DUNDRAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7.35 p.m. following the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

1/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2026/27

A nomination was received from Cllr G. Franks, seconded by Cllr A Austin that Cllr J. Bennett be re-elected Chair for council year 2025/26. No other nominations were received. It was resolved Cllr. J. Bennett be re-elected Chair for council year 2026-27.

2/26 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr J. Bennett accepted the nomination and signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

3/26 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2026/27

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Dockeray, seconded by Cllr J. Bennett therefore **RESOLVED** that Cllr C. Storey be re-appointed Vice Chair for council year 2026-27

4/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

5/26 MINUTES 16 MARCH 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2026 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

6/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

7/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

8/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 16 MARCH 2026

Flooding Waverbridge - Cumberland Council had advised that the final section 19 report which covers Wigton is still to be finalised

9/26 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.

10/26 RENEWAL OF INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT

The Clerk reported that the renewal documentation had been received from Zurich Insurance at an annual premium of £196.00 (no increase from the previous year).
RESOLVED to renew the policy with Zurich Municipal.

11/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Statement of Accounts

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

Balances as at 31st March, 2026

Business a/c	£710.00
Treasurers a/c	£206.75
Balance cfwd 1 April 2026	£916.75

(b) Income Received:

Cumberland Council – Precept	£2,800.00
HMRC – VAT Refund	£ 22.61

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

CALC - Annual Subscription - £138.96
Zurich Municipal – Annual Insurance £196.00
Wheyrigg Hall Hotel – Room Hire - £20.00
T. Gear - Internal Audit - £60.00

12/26 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025/26

(i) The internal audit had been carried out with no issues raised.

(ii) Annual Governance Statement – Members considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that arrangements are in place for effective financial management and the accounting statements are prepared in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.

(iii) Accounting Statement 2025/26 – Members agreed that the Accounting Statement in the annual return fairly represents the financial position of the parish council. RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the annual return.

(iv) Certificate of Exemption - Members resolved that the Certificate of Exemption should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk certifying that the Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance review and during the financial year 2025/26 the gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure for the year did not exceed £25,000.

(v) Period of Exercise of Public Rights – Members noted that the period for the exercise of public rights will commence on 3 June and will end on 14 July. A notice will be displayed on the parish notice boards notifying electors of their rights to inspect the accounts.

(vi) Publication on website – The Clerk reported the requisite documents will be published on the parish council's website.

13/26 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received since the last meeting: None

(b) Planning Decisions: None

Regulation 5 - Part 16: Electronic communications code operators from Viberoptix with regards the proposal 1 x 9 metre medium telecommunications pole at Wheyrigg Farm Bungalow, Wheyrigg, Wigton, CA7 0DH.

14/26 ROADS AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr J. Dockeray reported several pot holes and the road surface is breaking up through Kelsick.

15/26 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Great Big Green Week
Cumberland Council Newsletters
CALC News - January & February 2026
CALC - Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings
Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner - PFCC Community Fund 2026
CALC AGM - Save the date 10 October 2026
Neighbourhood Policing Pledge meeting for the Silloth and Aspatria Area. Wednesday 8 July at 6pm via Microsoft Teams
Local Government Boundary Commission – Final Recommendations
CALC/Highways Event - Wednesday 20 May at 7pm via Microsoft Teams
Hyperfast GB, Newton Arlosh Drop-in Session, 22nd May
Environment Agency Flooding Survey

16/26 PARISH PLAN

No additional items added to the Plan.

17/26 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

No expressions of interest had been received.

18/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 July 2026 7.30pm Wheyrigg Hall Hotel.

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

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