

# **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

## **Copeland District**

**Minutes of a three tier meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019  
Together with the annual meeting of the Copeland district  
of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils  
At Egremont Market Hall**

**Chairman Chris Shaw (Cumbria Association of Local Councils)**

**PRESENT: -**

Gillian Elliott (CCC)	Eric Barker (Copeland B C)
Bob Jones (Ponsonby PC)	Nick Ford (Cleator Moor TC)
Gordon Smith (Haile and Wilton PC)	Jane Donaldson (ST Bees PC)
Gwynneth Everett (Arlecdon and Frizington PC/Copeland B C)	
Peter Rand (Whicham PC)	Julie Betteridge (Copeland B C)
Andy Pratt (Drigg and Carleton PC/Copeland BC)	Peter Manning (Beckermet with T PC)
M McVeigh (Egremont TC/Copeland   B C)	Carolyn Otley (Cumbria Voluntary Services)

**1. Welcome and Apologies.** Apologies were received Paul Turner (Gosforth PC/CCC), Frank Morgan (CCC) Keith Hitchen (CCC), Doug Sim (St Bees PC), Georgina Ternent (CCC)

### **Annual Meeting of the Copeland district of Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

**2 Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting** – These were agreed as at true record.

#### **3. Election of Chairman for 2019/2020**

Andy Pratt (Drigg and Carleton PC) was nominated and seconded and elected

#### **4. Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative to the county executive**

Oliver Dorgan (Cleator Moor TC) was nominated and seconded and elected

#### **5 Election of CALC Copeland Executive**

The following were nominated, seconded and elected

Keith Hitchen (Drigg and Carleton PC) Bob Jones (Ponsonby PC)

Doug Sim (St Bees PC) David Faulkner (Bootle PC)

#### **6. Liaison Officer's report**

Mr Shaw presented his written report which had been circulated. It was noted.

**7. Transparency Regulations (Councils under £25k).** The chairman said that in his role as liaison officer he had examined the websites for all the Copeland town and parish councils to see whether the websites met the requirements placed upon them by the Transparency Regulations. The regulations required publication of the following:

- a) All items of expenditure above £100
- b) End of year accounts
- c) Annual governance statement
- d) Internal audit report

- e) List of councillor or member responsibilities
- f) Details of public land and building assets
- g) Minutes agendas and meeting papers of formal meetings
- h) Notice of electors rights

The Summary is set out below

Town and Parish Councils in Copeland	27
Town and Parish Councils over £25k	10
Parishes Fully Compliant	6
Parishes where 7 of 8 requirements met	3 (in each case item f above is missing)
Parishes where 3 of 8 requirements met	2 (in both cases items b c d f and h are missing)
Parishes where 2 of 8 requirements met	4 (Only e and g are shown)
Parishes where no requirements met	2

Chris said that in due course he would contact the parishes.

## Joint Meeting

### 8 Copeland Hidden Coast

The chairman welcomed Eric Barker. Eric outlined the strategic context, aims and objectives of the programme to which he had been appointed lead officer by the district council who had obtained a grant from the coastal communities' fund. He said that the programme would deliver improvements to public spaces that will increase the number of visitors, generate direct and indirect employment opportunities and make the coast communities more attractive places to live and work. He said the aims included promoting cycling and walking as a means of exploring the coastline and to increase the number of visitors to the area and encourage them to stay longer. Eric said to meet the aims it would mean improving the physical infrastructure especially the river crossings to create a physical challenges route, develop spurs to explore the Ennerdale Eskdale and Wasdale valleys and arrange at least one high profile challenge event each year. Eric said that during phase 1 the district council would commission artists to develop works for key sections of the route. Initial proposals are that these works are also functional and provide for example bespoke seating /stopping points along the route and at least one sensory art piece. Eric said that he hoped to keep parishes informed as progress was made and any ideas that parishes believed would be valuable will be considered. The chairman said that coastal parishes may benefit from the two of shore windfarm funds. The former DONG fund covered the parishes from the south to Seascale and the Robin Rigg fund would now benefit parishes north from St Bees. He thanked Eric for his presentation.

### 9. Regeneration The High Street Fund and the Town Fund.

Julie Betteridge spoke to this item. She said that a draft bid for up to £10 million had to be with the sponsoring department by mid January 2020 with a decision expected by April 2020. She said the grant if given would be capital only and the business case centred on how better use could be made of building space and how to link the harbour with the town and so would look at King Street, Strand Street and the harbour in particular. £150k had been allowed to help the bid given that the district council had passed the first round. Julie said

that the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) aimed to match fund from their growth fund. She said that local property owners were being contacted and the council were looking at properties on the market. She said that whilst the aim was to complement the North Shore scheme on which BEC were leading this was a separate scheme. Julie said that the county council involvement would be around parking and traffic flows and whilst the Harbour Commissioners and the Town council were not yet involved in time it was believed they would become partners in the programme. Turning to the town fund Julie said that Cleator Moor and Millom had been chosen by central government after consideration of a range of statistics and more detail was expected as to the way the business case should be framed. She said that the Borderlands fund had an element of Town Fund money and the county council were involved in that aspect.

**10. Winter Ready** The chairman introduced Carolyn Otley who spoke to the attached PowerPoint presentation. Gillian Elliott covered the winter highways issues. She said that the county council working together documents raised a number of points such as flood warning signs and the need for grit bins on priority roads to be serviced. Priority was now roads to schools and hospitals with bus routes. She said it was believed that the population was more receptive to bad weather especially given that in recent years there had been a number of major weather related events. It was noted that the principal authorities were running communication campaigns targeted at vulnerable residents and that the Cumbria Community Foundation Winter Warmth fund helped many elderly people in the county.

**11. Winter meeting** The chairman said that the next meeting would be held at the Copeland centre. It had been planned for the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 but would now be held a week later on the **5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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