

**Carlisle Parish Council's Association (CPCA)  
Annual Meeting 1st September 2021  
Chairman's Report**

**Summary**

Although it has been a difficult year the CPCA have continued to hold virtual meetings during 2020/2021 the minutes of which have been circulated to all parish councils. In addition the CPCA have organised virtual events for councillors to attend:

- September 2020 - '*Dark Skies*' with Friends of the Lake District project officer
- October 2020 - '*Nature recovery in climate change*' with Cumbria Local Nature Partnership
- March 2021 – '*Local Government Reorganisation*' – Information on the four proposals submitted to Westminster by Cumbria's principal authorities
- March 2021 – '*Local Government Reorganisation*' follow-up discussion event
- May 2021 - '*Are you on the right track?*' with CCC Rights of Way senior officer
- June 2021 – '*One front door*' launch and demonstration of CCC Highways new reporting system

**Carlisle Partnership Forum**

Carlisle Partnership Forum has been heavily involved in disseminating information on Covid-19 support in the Carlisle district area in the form of weekly bulletins and I have been able to join their virtual meetings the notes of which are again circulated to parish councils.

**CALC Executive**

Both Bryan Craig and I also sit on the CALC Executive and attend regular meetings now virtually, as well as the AGM, and hopefully contribute to discussions and resolutions which may impact on parishes within our district.

**Parish Council and Village Hall grant scheme**

The total fund for the Parish Council and Village Hall grant scheme for 2021/22 was £10,000. The funding was allocated by the CPCA in March and supported 11 projects outlined below: -

Burgh by Sands Village Hall the replacement of Parish Hall lights in Solway Room and Main Hall in line with their Green Agenda, Cummersdale Parish Hall for the Treating of rising and penetrating damp in the meeting room, Dalston Victory Hall for essential H&S modifications to the hall stage to provide demountable front access steps and removable safety balustrade, Hethersgill Village Hall to replace the heating and lighting systems for more reliable energy efficient systems, the Taylor Institute Nether Denton to replace and upgrade 2 wooden windows to UPVC and 2 wooden entrance doors and make them escape doors, Orton Village Hall for floor sanding and application of lines for sporting activities, Rockcliffe Community Centre for the treatment of floor and window frames, Crosby - on Eden Village Hall to reroof the hall, Houghton Village Hall for four new double glazed windows, Linstock WI Hall to replace Timber Structure of North Facing wall of Village hall, and Cumwhinton Village Hall for their front extension.

Finally, I would like to thank all those that have supported me during the last twelve months for what has proven to be a very challenging year; especially members of the CPCA Executive team as well as Officers within Carlisle City Council and CALC.

Mike Higginbotham, Chairman CPCA 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021