li><b>External Audit</b> - Total Income is £21919. Total Expenditure is £25477. Self - Certification of Accounts is allowed under current guidelines should income and expenditure individually fall below £25k. As Expenditure has exceeded £25k then a Full Audit is required and will cost around £300.</li> </ol> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for March 2026 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>

26/78	<b>Authority for Payments.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council 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"> <li>1. The sum of £188.13 to H.M.R.C for the Employers National Insurance charge for the first quarter (Bank transfer No: 204).</li> <li>2. The sum of £1269.60 to Aubergine 262 Ltd for the cost of providing/building the new Parish Council website, as per the Governments new guidelines for disability access and Assertion 10 – this includes setup costs and first year fees for email, hosting, training etc. (Bank transfer No: 205).</li> </ol>
26/79	<b>Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council received the following for reference only, as this was not specifically sent to the Clerk for comments but it was on the Westmorland &amp; Furness Council planning list which is to all Clerks via email.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Planning Application Ref: 2026/0528/PAPP</b> - Prior Notification under schedule 2, part 6, class E, to upgrade existing track, at Scratchmill Scar Woodland, Plumpron, Penrith CA11 9PF</li> </ol>
26/80	<b>Planning Applications – Decisions.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following planning decision be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Planning Application Ref: 2026/0225/NMA</b> - Non Material Amendment to adjust the size of 2no windows in gable elevation, attached to approval 2025/1950/HOU, at West End House, Lazonby, Penrith, CA10 1AJ – <b>APPROVED.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Planning Application Ref: 2025/0382/FPA</b> - Change of use of barn to a single dwelling with associates operations, at Eden Field, Armaithwaite, Carlisle, CA4 9PQ – <b>APPROVED with conditions.</b></li> </ol>
26/81	<b>Reports on any Highways Issues.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following Highways issues be reported and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Highways has informed the Parish Council that works on the M6 will impact residents of Lazonby parish, on the A6 between the Golden Fleece roundabout and the Stoney Beck roundabout. They are carrying out improvement works to the crash barrier protecting the Low Hurst Railway Bridge on the M6 south of Junction 42. The barrier works have now been completed on the M6 at Low Hurst. The original intention was to remove the temporary barrier without closing the M6 but due to a breakdown of the specialist lifting equipment required safely remove the temporary barrier, they will now need a full carriageway closure to remove the temporary barrier. The closures will be overnight between the hours of 21:00 and 06:00 and are planned to take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. It is still National Highway intention to adhere to the previous agreement of giving the affected parishes 3 months' notice of planned motorway closures. But in this case we were forced to change our method of removing the temporary barrier due to breakdown of specialist lifting equipment.</li> <li>2. It was reported that potholes are starting to appear near the white line at the junction of Station Road and main street, so these will be reported to Highways.</li> </ol>

26/82	<b>Considering the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities.</b>	<p>The Council received an update regarding the implications of the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities, including the building of a new accessibility 2.2 complaint website. The Clerk has been working with the new website builders, filled in the paperwork needed, answered questions, has filled in and given them a site map, and given the invoice for the work that the website builders are doing to the Treasurer for the sum of £1,269.60 (including VAT). The Clerk has got an online meeting with the website builder at the beginning of April to discuss the new website build further. The Clerk will also be giving them the information from our current website so that when the new website goes live the traffic from that website can be referred to the new website. The Clerk is currently sorting out the files for the new website.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk will continue to liaise with the website builders to get the new website up and running in the near future.</p>
26/83	<b>Invitations to Participate.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that there were no invitations to participate to consider.
26/84	<b>INFORMATION given for reference only.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Westmorland and Furness Council News releases – on various topics</b>, including Council introducing garden waste service subscription and new online hub launched to support families across Westmorland and Furness.</li> <li>2. <b>CALC Weekly and Training Updates.</b></li> <li>3. <b>CALC News- January &amp; February 2026.</b></li> <li>4. <b>CVS Information – Health &amp; Wellbeing Bulletin, Volunteer Training &amp; Events, Newsflash Info, Cumbria CVS Newsletter, Funding Events, Latest Events etc.</b></li> <li>5. <b>Westmorland &amp; Furness Branch event with CALC - Asset of Community Value Workshop</b> was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</li> <li>6. <b>Notice about the CALC Chief Officer retiring and the Post Advert.</b></li> <li>7. <b>Appointment of a Director for the CALC Board Eden Area - nominations by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.</b></li> <li>8. <b>Household Support Fund</b> - encouraging residents and rural households who rely on domestic heating oil and are experiencing financial hardship due to rising prices to apply for the Household Support Fund.</li> <li>9. <b>Change of provision of Carer Support Services Information.</b></li> <li>10. <b>Information about the forthcoming changes to service at Cumbria Archives.</b></li> <li>11. <b>Information about the Adult Social Care in Westmorland and Furness has launched a Community Conversation called “<u>A Place Called Home: Your living choices in later life</u>” -</b> Westmorland and Furness Council launched a ‘Community Conversation’ on the future of care for older residents and is inviting VCSFE organisations and residents to take part via an online survey for stakeholders. The engagement programme, called “A Place Called Home: Your living choices in later life”, took place over three weeks from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, across Westmorland and Furness. It will help inform the council’s future strategies for all aspects of its support for older people’s independence and wellbeing. This includes adaptations, technology and personal support to help people remain in their own home reablement support and intermediate care beds to help people return to their own home after a spell in hospital, or avoid</li> </ol>

		<p>the need to go into hospital access to the right mix of affordable specialist housing offering support and care modern residential care, with facilities and services that are fit for the future specialist support for people living with advanced dementia.</p> <p><b>12. Support available for rural households as heating oil prices surge across Westmorland and Furness</b> - Westmorland and Furness Council have launched funding support for residents who rely on domestic heating oil and are experiencing financial hardship due to rising costs. The fund provides assistance for households after the recent sharp rise in the cost of oil which has made it increasingly difficult for many rural residents to afford adequate heating and hot water. Access to the Government's Household Support Fund is available through Westmorland and Furness Council for those properties facing immediate financial hardship because of the increase in heating oil prices and are at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water. Eligible households can receive a one-off cash award of between £200 and £250, depending on household size, with an additional £20 for each child in full-time education up to the age of 18. Funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding pot is fully committed. Residents are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as the Household Support Fund is strictly time-limited by the government and only available until Tuesday 31 March 2026. Further information about this fund can be found here:  <a href="https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/westmorland-and-furness-council-news/2026/support-available-rural-households-heating-oil-prices-surge-across-westmorland-and-furness">https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/westmorland-and-furness-council-news/2026/support-available-rural-households-heating-oil-prices-surge-across-westmorland-and-furness</a> To apply for heating oil support now on Westmorland and Furness Council's website go to; <a href="#">Household Support Fund</a>.</p> <p><b>13. Great Big Green Week</b> - Community groups across Cumbria are being invited to apply for grants of up to £300 to organise events celebrating climate action, local food and nature this June to raise awareness of climate, nature and carbon emissions during Great Big Green Week. Details on the grants can be found via <a href="http://zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/action/gbgw">zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/action/gbgw</a> – applications close Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.</p>
<b>26/85</b>	<b>Agenda Items for Next Month's Agenda.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following agenda item be noted for the May 2026 Annual Open Parish Meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encouraging parishioners to join the Parish Council due to low membership.</li> </ol> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that the following agenda items be noted for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parish Playing Field Fence.</li> <li>2. The damaged bench near Birdhouse Bridge.</li> </ol>
<b>26/86</b>	<b>Date of the Next Meeting.</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the next scheduled meeting will be Lazonby Parish Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 6th May 2026; It will start with the Annual Open Parish Meeting at 7 pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, at approximately 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.</p>

It was recommended that members of the public and press who are in attendance withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the confidentiality of the matters to be discussed in the next agenda item.

<b>26/87</b>	<b>Land at the Old School.</b>	<p>The Council received an update about issues that need to be resolved on Parish Council land near the Old school.</p> <p>It was also recommended that the CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p> <hr/> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council continue to look into resolving the issues that need to be dealt with on Parish Council land near the Old school.</p> <p><b>ALSO RESOLVED</b> that CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
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The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.