DUNDRAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on Monday 17 March 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

A. Austin
J. Bennett (Chair)
J. Dockeray
G. Franks
Also Present:
J. Rae (Clerk)

72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. C. Storey. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

73 MINUTES 20 JANUARY 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2025 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received
No requests for dispensations were received

75 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

Members noted that complaints had been received regarding the increase of incidents of dog fouling in Dundraw and Kelsick. Residents are reminded It is illegal for dog owners to not clean up their dog's waste in a public area. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

76 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 20 JANUARY 2025

The Chair reported that nothing had been heard from Highways at Cumberland Council regarding a site visit to discuss issues in the Parish.

77 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr Thurlow was not in attendance.

Community Police Officer – The newsletter for the Maryport, Silloth Wigton area had been circulated prior to the meeting.

78 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Statement of Accounts

The income and expenditure account had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances as at 28 February 2025

Treasurers' a/c	£388.28
Business a/c	£710.00

(b) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Wheyrigg Hall Hotel Room Hire	£ 20.00
Clerk's account Quarter 4	£334.55
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£ 72.20

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor RESOLVED to appoint Mr. L. Hayton to carry out the internal audit of the financial accounts for 2024/25.

79 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received: None
(b) Decisions: None

80 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members noted that Highways had reported that they had attended to Dundraw to Waverbridge road and cleaned the drains and carried out additional drainage works.

The overgrown bus stop had been reported to Highways who confirmed the report had been assessed.

The following matters were reported:

Carriageway breaking up on the Moor Row to Kelsick road near the Ruddings
Pot holes on the Dundraw to Waverbridge road.

81 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email.

Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge
Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
CALC News
CALC - New Flood Warning Service Testing
CALC - Royal Garden Parties 2025
CALC - Moving over to a .gov.uk domain: New guidance on GOV.UK now live
CALC – Scam Leaflet
CALC - Planning Policy Event - Tuesday 18th February
Cumberland Council Newsletters
CALC – Devolution Update
Cumberland Council – Waste Matters

82 CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PLEDGE

On 16th January 2025 Cumbria Constabulary launched its Neighbourhood Policing Pledge that committed the Constabulary to the provision of ten individual priority areas to further support communities and the Constabulary in the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing. The second Pledge relates to the provision of visible and accessible Neighbourhood Policing Teams that are committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve public confidence. One aspect of this will be the requirement for local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to engage better with local council representatives. Specifically, the Pledge commits the Constabulary to twice yearly virtual meetings within each NPT locality with parish and town councils. Cllr Austin agreed to represent the Parish Council.

83 DEVOLUTION UPDATE – GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

The Government launched a public consultation on Monday 17 February in areas chosen for the Devolution Priority Programme. The consultation will seek views on a proposal to form a Mayoral Combined Authority for the local government areas of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. The full consultation document can be found on the GOV.UK page https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution The cut-off date for the consultation is 11:59pm on 13 April 2025. To take part and have your say, please visit: https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/cumbria- devolution-consultation

84 PARISH PLAN

No additional items were added to the Plan.

85 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

No expressions of interest had been received.

86 DATE OF MEETINGS FOR NEXT COUNCIL YEAR

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting 19th May, 2025
21st July, 15th September, 17th November, 2025
19th January, 16th March, 2026

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....