



Allonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27 January 2026

Attendance	Action/ Decision
<p>Councillors: J. Hanley (JH), A. Jones (AJ) (Chair), P. Jones (PJ), and M. Wilson (MW). K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor (KT) Members of the public: None J. Rae, Acting Clerk (JR)</p>	
<p>112/01/25 Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. K. Appleton-Derrick, M. Glencross, N. Glencross and J. Potter. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.</p>	
<p>113/01/25 Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received. No requests for dispensations were received.</p>	
<p>114/01/25 Minutes RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2025 as a true record.</p>	
<p>115/01/25 Public Question Time No members of the public were in attendance.</p>	
<p>116/01/25 Clerk's Report JR reported that: The Police Newsletter had been circulated. Speed checks had been carried out in Allonby on 4th January. Police drop-in sessions will be held in Maryport Library on 10 February 13.00 – 14.00 and Fairy Dust Emporium Silloth on 19 February 11.00 – 12.00. Cumbria Tourism had advised that a Workshop will be held on 3 March, Maryport Golf Club to provide an update on the Cumbria Coastal Route project. Highways had provided an update on the report logged on HIAMS regarding the street signs for West Green and Main Street. Highways had attended the location reported in Allonby and collected the signs. Replacement signs will be installed in this current annual year. Cumberland Council are inviting residents, businesses, and organisations to share their views on proposals for our 2026/27 budget. The Consultation closes on 30 January. An email had been received asking for advice on the current status and the future plans for the derelict, disused public convenience in the public car park opposite Jacks Surf Bar.</p>	<p>The enquirer will be advised that the building is privately owned</p>
<p>117/01/25 Progress reports for information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Car Parks – It was noted that the surface is already deteriorating following the recent works carried out. Some repairs had been carried out on the car park opposite the Play Park. b. Play Park – It was noted that the application to the Robin Rigg Community Fund had been unsuccessful. c. Toilet Block – The toilet blocked had been opened up over the Christmas holidays and kept open until the end of the school holidays. AJ reported that the issues with WaterPlus have still not been resolved. 	
<p>118/01/25 Cumberland Councillor's Report KT reported that there may be funding available from the Fells and Solway Community Investment Scheme to fund self opening and closing doors at the toilet block.</p>	<p>JH agreed to look at prices</p>



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119/01/25 Planning

(a) Applications Received:

CAT/2025/0044 – Westville Holiday Park, The Bungalow, Allonby, CA15 6QA

Proposal – Trees and bushes to be trimmed.

b) Decisions: None.

Regulation 5 - Part 16: Electronic communications code operators from Viberoptix with regards the following proposals

3 x 9m medium wooden telecommunications poles at Area surrounding Walkers Field, Allonby CA15 6AG.

4 x 9 metre medium wooden telecommunications poles at Church Cottage Maryport CA15 6PB.

9 x 9 metre medium wooden telecommunications poles at 6 The Meadows, Westville Holiday Park, Allonby, CA15 6QA.

10 x 9 metre medium wooden telecommunications poles at Christmas Cottage, Moss Lane, Allonby, CA15 6QG

120/01/25 Finance

(a) The financial report at 31 December 2025 had been circulated. Balance Current account £14,781.30

(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

PAYEE	BUDGET LINE	AMOUNT
J Rae	Clerk's account December 2025	£152.39
J. Rae	Clerk's account January 2026	£164.99
HMRC	PAYE January 2026	£100.40
Tivoli Group Limited	Grounds maintenance May – October 2025 £378.71 per month	£2,272.26
S. Ringrose	Fitting Sign – Toilet Block	£30.00
K. Hetherington	Cleaning	£240.00
Eon	Toilet Block - December	£ 36.74
M. Grisedale	Pest Control	£450.00
Water Plus	Toilet Block	£ 51.60
Eon	Toilet Block - January	£ 44.85

121/01/25 Correspondence for Information

LGBC - consultation on the further draft recommendations for ward boundaries in Cumberland

Cumberland Council - Have your say on our budget proposals for next year

CALC AGM 2025 notes and Guest Speaker presentation slides

Cumberland Council - Cumberland Go

Cumberland Council - Place Standard Exercise - Allonby 2 December 2025

CALC - Equality and diversity training

CALC - Age-Friendly Towns and Parishes

Hyperfast GB Community Newsletter - Winter 2025

CALC Training January - July 2026

Cumberland Council Newsletters

CALC - Local Councils and Climate Action - Tuesday 24 March, 7.00–8.00pm

Correspondence received was noted.



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<p>CALC - Royal Garden Party on Friday 8 May 2026 CALC - Working From Home Allowance Unity Bank - changes to fees and charges CALC News CALC - ACTION REQUIRED BEFORE 1 APRIL 2026 - ASSERTION 10 Sellafield Sites - Particles in the Environment Update for Quarters 3 and 4 2025 Fells & Solway Community Panel – Resilience Event 3 February Wigton Market Hall</p>	
<p>122/01/25 Fund Raising It was noted that the application to the Robin Rigg Community Fund had been unsuccessful.</p>	
<p>123/01/25 Parish Plan There were no updates to report.</p>	
<p>124/01/2025 Memorial Benches AJ reported that Cumberland Council had advised that they do not have a policy/application process for the siting of memorial benches in public open spaces. It was agreed that as Cumberland Council are the landowner future requests should be directed to them.</p>	
<p>125/01/25 Tenancy Agreement – Cycle Store It was reported that the tenant had now vacated the cycle store. Members discussed options for the use of the Store.</p>	
<p>126/01/25 Place Standard Exercise The Place Standard exercise was held on Tuesday 2 December and asked residents what they love about the village, how it works for them and what could be done better. It included an exploratory walkabout and a workshop in the village hall. The findings from the Place Standard exercise and survey were shared at a drop-in event on Saturday 24 January Feedback from the drop in event on 24 January should be available for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>127/01/2025 Duke of Edinburgh Award Sponsorship The request received to consider a partial sponsorship for a teen or young adult resident of the Parish for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme was discussed. The total cost is £300 for Bronze. It was suggested that the request should be included in the parish magazine to see if there is any interest from the wider community.</p>	<p>MW to include in the Parish magazine.</p>
<p>128/01/2026 Grounds Maintenance Contract The tender from Tivoli Group Limited for the grounds maintenance contract from April 2026 was considered. Resolved to accept the tender at a total cost of £2192.57 plus VAT (£2,631.08).</p>	
<p>129/01/25 Emergency Plan The updating of the Emergency Plan is in progress</p>	
<p>130/01/25 Adoption of IT/Email Policy The draft IT/email policy had been circulated to Members. Resolved that the Policy be adopted</p>	
<p>131/01/25 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda None</p>	
<p>132/11/25 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 – 7.30pm.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 8.29 pm</p>	