DUNDRAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on Monday 24 November 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

48 MINUTES 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2025 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

51 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

None.

52 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr K. Thurlow was not in attendance.

Community Police Officer – The newsletter for the Maryport, Silloth Wigton area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
Cllr A. Austin reported that he had attended a recent meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. There were no matters of concern raised in the Parish.

53 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Statement of Accounts

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

Balances as at 31 October 2025

Business a/c	£ 710.00
Treasurers a/c	£1281.20

(b) Payment of accounts: The following accounts were approved for payment:

ICO – Data Protection Fee	£47.00
Wheyrigg Hall Hotel – Room Hire	£20.00

54 BUDGET 2026-27

Members considered the draft budget circulated with the agenda. The usual income and expenditure were discussed. Resolved to increase the precept demand by £100 to £2,800.00.

55 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received since the last meeting:

FUL/2025/0152 - Beech Dene, Kelsick Village, Abbeytown, CA7 4TL
Proposal: Change of use of land from paddock to residential including replacement dwelling and associated new access and planting, extension of garden into adjacent paddock, and installation of solar panels and associated alterations to adjacent Storage Barn building.

(b) Planning Decisions: None

56 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr J. Dockeray reported that the road through Kelsick is broken up with several pot holes.

Cllr. A. Austin reported that the chevron on the B5302 turn off for Dundraw has not been replaced following a recent accident when it was damaged.

Members discussed the recent flooding on 13 November. It was reported that the drains at the Ruddings need to be cleaned out.

It was noted there were no updates from Cumberland Council regarding the implementation of passing places on the Dundraw to Waverbridge road.

Cumberland Council is inviting residents, businesses and visitors to share their views on Cumberland's Highways and Transport services through a new feedback survey which launched on 27 October. The survey gives people the chance to share their experiences and priorities, helping the council understand what is working well and where improvements are needed. From road conditions and street lighting to bus accessibility and cycle lanes, the feedback will inform decisions on how services are delivered and developed in the future. https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-survey

57 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Cumberland Libraries News
CALC - EV Charging Infrastructure Event - Monday 20 October 2025
CALC - Slides from the Hyperfast broadband Event
CALC - Online food conversation invite 4 November 2025.
Cumberland Council - New reporting system for environmental issues
CALC Devolution Update
Cumberland Council Newsletters
Raise – Funding for Tree Planting
CALC – AGM rescheduled to 15 November 2025
Cumberland Council – Community Governance Review
Cllr A. Austin had received an email from CALC relating to website audits advising that the asset register is missing from the Parish Council website.

58 PARISH PLAN

No additional items added to the Plan.

59 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL – COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Members noted the correspondence received from Cumberland Council that the Electoral Services Team are to carry out a Community Governance Review in 2026. The review will consider councillor numbers, merging of parish councils and minor boundary changes. Following a discussion Members agreed that they did not wish the Parish to be involved at this stage.

60 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

No expressions of interest had been received.

61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 January 2026 7.30pm Wheyrigg Hall Hotel.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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