



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2025

Attendance	Action/ Decision
<p>Councillors: K. Appleton-Derrick (KAD), J. Hanley (JH), A. Jones, (Chair) (AJ), P. Jones (PJ) and J. Potter (JP).</p> <p>K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT)</p> <p>Members of the public: One</p> <p>J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)</p>	
<p>164/03/24 Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Glencross and N. Glencross.</p> <p>The reason for absence was noted and accepted.</p>	
<p>165/03/24 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were received and no requests for dispensations were received.</p>	
<p>166/03/24 Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2025 as a true record.</p> <p>Matters arising from the Meeting on 18 February</p> <p>A local businessman had donated £250.00 towards the improvements to the Play Park. The Chair had sent a letter from the Parish Council thanking him for the generous donation.</p>	
<p>167/03/24 Public Question Time</p> <p>A member of the public in attendance had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.</p>	
<p>168/03/24 Clerk's Report</p> <p>JR reported that:</p> <p>An email had been received asking for permission to scatter ashes in the sand dunes and to erect a memorial bench. The request had been forwarded to Cumberland Council.</p> <p>CALC have arranged with Cumberland Council & Westmorland and Furness Council a briefing session on the Government's Devolution Priority Programme. This will include an update on Cumbria's inclusion in the Government's Devolution Priority Programme and opportunity to ask questions of the leaders of both Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Councils. The Government's public consultation runs until 13 April. The session is chance for those planning to respond to find out more about the proposal and potential implications. The session will be held on Teams on 2 April at 7pm.</p> <p>Litter Champions Event - Wednesday 2 April 2025 - Neil Dixon, Interim Service Manager for Public Places at Cumberland Council will be presenting and answering any questions. The event takes place on Wednesday 2 April at 7pm via Teams.</p> <p>Refuse and recycling collections are to change in the Cumberland area, providing a fairer and more efficient service. Following a public consultation and comprehensive review of the current arrangements, Cumberland Council will soon introduce the following:</p>	



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Garden waste collections - From week commencing Monday 31 March 2025 all householders with garden waste bins will continue to have one bin collected every fortnight (March - November). There will be a yearly charge of £40 per additional bin that residents request to be collected. This is consistent with the approach in the former Copeland area. Residents will be able to make a payment for extra bins from week commencing 10 March. Collections are fortnightly between March and November each year. Waste collections: former Allerdale area - Collections will be the same as the Carlisle and Copeland areas. Waste collections will be fortnightly from May 2025. Cardboard/paper collections will increase from monthly to fortnightly from September 2025. Householders will be given the opportunity to request a free replacement 180 litre bin (most residents have a 120-litre bin). Requests can be made from April.

169/03/24 Cumberland Councillor's Report

KT advised there was no further progress to report regarding parish matters. Cumberland Council had submitted their response to the Boundary Commission's Review of Cumberland Council Wards.

170/03/24 Progress reports for information

(a) Car Parks – Members noted that Cumberland Council are to confirm a date for a site visit.

(b) Play Park - KAD reported that the Leader of Cumberland Council had been provided with the designs for phase 3 of the Play Park.

It was noted that the matting had arrived with a date to be agreed for the installation. Bollards had been installed to prevent vehicles going on to the cycle path.

KAD reported that Parish Council's bid to the Community Panel had been successful. £3130 had been granted.

(c) Toilet Block - Members noted that a blockage had been reported which had been resolved by the Cleaner. AJ provided an update on the ongoing issues with WaterPlus. The ladies toilet will re-open at the end of the month. It was suggested the signage should be changed from Ladies to Unisex.

171/03/24 Planning

(a) Applications Received: None

(b) Decisions: None

172/03/24 Finance

(a) The up-to-date financial report had been circulated with the agenda. Balance at Unity Bank as at 9 March 2025 £15,185.20

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

PAYEE	BUDGET LINE	AMOUNT
J Rae	Clerk's account March 2025	£210.04
HMRC	PAYE March 2025	£ 49.00
E-on (Direct Debit)	Toilet Block	£ 32.96
P. Jones	Refund Toilet Block Supplies	£ 32.99



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<p>(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit</p> <p>Members resolved to appoint Mr. T. Gear to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2024-25. Members noted the contents of the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit and agreed that the internal auditor is completely independent from the parish council and has sufficient knowledge to be able to carry out the audit. A timetable has been agreed when the internal audit will take place and when the report of the internal auditor will be presented. The findings of the review will be considered and improvements implemented.</p>	
<p>173/03/24 Correspondence for Information</p> <p>CALC - Fells & Solway Community Panel Meeting CALC - Local Plan and Planning Policy News Cumberland Council - Town Councils and Parish Clerks Update: Waste Matters Cumberland Council - Parish Council Code of Conduct CALC - RE: Village events 2025 DEFRA - Invite to focus group on Highly Protected Marine Areas (Defra) CALC - Presentation from Cumberland Council and Lake District National Park on Planning Policy Cumbria Police - Operation Enhance: Anti-social behaviour reduced as people urged to give feedback on operation Formal Consultation - MMO management of anchoring activity impacts in Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area</p>	<p>Correspondence received was noted.</p>
<p>174/03/24 Parish Plan</p> <p>KAD reported that the survey monkey questionnaire just needs a few tweaks before being circulated to residents.</p>	
<p>175/03/24 Memorial Benches</p> <p>AJ reported that Cumberland Council had contacted the Parish Council regarding the recent request to site an additional memorial bench. It was agreed that there are sufficient benches at the moment and as an alternative to siting a memorial bench a plaque could be installed onto an existing bench.</p> <p>No further progress had been made with the completion of the register.</p>	
<p>176/03/24 Tenancy Agreement – Cycle Store</p> <p>JR reported that a draft Agreement had been forwarded to the tenant. The tenant had agreed to the new terms and conditions. The return of the signed agreement is awaited. The tenant had confirmed he will be in the village at the end of March to service the bikes.</p>	<p>It was agreed to arrange an informal meeting with the tenant when he is in the village.</p>
<p>177/03/24 Allonby Bay HPMAs</p> <p>Invitation to Participate in Allonby Bay HPMAs Evaluation Policy Focus Group/Formal Consultation</p> <p>The UK government has designated three pilot Highly Protected Marine Area sites in English waters to allow the full recovery of marine ecosystems. One of the three sites is Allonby Bay. Ipsos, along with Risk & Policy Analysts (RPA) and ABPmer are carrying out an independent evaluation of the three HPMAs on behalf of Defra.</p>	



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<p>The aim of the evaluation is to explore how effective the site selection, consultation, designation and implementation activities were and to construct a baseline in terms of outcomes relating to the social and economic picture relevant to the three sites. As part of the evaluation, the Parish Council have been invited to participate in a focus group discussion to understand their perspectives. The session will be on Tuesday 25 March at 2.00pm. The focus group will last approximately 2 hours and will be held over Teams</p> <p>Formal Consultation - MMO management of anchoring activity impacts in Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area</p> <p>The Marine Management Organisation is launching a formal consultation on their Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area marine non-licensable activity assessment and proposed management of anchoring in Allonby Bay HPMA.</p>	<p>AJ agreed to attend the session on 25 March.</p> <p>It was noted this consultation is not relevant to Allonby Bay.</p>
<p>178/03/24 Vacancy/Co-option of New Councillor</p> <p>Mr. M. Wilson was in attendance and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. A proposal was received and seconded that Mr. Wilson should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All were in favour.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson signed a declaration of acceptance of office and will be provided with a register of disclosable pecuniary and other interests form for completion.</p>	
<p>179/03/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</p> <p>KAD reported that high teas will be available at an event to commemorate VE Day. A race night will be held in the Ship PH to raise funds for the Play Park.</p>	
<p>180/03/24 Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 April 2025</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.</p>	