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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on Wednesday 5th October 2022,
in Lazonby Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Councillor Chris West

Councillors Gordon Nicolson, Angie Miller, Peter Foley, John Judson, Tim Wright and Andrew Miller.

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

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
22/188	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies received from Treasurer Chris Hoy be accepted and noted.
22/189	Resignation of Councillor	The Council received notice of Councillor Steve Craig's resignation from the Council.
		RESOLVED that the Councillor accepted Councillor Steve Craig's resignation. ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk report the resignation of Steve Craig to Eden District Council so that a notice of vacancy can be issued to be displayed on the Parish Council website and the parish notice boards.
22/190	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.
22/191	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.
22/192	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.
22/193	Matters of Urgency.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.

22/194	Public Participation.	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A parishioner has asked if Will Pool could be dug out to remove some of the sediment and to help prevent flooding. A group of parishioners have offered to carry out the work. However, the liner of the pool is clay and there is a risk it could be damaged so the work has to be carried out carefully and done by a professional. However, the culvert has recently been cleared. 2. Residents of Eden Court have been concerned about workmen taking soil samples from the field behind them. They are concerned that there is going to be a planning application submitted for further housing in the parish. 3. A request was received from a parishioner asking if the Council would put a football net in near Meadow Close for the resident children. The parishioner was told that the Parish Council did have a football pitch with nets on the Parish Sports/Playing field but it was not used, so the nets and posts had to be removed due to safety issues. They were also told that the School did not mind local children using the play area. The Council then discussed suggesting to the parishioner about approaching the Management Committee for The Meadows to ask if they would put a football net possible to include a catch net for stray footballs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council will look at this issue when Will Pool next dries out in the summer. 2. RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Chris West will suggest to the parishioner about approaching the Management Committee for The Meadows to ask if they would put a football net in possibly to include a catch net for stray footballs. 3. RESOLVED that it be noted that although it is not known why the workmen were taking soil samples from the field area behind Eden Court, this area has not been allocated by the Neighbourhood Plan for housing and furthermore the new Local Plan indicates that there is a barrier against building more than 25% new houses in Hub villages.
22/195	Report from the local Community Police.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that Erica Norman PCSO 5397 has reported that there have been no incidents of note to report back for this past month in the local area but if anything arises in the near future Erica will inform the Parish Council.</p>
22/196	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7 th September 2022.	<p>It was recommended that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 7th September 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 7th September 2022 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.</p>

22/197	Progress Reports on Recent Actions.	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 7 th September 2022
	a. Donations at Eden Bridge Car Park (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report regarding the donation at Eden Bridge car park.
	b. Repair of the door on the Grass Cutting equipment storage shed (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the rendering work on the grass-cutting equipment storage shed is scheduled to be completed over the next few weeks.
	c. State of footpaths in the Village (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the County Council's program for the maintenance of footpaths, including drop kerbs has begun and all works should be completed by 31 st March 2023.
	d. Highways Issues Updates (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the sunken tarmac in Fiddler's lane and the broken gully has now been repaired.
	e. Parish Notice Board Maintenance (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that Councillor John Judson will look into the painting of the welding on the legs of the Town Head notice board and the mending of one of the door catches which is loose on the community side of the notice board.
	f. Parish Fishing (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that there was nothing further to report regarding the Parish fishing, as a reply had not yet been received from the Angling club.
	g. Sign at River Eden (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted there was nothing further to report about the 'no access ISSS site on our stream by Lazonby Estates' sign on the gates at the River Eden at present.
	h. Broken Rail near the Old School (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the work on the broken rail near the Old School is ongoing.
	i. Dangerous Gap on the Steps at the bottom of Scaur Close (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council felt that there was nothing more that could be done regarding the dangerous gap on the steps at the bottom of Scaur Close because it was on private land, so the item will now be removed from the agenda.
	j. North Cumbria Orchard Group (NCOG) Event (Last minute 22/170).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Autumn Apple Juicing event was cancelled due to lack of time to organise it.
	k. Loose Sandstone Plinth (Last minute 22/167).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the sandstone plinth/coping stone which has come loose on a wall near the church, is to be replaced and repaired by the County Council.

	I. Request from Lazonby Village Hall Committee to review electricity use (Last minute 22/183).	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk had written to request more information about the footway light on the village hall's electricity use but has not received a reply as yet from the Lazonby Village Hall Committee.
	m. Reviewing Staff Expenses (Last minute 22/184).	RESOLVED that it be noted that due to less of an increase in electricity prices because of the government cap the Clerk is happy to continue at the current rate that she receives for her electricity expenses; however, this will be reviewed early next year or if anything changes before that.
22/198	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. A single Local Plan for Westmoreland & Furness will need to be made to cover Eden, Barrow etc. This will be a matter for the new Council. They will need to look at service provision in each housing hub and their relationship with neighbouring settlements. A settlement profile will be needed for services like schools, shops etc. Also, boundary assessment work will be needed which will show where building can take place. Lazonby already has its boundary set out and is probably the only parish that does in Eden. They will also need to include open spaces, greens, sports fields and playgrounds. The Parish Councils may get questionnaires on this subject. There are approximately 93 settlements (of more than 5 houses). There is an EALC / EDC event – Settlement Study virtual forum meeting on 18th October at 7 pm. 2. The organisation of the new authority is gathering pace; Voreda House is going to be one of the main Council headquarters buildings for the new authority. Mansion House is now under offer and possibly could be made into a Hotel, and the Town hall will possibly become an Arts & Cultural Centre. <p>RESOLVED that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for his report, the contents of which were noted.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that District Councillor Gordon Nicolson reserved the right to request to speak on other issues on the agenda.</p>
22/199	Report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick.	<p>The Council received a report from County Councillor Hilary Carrick about County Council matters affecting the Parish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cumbria County Council is also moving at speed preparing for the two new Unitary Authorities. Three main posts need to be filled. They have recruited a Chief Executive and a Director of Finance but they still need to recruit the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer by December 2022. 2. The Budget Consultation for the two new Authorities will be set for February/March 2023. 3. At last September's Shadow Authority Meeting, there were three motions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaring climate and biodiversity emergencies. • Looked after children – protected characteristics for children in care to tackle discrimination, stigma, prejudice and assumptions.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of living – lobbying the Government.
		<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>
22/200	Lazonby Parish Projects:	
	a. Proposed Development of Lazonby Egg Packing Station.	<p>The Council received a report about the proposed development of the Lazonby Egg Packing Station. Councillor Gordon Nicolson reported that they have met with representatives from the Addington Fund, who have also visited the site. So far they are happy with the Housing Development project and happy to continue discussions. They will also be reporting back to their Trustees so the next few weeks will be very important in the progression of the project. The Parish Council will be seeking a grant to buy and remediate the site, repair the collapsed wall, re-route the drains and make it all ready to build out, The build will be the responsibility of the Addington Fund. The Housing project is just a facilitation position for the Parish Council and they will have no responsibility or liability in the future. There are still plenty of issues to decide and agree on but the future of the project is looking more promising.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon Nicolson be thanked for the report about the Egg Packing Station Affordable Housing Project which was noted.</p>
	b. Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.	<p>The Council received an update on the footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool project. Councillor Chris West reported that the footway project is nearing its end now and there is enough funding to cover the costs of the project. The final cost was £109,123. The final part of The Eden Community Funding is still to be received and with that, the Parish Council will have enough money to pay Cumbria County Council. The Parish Council have raised approximately £29,000. The Parish Council need to raise an invoice to give to Cumbria County Council so that the cost of the path can be paid.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer raise an invoice to be given to Cumbria County Council so that the cost of the path can be paid.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Chris West be thanked for her report on the Footway between Eden Bridge and Lazonby Swimming Pool.</p>
	c. New Lazonby Signs.	<p>RESOLVED that the Council agreed to remove this from the agenda for now as no progress has been made.</p>
	d. Scaur Close Green Update.	<p>The Council received a Scaur Close Green update from the volunteer parishioner Geoff Wilson who kindly maintains the area. The report is on the Parish Council Website. CALC has recently asked Parish Councils to share any work they have been a part of that promotes bio-diversity and helps to stop the effects of climate change so the Clerk will ask Geoff Wilson for his permission to share his report with them.</p>
		<p>RESOLVED that the Council wished to thank parishioner Geoff Wilson for the work he does to keep the Scaur Close Green maintained and for the report he has produced.</p> <p>ALSO RESOLVED to ask Geoff Wilson if he is happy for the Council to share his report on the Scaur Close Green with CALC.</p>

22/201	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	<p>The Council received a report from the Treasurer for September 2022 (please see attached Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his report, the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.</p>
22/202	Authority for Payments.	RESOLVED that there were no authority for payments received.
22/203	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	<p>The Council considered the following Planning Applications.</p> <p>1. Planning Application No. 22/0655 - Retrospective application for the erection of a polytunnel, at Eden Field, Armathwaite, Carlisle.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to Planning Application No. 22/0655 - Retrospective application for the erection of a polytunnel, at Eden Field, Armathwaite, Carlisle.</p>
22/204	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that it be noted that no Planning Application Decisions were received.
22/205	LPC Cumbria Highways Link Person Report.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there was nothing further to report regarding Cumbria Highways.
22/206	Local Government Reorganisation.	<p>The Council received updates on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Bulletins – updates and newsletters on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - 15th September and 22nd September 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the information and updates about the Local Government Reorganisation be noted.</p>
22/207	Invitations to Participate.	<p>The Council considered if Council Members would like to comment, take part in, attend, or send a representative to any invitations to participate.</p> <p>1. CALC Annual General Meeting - CHANGE OF DATE – 29th October 2022. Due to recent unforeseen circumstances, a number of parish council meetings have had to be postponed and it has been agreed by the CALC Executive Committee that in order to give Parish and Town councils sufficient time to go through the AGM Agenda and supporting papers the CALC AGM will be postponed until 29th October 2022 at 10.30 am, revised Agenda attached. The CALC Annual Review 2022/23 will follow. The Theme for this year's Annual General Meeting is the “Cost of Living Squeeze” and they have two guest speakers are Steve Shaw, Director of Power for People and Howard Cox, Founder of Fair Fuel UK.</p> <p>2. Multi-Agency Response to Flooding Training Day - A full-day training and tabletop exercise event for Category 1 & 2 responders, elected members, voluntary agencies and community groups. These events will not cover the welfare aspects of the response in detail such as Reception Centres Management.</p> <p>Aims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase knowledge of the Forecasting, Warning/Informing and Pre-Planning for flooding 2. To increase the awareness of the planned flood response

		<p>arrangements for Cumbria (multi-agency & community) and the specific issues rapid onset flooding raises</p> <p>3. To enhance relationships between local responders at all levels in responding to flooding events in Cumbria</p> <p>DATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 12th October 2022 - Kendal Town Hall, Assembly Room, Highgate, Kendal LA9 4DL • Friday 21st October 2022 - Cathedral Room, Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Rickergate, Carlisle CA3 8QG • Wednesday 2nd November 2022 - Allerdale Borough Council, Allerdale House, Council Chamber, Workington CA14 3YJ <p>Event Duration 10:00 a.m. – 16:00 p.m. There is no charge for attendance. A Buffet Lunch is courtesy of the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum. Places are limited so please book early using the booking link</p> <p>3. Westmorland and Furness Council update on LGR 16th November 2022 - Sam Plum and Jonathan Brook have agreed to give Parish and Town councils in Westmorland and Furness an update on LGR on 16th November 2022 at 7 pm, the meeting room will be open from 6.45 pm. The meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>4. A personal Invitation to the 2022 Eden Tourism Summit - 'Sustainability and Innovation within Eden's visitor economy' at Center Parcs, Whinfell Forest, Penrith on Wednesday 19 October 2022, 10 am to 1.30 pm (registration from 9.30 am) at a cost of £10.</p> <p>5. CALC Question and Answer session on the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) application - You are invited to attend a Question and Answer session on the CIO application prior to the CALC Annual General Meeting. The event will be held on the 17th of October at 7 pm as a virtual meeting. CALC is currently an unincorporated association. An unincorporated association is an organisation set up through an agreement between a group of people who come together for a reason other than to make a profit - for example, a voluntary group or a sports club. An unincorporated association is not a legal entity so cannot enter into contracts and is expected to operate with volunteers, not paid staff. Individual members of an unincorporated association are personally responsible for any debts and financial obligations. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is different to an unincorporated association. It operates in the same manner as a small limited company. It is registered with the Charity Commission and adheres to charity legislation, all of which are less onerous than the requirements of Companies House. Becoming a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation will give CALC a more robust and professional platform for the future and will demonstrate to our stakeholders that we mean business. If you would like to know more about the proposed change to CALC's legal structure ahead of the AGM, then join your fellow CALC members for this informal question and answer session. Your opportunity to more fully understand why the AGM is requested to</p>
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		<p>approve a draft constitution to support a change to CALC's current legal structure.</p> <p>6. Invitation for Town and Parish Councils to Cumbria Flood and Coast Forum on 20th October 2022 at Castle Green Hotel, Castle Green Lane, Kendal, Cumbria.</p> <p>7. General Data Protects Regulations (GDPR) Training - CALC has organised a virtual training session on GDPR, this will be held on 12th October at 7.30 pm, £25 per person.</p> <p>8. Invitation to Scribefest 2022 on Friday, October 14th 2022 - It will be hosted live on zoom between 10 am and 3.30 pm – It's a free conference dedicated to Parish, Town, and Community councils. The event starts with a keynote by MP Duncan Baker, followed by over 10 expert speakers. Topics include Healthy Neighborhoods, Bullying and The Law, JPAG guide updates, Wellbeing, Web accessibility, Sustainability and more. There will also be prize draws and a book launch (An Improper Officer), along with celebrating all the good work the local government sector does.</p> <p>9. Sustainable Transport in the Lake District – Presentations and discussion on 7th October 2022, 9 am – 11 am online via Zoom. Come and hear experts discuss some of the challenges and opportunities for sustainable travel in the Lake District, and contribute to the debate by pre-submitting questions. This event is part of the research that was detailed in the Lake District National Park Management Plan. ACTION with Communities in Cumbria is hosting this event for the Sustainable Transport and Travel Key Outcome Group. The event will inform the framing of three research priorities of the LDNPP Management Plan Outcome 5, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How visitors and residents would like to move [to and] around the park. • How to address congestion and net zero with respect to transport • Better awareness of relevant global innovation in the transport and mobility sector, specifically in relation to behaviour change and implementation. <p>and in doing this, understand more clearly the appetite for change across stakeholder groups and the nature of any changes possible and needed in regard to Lake District access and transport. The experts who will present ideas and contribute to the discussion at the event are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professor Jillian Anable, Chair of Transport and Energy, Leeds University –scenarios for future access and travel to the Lake District that takes into account current and emerging understanding of the social trends in how people travel and the imperatives and legal obligations to decarbonise travel. ○ James Berresford, Deputy Chair of the Peak District National Park – visitor economy & national parks scenarios that balance the need to widen access whilst limiting car-borne journeys, referring to studies on traffic omissions,
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		<p>attitudinal surveys, and plans for recreation hubs and rail and trail connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ James Blake, CEO of the Youth Hostel Association - future scenarios of access and transport that tackle the current social exclusion linked to car dependency and cost. ○ Stephen Joseph, Transport Policy Advisor - scenarios based on best transport practices available in the UK under existing policy frameworks, notably integrated public transport in Cornwall, moves towards traffic management and charging for car parking Snowdonia, car clubs, DRT, e-bike hire, zero carbon commuting including structured car sharing, and rural hubs. Linking to wider spatial planning and economic development policies, recognising the LDNPA transport will be influenced by activities in the areas around it like West Cumbria. <p>Their Chair for the event will be Steve Curl. The event will be held on zoom. Booking will close <u>at noon on 6th October</u>. Once all the available places are taken we will hold a waiting list and may make more places available. If you would like to pose a question for the panel to consider, you can detail this in the Eventbrite registration. We plan to have two sets of panel discussions on submitted questions. Submission of questions will close <u>at noon on the 3rd of October</u>.</p> <p>10. Invite to the joint EALC / EDC event – Settlement Study. Settlement studies can be used to inform decisions on the current and future roles of towns and villages and their place within an area. The purpose of this assessment is to provide an understanding of the nature, role and function of communities across Eden that sit outside the two national parks. It will identify how our settlements inter-relate to each other and will inform evidence to influence future spatial planning in our local area. Join your fellow EALC members to hear from Réa Psillidou (EDC Planning Policy Manager) and Rachael Armstrong (EDC Senior Planning Officer) about a forthcoming settlement study and more fully understand the parameters that town and parish councils will ask to be considered. The event will be held virtually on Tuesday the 18th of October 2022 at 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm prompt start. The meeting link can be found below. Could you let me know if you intend to come along so we can plan facilitators for the evening accordingly.</p> <p>RESOLVED that invitations to participate be noted.</p>
22/208	INFORMATION given for reference only.	<p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CALC News for July & August 2022. 2. Zero Carbon Cumbria: Local Authority Climate Update - 9th September 2022 and 22nd September 2022 3. Levelling Up Bill Information.
22/209	Date of the Next Meeting.	<p>RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday 2nd November 2022, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.</p>

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm.