

Drigg and Carleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DRIGG AND CARLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February 2022**

Attended: John Jennings (Chair)
Andy Pratt (Vice-Chair)
Justine Robinson (Responsible Financial Officer, RFO)
Keith Murray
Jo Whyte
Suey Browne
Karen Warmoth (Temporary Clerk)

Apologies: Keith Hitchen, repeat of a standing apology
David Millington, unwell
Jimmy Naylor

1. Presentation by West Cumbria Rivers Trust

1. See map and summary in appended documents

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th January 2022

1. There were no amendments to the Minutes of 11th January 2022

3. Resolution to approve and signature of Minutes

1. Proposed by JW and seconded by AP that the minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2022 were a true and accurate record were agreed unanimously by members and subsequently signed by the Chair as such

4. Apologies for absence

1. See above

5. Financial Matters

1. Finance Report: the RFO presented an updated financial statement showing no change since the last review, which was noted and accepted by members
2. Payments: no payments were required
3. CRUG: the Cumbria Rail User Group subscription has been taken over by the Furness Line Action Group (FLAG) which covers this area

6. Actions and Matters Arising from previous Council meetings

1. 6/3 AP spoke to Police Community Support Office concerning parking on Holmrook Hill and confirmed that Sergeant McDonald from Millom is sending someone to check out the problem
2. 9/2 Cumbria County Council Highways: routine inspections scheduled for the Parish – action ongoing (KH)
3. 11/1 CCC Highways provided data on speed measurements taken in three locations in Drigg; data indicate heavy traffic, including HGVs (survey could classify tractors as HGV). Further breakdown of data needed relating to speed, showing times of day, number of occupants, etc. LLWR staff not car pooling – action ongoing (KH)

7. Reports from County and District Councillors

1. **County:** nothing to report
2. **Copeland:** in conjunction with various bodies CBC is offering Drop In advice sessions for residents on Tuesdays and Thursdays in February in Whitehaven (see CBC

website: <https://www.copeland.gov.uk/node/47931>). SB to add this to Drigg and Carleton PC website and include in *Tethera* for wider publication in the parish

Action Point: SB to update PC website with this information

3. **Climate change:** CBC is aiming for a Zero Carbon Cumbria and will send a questionnaire to all PCs on climate change with three questions:
 - i. What climate change action is already being taken at community level in your town/parish?
 - ii. What plans do you have for 2022/2023 relating to climate change?
 - iii. Do you need any additional support from the Council or others?
4. **Green Homes Grant:** £10,000 available to retrofit solar panels on properties D-rated or lower (see <https://www.copeland.gov.uk/attachments/green-homes-grants-faqs>) available both to landlords and tenants with their landlord's permission (landlord pays one third of the cost)
5. **Community Climate Grants:** available to Groups for up to £10,000 for projects to raise awareness of climate change and move towards a Zero Carbon Cumbria
6. **Budget:** Copeland had a 1.95% increase in budget, which will be the last budget as Copeland Borough Council will be disbanded in 2023

8. Public Participation

1. No members of the public came forward

9. Main Business

1. **Highways:** dealt with earlier
2. **Copeland Local Plan:** submission date extended to March. Special meeting re Bowrie Fauld, west of Smithy Banks: planning permission for this site has lapsed and it should not be part of the local plan. The PC need to formulate a clear and reasoned response why this site should not be part of the local plan.
3. **Any Other Parish Matter**
 - i. **Jubilee Beacon:** a member of the parish has offered a suitable site for the Jubilee Beacon at the highest point of the parish and all parishioners are welcome to attend for free. The PC propose to draft a letter of support and confirm the date will be the Bank Holiday weekend from 2nd to 5th June
 - ii. **New Parish Council Contact Email Account:** SB agreed to set up an email account for the Temporary Clerk and the Vice Chair to access: pc4driggcarleton@gmail.com. The Council discussed having the Drigg Village Hall as the PC dedicated postal address with a locked cage behind the postbox. KM agreed to monitor daily, or SB when KM is away

Action Point: Clerk to draft a letter to CBC relating to the objections to the CBC local plan

Action Point: Clerk to draft a letter to CBC relating to the approval of the Jubilee Beacon

10. Planning Applications

1. **CBC Ref4/22/2037/OF1** - 2 Bridgestones Cottages, Drigg. The PC have received no objections to this application, and subject to access to the rear garden being preserved, the PC support this application.
2. **LDNP Planning Correspondence Ref 7/2022/4004** – 2 Boadle Ground, Carleton, Holmrook. Application for solar panels on the ground with a ground source heat pump which is both environmentally sound and not overlooked by any other property, so the PC support this application

Action Point: Clerk to draft emails to CBC Planning Committee to this effect

11. Reports from Representatives

1. **GDF Community Partnership:** the partnership is up and running, and looking to recruit members from PC members, etc. Current funding panel consists of three people. Criteria for a successful application is that the project must benefit a whole

group of the community. Currently assessing 14 applications, including 5 from Seascale, though no money has been issued as yet. Need to streamline the applications process, which is the same for large projects and small ones; a shorter, simpler form for minor projects would be more appropriate

2. **LLWR Liaison:** the minutes of the LLWR Liaison committee meeting on 25th January 2022 were received; they confirmed a rebranding to Nuclear Waste Services as of 31st January 2022. The next meeting is on 22 February 2022 at 5 pm
3. **CALC Report:** Cumbria Association of Local Councils is focusing on climate change (see minutes 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 above), Local Government re-organisation, the GDF and the Community Resilience Network, encouraging interaction between councillors and parishes. The February meeting will be on 10th February 2022 via Zoom
4. **CBC Planning Committee site visit:** a site visit has taken place by the Planning Committee to Partfield House for a familiarisation with the local area. **Public and PC members need to register to speak** at the planning meeting at 2 pm on 16th February in the Bainbridge Room of Whitehaven's Copeland Centre on this issue. The PC recommend that conditions should be attached to the application

12. Received communications

1. Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter January 2022 – circulated to councillors
2. CCC Highways – Traffic Survey - circulated to councillors
3. CCC Highways – new highways reporting procedure - circulated to councillors
4. CCC Highways – speed bumps to be removed from outside Rose Cottage, work starting 7th February 2022
5. LLWR Ltd – name change to Nuclear Waste Services and other changes - circulated to councillors
 - i. LLWR want to leave Pelham House and build a bespoke office building for staff to hot desk; they offer to share this building with the community but another public building isn't needed; this plan is likely to generate more traffic through the village as the workforce don't live here

13. Agenda for next meeting

1. Lean agenda preferred
2. Public must submit questions in advance so that the PC can have answers prepared
3. Next meeting 8th March 2022 at 7 pm in the Drigg Village Hall

14. Drigg Charity

1. Proposal to hold the Drigg Charity meeting half an hour before the PC meeting
2. Applications should be submitted to committee members who vet them in advance and recommend for approval or not, so the meeting is more streamlined, used only for ratifying decisions
3. The object is to save time by doing more preparation in advance and allows the Temporary Clerk the opportunity to attend

Summary of Action Points

Action Point: SB to update website with information regarding Drop In advice centres

Action Point: KH ongoing actions from previous meetings relating to Highways

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Action Point: Clerk to draft emails to CBC Planning Committee to support these applications