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LAZONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

**For the Meeting of Lazonby Parish Council on
Wednesday 4th March 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 three parishioners.

ITEM / MINUTE No.	ITEM	BUSINESS
26/33	Apologies for absence.	RESOLVED that the apologies received from Councillor Tim Wright be accepted and noted.
26/34	Resignation of Councillor.	The Council received notice of Councillor Andrew Sharple's resignation from the Council. RESOLVED that the Clerk let Westmorland & Furness Council know about Councillor Andy Sharples resignation so that notices of vacancy can be put up in the parish. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Andrew Sharples for his time on the Parish Council.
26/35	The Filling of Council Member Vacancies.	RESOLVED 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.
26/36	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.
26/37	Declaration of Interest.	RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest.
26/38	Matters of Urgency.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there were no matters of urgency to consider.
26/39	Public Participation.	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. 1. A parishioner reported prior to the meeting that the pavement surface in Scaur Close had deteriorated further. 2. Two young parishioners spoke at the meeting about wanting to continue to create a bike track in the parish. They have received 116 responses for the bike project, and 7 against the project, through a poll in a Lazonby group on social media. They have asked Keswick Town Council about their bike track project and if they can give them ideas. Councillor Ryan Wilson-Lane has met with the young parishioners and their parents to discuss the project further. It was said that the young parishioners would need responsible adults to help support the project. There are possible funding opportunities through the police and other

		fundrers and also they can do fundraising events themselves. The Parish Council advised them to come up with a project plan including a design of the bike track not only so the Parish Council could see it but for future funding applications. A parishioner present at the meeting said that they would be happy to help them with a design. Putting the bike track on the parish playing field was also discussed; however, this needs to be looked at more once a design has been created.
		1. RESOLVED that the Clerk has put the issue of the deteriorating pavement in Scaur Close on this agenda under 'Footpaths in the Village' agenda item. 2. RESOLVED that while the Parish Council are happy to support the bike track project but they are not able to do any of the work themselves due to low Council Membership and already having many projects and issues to work on in the parish. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the young parishioners will now continue to progress the project further.
26/40	Broadband in the Parish.	RESOLVED that it be noted that there are no wayleaves due to the Parish Council. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that B4RN continues to make progress with the installation of their fibre optic broadband in the village; they now have the main infrastructure in, although they are waiting to get electricity to the cabinet on the corner of Great Salkeld Road and Scaur Lane. Hopefully, the connection to electricity will happen in the next 2 weeks.
26/41	Report from the local Police.	RESOLVED that the Eden Focus Police Newsletter for Eden Rural and the Penrith & Alston Police Newsletter for January & February 2026 be noted. ALSO RESOLVED that there was nothing further to report at present regarding the Neighbourhood Policing Team. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Eden Neighbourhood Policing team has advised that the Penrith North Rural & Alston PACT (Police, Partners and Communities together) survey is now open for comments until Wednesday 11th March 2026.
26/42	Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4 th February 2026.	It was recommended that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th February 2026 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings. RESOLVED that the Council's Meeting Minutes of the 4th February 2026 be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
26/43	Progress Reports on Recent Actions. a. Boat Users on the River Eden (Last minuted 25/10).	The Council received progress reports regarding matters from the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 4th February 2026. The Council received an update on the issues around boat users on the River Eden. The Clerk has contacted the rafting company again about meeting with the Parish Council and they have said they will let the Clerk know when they can meet the Parish Council, as currently they have other work commitments. Also the Clerk has made Paddle UK aware of the natural erosion under the access steps into the river. They would like photos once the water has dropped enough to show the erosion. A temporary notice to say 'The steps are to be used at your own risk' has been put up on the access steps. The Parish Council discussed some of the unresolved issues. RESOLVED that Councillor Maralyn Wade will try to take some photos of the erosion under the steps if the river is low enough.

		ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council will continue to pursue a dialogue with the rafting company. ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Tim Wright be thanked for making the temporary signs for the access steps.
	b. 150th Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station (Last minuted 26/10).	The Council received an update about how the community can mark the 150th anniversary of Lazonby Train Station in May 2026. The events will be educational as well as fun for the school children • There are thirty tickets for children to travel • A school in Shipley and Saltaire are interested in visiting on the 1st May 2026. • Bells of Lazonby will provide the refreshments to be served in their Platform Offices or on the Station platform. • Settle Wheelers Cycling will also be involved • Maybe the station could be turned into an art gallery • A talk about the station and railway. • Possible quiz night • Celebrations will be carried over the year, and a pack of facts and a commemorative pin badge will also be available to buy. • Also on July 16th 2026 will be the 40th year anniversary of the station being reopened after being closed in 1970. RESOLVED that the report about the 150th Anniversary of Lazonby Train Station celebrations from Councillor Ryan Wilson–Lane be noted with thanks.
	c. Eden Rivers Trust Request to replace existing information board about invasive species (Last minuted 26/25).	RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead and Maralyn Wade will be meeting representatives from the Eden Rivers Trust to discuss the replacement of the existing information board about invasive species and where to site it, on Thursday 26th March 2026.
	d. Request for a Memorial Bench to be put in the Parish (Last minuted 26/27).	RESOLVED that the Council has received notification from Highways to say they have received the request form for the bench in memory of a parishioner's wife, and are happy to proceed. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that it was mentioned by Highways that the Parish Council had not actually officially said they were happy with the bench being put in the parish, although the Parish Council had sent the request form to Highways, so the Clerk will officially write to tell them that the Parish Council are happy for the bench to be placed in the requested place on the road to Carlisle.
	e. Rubbish/Dog Waste bins (Last minuted 26/06).	RESOLVED that it be noted that Westmorland & Furness Council rubbish bins/dog waste bins will remain as a weekly collection as it is a different service.
26/44	Report from the Westmorland & Furness Councillor.	The Council received a report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick about Westmorland & Furness matters affecting the Parish. Devolution The Cumbria Combined Authority (CCA) was formally established on 24th February 2026 by a statutory instrument made on 23rd February 2026. This Order establishes the new, Mayor-led strategic authority covering Westmorland & Furness and Cumberland councils, unlocking £333 million in investment over 30 years, across Cumbria. The CCA will operate for its first year without a directly elected Mayor. During this transitional period, the CCA is governed by a board comprising two

		councillors from Cumberland Council and two from Westmorland and Furness Council for 2026 - 2027. The first election for a Mayor of Cumbria is scheduled for May 2027. They are currently ratifying the Chief Executive etc. for the new authority to begin 18th March. Council Budget The budget increase of 4.99% was agreed for 2026-27. It was agreed that the garden waste be charged at £60 per bin per year. There will also be increases on other services like parking too. Consultations 1. Home to School Transport Consultation which ends 21st April. 2. Blue Badge Consultation which ends 18th March 2026.
		RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness 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.
26/45	Place Action Group (PAG).	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. Councillor Hilary Carrick submitted the funding application to PAG with the quotes for the graphics for the signage, which has been accepted by the funders. Place Action Group (PAG) is also holding a Village Hall Support Session taking place on Tuesday 24th March 2026^h, at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. This evening session is designed for village hall committees and volunteers who are thinking about future improvement projects, especially around energy efficiency and accessibility. RESOLVED that the submission of the PAG funding application be noted with thanks to Councillor Maralyn Wade and Councillor Hilary Carrick. ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk forward the PAG Village Hall Support Session information to Lazonby Village Hall Committee. ALSO RESOLVED that the next Place Action Group (PAG) on 26th March 2026 via Teams.
26/46	Parish Projects:	
	a. Will Pool Revamp.	RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give Councillor Maralyn Wade delegated authority to seek the quotes form Ecology Companies and to pass them onto the Parish Councillors when they reply. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that several ecology companies have already been sent photos and details on Will Pool to see if they can give quotes on carrying out an ecology report for the area. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that an inspection of the cantilever bridge on Will Pool has been carried out and is wobbly but not unsafe, this is probably due to shrinkage in the clay basin of the pond when it dried out in hot weather, and the space has not been refilled. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the volunteer who is kindly carrying out the work, will meet with Councillor Philip Whitehead to see if the cantilever bridge needs replacing or mending. ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Maralyn Wade and her partner be thanked for working on the Will Pool renovations and seeking someone to carry out the ecology report.

	b. Donation Box at Eden Bridge Car Park.	RESOLVED that the donation box at Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing and will be made once the car park has been resurfaced.
	c. Resurfacing of Eden Bridge Car Park.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the resurfacing of Eden Bridge car park is still ongoing with the Parish Council waiting to hear from the Environment Agency after submitting a form for work permits, then a risk assessment will be carried out. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Phillip Whitehead will be talking to Eden Rivers Trust about the project when they meet soon regarding the new invasive species signage.
26/47	Parish Maintenance:	
	a. Flooding Issues in the Parish.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the resolution for the flooding issues is ongoing. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Councillor Maralyn Wade has notified the Local Plan Team about Site No 110048 Land east of Fiddlers Lane which is as follows: Regarding the application for the above named site within the Parish Council Locality, it appears that there are inaccuracies in completion of the form. In the section Suitability/Balance Score regarding flooding and surface water, there has been no answers submitted at all by the applicant. The Parish Council feel it is important that this is noted and remedied to prevent possible error as a large section of this land is under water and subject to regular seasonal flooding by the River Eden. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Local Plan Team replied to Councillor Maralyn Wade to confirm that the mapping data used to score the suitability of the site indicates that there are flooding issues to the eastern section of site 110048, and sent an image showing the EA Flood Zones for reference; which they will be taken into account when the assessment progresses.
	b. Roads in the Parish.	The Council received an update on the following road/Highways issues in the Parish from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick: - The resurfacing on Station Road. - The recurring water flooding on the road between Eden Bridge car park and the swimming pool. - Vandalised road sign on Carlisle Road near Scarrows. - The H Bars on the dropdown kerbs near the Lofts which are in need of repainting. - Two potholes in Thieftside and near the village hall. RESOLVED that it be noted that the Station Road resurfacing will be completed next financial year now and is at the top of the list. RESOLVED that it be noted recurring water flooding on the road between Eden Bridge car park and the swimming pool is still ongoing, with Highways still responding to any further funding but the Environment Agency is investigating the cause. RESOLVED that it that it be noted that Highways has been to see the vandalised road sign on the Carlisle road near Scarrows and has also reported there are a few around the parish that need replacing. RESOLVED that it be noted that the H Bars on the dropdown kerbs

		near the Lofts which are in need of repainting is still ongoing and will be done next time the road marking contractors are in the area.. 5. RESOLVED that the potholes at Thiefside and near the village hall have been repaired but it appears the pothole near the village hall has had a temporary patch so it needs to be done properly. ALSO RESOLVED that Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hilary Carrick be thanked for her report regarding the updates on Highways issues, the contents of which were noted.
	c. Footpaths in the Village.	The Parish Council received the following report on a footpath in the parish to consider: 1. Scaur Close footpath maintenance - Some long-ish sections of the footways in Scaur Close are now pretty rough and broken, and the surface dressing worn away and could present a trip hazard for less mobile people. It is thought that the additional new housing estates off of Scaur Lane have increased the foot traffic through Scar Close considerably, so the condition of the footways is becoming more important. It was also reported at the meeting that the steps at the end of Scaur Close also needed maintenance. It was reported that Highways had been out previously and said that it was just loose surface and swept it. RESOLVED that the footpath and the steps needing maintenance in Scaur Close be reported to Highways.
	d. Parish Tree Survey.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the parish tree survey is still ongoing.
	e. Damaged Fence at Bateman Lane.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the repairs of the damaged fence at Bateman Lane is still ongoing.
	f. Vandalised Metal Bench on Carlisle Road.	The Council received an update about the vandalised metal bench on Carlisle road. The recovered King George plaque has been given to the Engineers at Bells of Lazonby to be put back on the repaired bench, with instructions for which colours need to be used to repaint it. The plinth has already been marked out for the re-siting of the repaired bench. However it has been noticed that the lower limbs of the trees around the bench's site need to be removed. RESOLVED that the removal of lower limbs of the trees around the bench be put on April 2026 agenda for consideration.
	g. Recycling Centre and Eden Bridge car park.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk had confirmation that new recycling signage at the Recycling Centre will be put up by Westmorland & Furness Council. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk informed the volunteers who keep the recycling centre tidy about the new signage, so that they were aware of what was going to happen, and they agreed it was a good idea.
	h. Parish Grass-cutting for 2026.	RESOLVED that the parish grass-cutting volunteers be mobilised again for 2026, and to note that all the equipment is now serviced and ready to use. ALSO RESOLVED that Councillor Phillip Whitehead offered to be a reserve for the grass cutting volunteers.

	i. Other Maintenance Issues in the Parish.	The Council considered any other maintenance issues that need to be looked at in the parish that are the sole responsibility of the Parish Council (not other external bodies). The Council received notification that the volunteer who looks after Scaur Close Green has asked if they can have the authority to hire a petrol powered scarifier for two days, at the cost of £30 plus VAT per day, which would be a total cost of £60 plus VAT, to scarify the wild flower area at Scaur Close Green. This is because good wild-flower areas have to be subjected to a replication of being eaten and trampled by sheep or cattle. This to open up some soil to accept seeds etc. The Clerk spoke to the Chair about giving the go ahead so that the volunteer could get on with the work. The Chair agreed to the request. RESOLVED that it be noted that the Chair and Clerk gave the volunteer the authority to hire a petrol powered scarifier for two days at the cost of £60 plus VAT, to scarify the wild flower area at Scaur Close Green. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that Scaur Close green has now been scarified with thanks to the volunteers for carrying out the work.
26/48	Financial Report by the Treasurer.	The Council received a report from the Treasurer for February 2026 (please see attached Treasurer's Report). RESOLVED that the Treasurer be thanked for his monthly report for February 2026 (see attached report), the contents of which were approved, accepted and noted.
26/49	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 £157.14 to the Clerk for travel and office expenses (Bank transfer No: 201). 2. The sum of £60-00 to Lazonby Village Hall for two scheduled monthly meetings and an additional meeting to discuss the land at the Old School (Bank transfer No: 202). 3. The sum of £56.79 including VAT of £9.46 to a volunteer parishioner for the hire costs of a scarifier to scarify the wildflower area of the Village Green in Scaur Close (Bank transfer No: 203).
26/50	Planning Applications – New (or Appeal).	RESOLVED 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 & Furness Council planning list which is to all Clerks via email. 1. Planning Application Ref: 2026/0225/NMA - Non Material Amendment to adjust the size of 2nd windows in gable elevation, attached to approval 2025/1950/HOU, at West End House, Lazonby, Penrith, CA10 1AJ.
26/51	Planning Applications – Decisions.	RESOLVED that the following planning decision be noted: 1. Planning Application Ref: 2024/1812/FPA (Full Application) – Erection of a Dwelling, at Land between Swynways and Thackmoor, Old Town, High Hesket, Carlisle CA4 0JE – FINALLY DISPOSED OF. 2. Planning Application Ref: 2025/2367/HOU (Householder) - Alterations to include raising of roof by 600mm to provide accommodation at first floor level, addition of dormers to rear elevation, first floor window to front elevation and reconfiguration of existing openings, at Davelin Lazonby, Penrith CA101BL – APPROVED with Conditions.

26/52	Reports on any Highways Issues.	RESOLVED that the following temporary road closures be noted: 1. Notification of a temporary road closure was put in place to allow Broadband for the Rural North Limited to carry out utility works and was expected to commence 23rd February 2026 and anticipated to take 3 days to complete. Location: C3007, Castlerigg Road, Lazonby, from its junction with the C3017, extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx. 4.3 kilometres. Alternative Route: A suitable alternative route will be signed and made available via the C3017, C3015 and the C3016. It has been identified that it will not be safe to maintain access for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists throughout the restriction. N.B This restriction or Passage for Emergency Vehicles will not be maintained for the duration of this restriction.						
The Chair addressed the Parish Council present to ask if they wished to carry on business beyond the two-hour time limit for Parish Council meetings. It was RESOLVED to continue to complete all business on the agenda.								
26/53	Considering the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities.	The Council received an update regarding the implications of the new Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and digital and data protection responsibilities. This needs to be in place, or in the process, by 1st April 2026. The Council considered the building of a new accessibility 2.2 complaint website. The Clerk attended the Assertion 10 workshop and it has become more evident that the Parish Council need to build a new website from scratch which is fully compliant to Assertion 10 and the new accessibility standards. This is something that is too much work for the current webmaster that has done it on a volunteer basis for nearly 10 years. The Clerk has spoken to the Chair Councillor Phillip Whitehead and he agreed but of course it will need to be agreed by the full Council. The Clerk has sought five quotes, which a summary of the quotes were sent via email to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. It was also advised that for best practice, although not mandatory, that all Parish Councillors should have their own emails linked to the website so that GDPR etc can be actively monitored. Also, it may be best to have a gov.uk address as this could become a necessity in a few years. The Clerk would also like to ask for some extra temporary hours for this work if it exceeds her normal hours, much like before when the Clerk had to deal with GDPR compliancy a few years ago, as the Clerk will have to work with the new website designer to set up the website. RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to the new Lazonby Parish Council website being built so that it meets all the new compliancy needs, Assertion 10 and the new accessibility standards, under the new address of .gov.uk. ALSO RESOLVED that the Parish Council agreed to the quote from website builders Aubergine because it was competitive, and the company has had plenty of experience in building compliant websites for Parish and Town Councils. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the following costs of having a new website built with Aubergine would be an initial cost of website building package is as follows, and includes annual costs from 2027: WCAG website build and set up including the uploading of essential content and year 1 website subscription <table><tr><td>1:1 online training</td><td>£199.00</td></tr><tr><td>Extended annual support package of 5 hours</td><td>£300.00</td></tr><tr><td>Annual email package</td><td>£60.00</td></tr></table>	1:1 online training	£199.00	Extended annual support package of 5 hours	£300.00	Annual email package	£60.00
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		New .gov.uk domain - 100% discounted for year 1 0.00 Subtotal £1,058.00 Total VAT 20% £211.60 Total Amount = £1,269.60 With then the annual website costs being as follows: 1. Subscription to WCAG-compliant website platform, with up to 2GB file storage & 2 hours of support, ongoing training at £199 + VAT per year 2. Domain name renewal and DNS management at £100 + VAT per year for .gov.uk. 3. Email Services - Low cost self managed service for 20 x addresses with 2 GB storage each, UK-based, GDPR-compliant services at £60 + VAT per year, Total annual renewal from 2027:- £359 + VAT at 20% on top per annum. ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to pay the Clerk temporary extra hours for organising and helping with the set up of the new Parish Council website.
26/54	Parish Playing/Sports Field and Grazing to Let for 2026.	The Council considered the Parish Field and grazing to let for 2026. The Council considered the new Terms & Conditions for the rights to graze the parish playing field. It was also recommended that the Council agree to give the Clerk and the Chair, or another Councillor, delegated authority to open the submitted bids for the grazing after the deadline and make a decision on who will rent the field. The Clerk will then inform the successful bidder of the decision and give them a copy of the new Terms & Conditions of renting the grazing. The Clerk has already put up sheep grazing posters on the notice boards and the LPC Website to advertise the parish playing/sports field from 1st April until 30th November 2026, with a deadline for sealed bids by Friday 27th March 2026. The Clerk has also said the Terms & Conditions for renting the parish field can be obtained from the Clerk on request. RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk has already advertised the Parish sports/playing field for sheep grazing from 1st April until 30th November 2026, with a deadline for sealed bids by Friday 27th March 2026. ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the new Terms & Conditions for the rights to graze the parish playing field ALSO RESOLVED that the Council agreed to give the Clerk and the Vice-Chair Councillor Maralyn Wade delegated authority to open the submitted bids for the grazing after the deadline, and make a decision on who will rent the field; then the Clerk will inform the successful bidder of the decision.
26/55	Treasurer to the Parish Council's Appraisal.	RESOLVED that Councillors Phillip Whitehead and Ryan Wilson-Lane will liaise with the Treasurer Chris Hoy about making a date for his appraisal.
26/56	General Parish Council Admin.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Clerk discussed general administration issues with the Parish Council which include answering urgent emails so that issues can be resolved quicker. ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk would look into flagging urgent emails from now on so they are more noticeable to Parish Councillors.

26/57	Bike Track Project.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the Parish Council had already discussed the possibility of a bike track in the parish earlier in the meeting. ALSO RESOLVED that it be noted that the Council also discussed the possibility of a Youth Club being started up in the parish.
26/58	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. Friends of the Settle- Carlisle Line Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 25th April 2026. From 10.15 am for the start of formal business at 10.45 am. Tea and coffee will be available. A light lunch will be available after the formal business from 12.15am. The venue is a 3 minute walk from the Granary Wharf entrance to the station. The venue is Double Tree Hilton Leeds. Granary Wharf, 2 Wharf Approach, Leeds. LS1 4BR. 2. Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project –Stakeholder questionnaire Over a 14-month period (September 2024 – November 2025), the Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project has explored whether local people would be supportive of a reintroduction of white-tailed eagles into the Cumbrian landscape. During this period, they have collected data on people’s opinions regionally through a questionnaire, interviews, focus groups and community workshops. Since November 2025, they have explored the opinion data on white-tailed eagle reintroduction and have prepared a report summarising the findings. The Social Engagement and Consultation Report is finalised, and we are now sharing this with you. Our results show that overall, there is a high level of support (78%) and positive attitudes towards a white-tailed eagle reintroduction amongst people living in the project region. For more information, please see the attached report and infographic. Next steps - The project is now distributing a stakeholder questionnaire for the purpose of the Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project’s social consultation. The objective of this questionnaire is to understand the level the anticipated impacts and key considerations for a white-tailed eagle reintroduction into Cumbria. The responses collected from this collective stakeholder questionnaire will feed into the social consultation. They are looking for representatives from stakeholder organisations to complete the questionnaire, and they would like to invite you on behalf of your organisation to take part. There’s general information about the project within the attached report, but if you would like to meet with the project staff to learn more before completing the stakeholder questionnaire, please do contact us. The collective stakeholder questionnaire can be found on: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/cwtestakeholderquestionnaire/ This questionnaire will be available to complete over a six week period (until the end of the day of Monday 30th March 2026). They would welcome a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the project in more depth before completion of the stakeholder questionnaire. If this is of interest to your organisation, please reply to this email with suitable dates/times. 3. The easyfundraising Impact Fund is offering 20 unrestricted grants of £500 to UK not-for-profit organisations. The grant is unrestricted, so it can be used wherever the money is needed most to support your work. When to apply: 23rd February – 5th April 2026 Who can apply - The fund is open to UK based:

- Registered charities
- Other not-for-profit organisations
- Sports clubs and teams
- Schools and education settings
- Social enterprises and CICs
- After-school and youth groups
- Churches and religious organisations

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4. **Friends of the Settle- Carlisle Line Annual General Meeting** will be held on Saturday 25th April 2026. From 10.15 am for the start of formal business at 10.45 am. Tea and coffee will be available. A light lunch will be available after the formal business from 12.15am. The venue is a 3 minute walk from the Granary Wharf entrance to the station. The venue is Double Tree Hilton Leeds. Granary Wharf, 2 Wharf Approach, Leeds. LS1 4BR.
5. **Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project –Stakeholder questionnaire**
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Next steps - The project is now distributing a stakeholder questionnaire for the purpose of the Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle Project's social consultation. The objective of this questionnaire is to understand the level the anticipated impacts and key considerations for a white-tailed eagle reintroduction into Cumbria. The responses collected from this collective stakeholder questionnaire will feed into the social consultation.
They are looking for representatives from stakeholder organisations to complete the questionnaire, and they would like to invite you on behalf of your organisation to take part. There's general information about the project within the attached report, but if you would like to meet

		with the project staff to learn more before completing the stakeholder questionnaire, please do contact us. The collective stakeholder questionnaire can be found on: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/cwtestakeholderquestionnaire/ This questionnaire will be available to complete over a six week period (until the end of the day of Monday 30th March 2026). They would welcome a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the project in more depth before completion of the stakeholder questionnaire. If this is of interest to your organisation, please reply to this email with suitable dates/times. 6. The easyfundraising Impact Fund is offering 20 unrestricted grants of £500 to UK not-for-profit organisations. The grant is unrestricted, so it can be used wherever the money is needed most to support your work. When to apply: 23rd February – 5th April 2026 Who can apply - The fund is open to UK based: • Registered charities • Other not-for-profit organisations • Sports clubs and teams • Schools and education settings • Social enterprises and CICs • After-school and youth groups • Churches and religious organisations How it's awarded: The application form is straightforward. Grants will be awarded to organisations that best explain how they would use the £500. The grants will be awarded across a mix of categories and locations, and the fund is open to organisations of all sizes and structures. Apply here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/impact-fund About easyfundraising: easyfundraising is a simple way for your organisation to raise extra funds from everyday online shopping. When your community shops with over 8,000 retailers through easyfundraising, the retailer makes a donation to your organisation — at no extra cost to anyone. From a weekly grocery shop to booking a holiday, it all helps generate free donations. Donations are paid to you every three months, and because they're unrestricted, you can spend the money on whatever your organisation needs most. Register for free funding with easyfundraising here https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/community/ RESOLVED that the invitations to participate be noted and for the Councillors to either take part themselves or let the Clerk know if they would like to attend any of the workshops sessions so they can be booked on to them.
26/59	INFORMATION given for reference only.	RESOLVED that it be noted that the following information was given to the Council for reference only: 1. Westmorland and Furness Council News releases – on various topics, including devolution updates. 2. CALC Weekly and Training Updates. 3. CVS Information – Health & Wellbeing Bulletin, Volunteer Training & Events, Newsflash Info, Cumbria CVS Newsletter, Latest Events and Volunteering Opportunities in Cumbria etc. 4. NALC Information – Martyn's Law products. The Home Office has asked NALC to share information about products to raise awareness of Martyn's Law (the Terrorism [Protection of Premises] Act) which

		legally commences from April 2027. 5. More Information about the Handy Person Scheme - The scheme is intended to help elderly or vulnerable householders carry out very simple but essential works at their homes. The labour is provided free-of-charge and the cost of items and materials is paid for by the householder. 6. Information about the Cumbria Combined Authority - briefing held on 25th February 2026 - Cumbria Combined Authority is hosting a briefing for members of CALC, to share an update on progress in the creation of the authority, its emerging priorities, and the long term ambitions and vision for Cumbria. 7. Information on the Cumbria Combined Authority is officially being created on 24th February 2026. 8. Penrith Library – events, talks information. 9. Westmorland & Furnace Phase 2 Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategy - Town and Parish Council Briefing information.
26/60	Agenda Items for Next Month's Agenda.	RESOLVED that the following agenda items be included on the April 2026 agenda: 1. Tree Surgery tenders for the Copper Beach and the Oak at Will Pool and pruning at the King George bench site.
26/61	Date of the Next Meeting.	RESOLVED that the next scheduled Lazonby Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April 2026, at 7.30 pm, in the Jubilee Room, in the Village Hall.

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.

26/62	Land at the Old School.	The Council received an update about issues that need to be resolved on Parish Council land near the Old school. It was also recommended that the CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4th February 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.
		RESOLVED 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. ALSO RESOLVED that CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting on the 4th February 2026 regarding the land at the old school be approved and signed as a true record of those proceedings.

The meeting finished at 10.30 pm.