



## Cumbria Association of Local Councils

### Annual General Meeting 2023

Notes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils held on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

This was a Hybrid meeting held at Rheged and on the Teams platform starting at 10.30am

#### **Face to Face attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Sonia Hutchinson	Chief Officer CALC
Rachael Kelly	Town & Parish Development Officer – CALC
Lindsay Nicolson	Parish Support Officer – Westmorland and Furness
Kate Grove	Parish Support Officer - Cumberland
Mary Bradley	Chairperson of CALC
Jackie Donney	Ousby Parish Council
Steve Harwood	Keswick Town Council
Peter Winter	Preston Patrick Parish Council
Lesley Smyth	Barrow Town Council
Vivien Little	Keswick Town Council
Norma Boyes	Moresby Parish Council
Trevor Allison	Cummersdale Parish Council
Neil Hughes	Bampton Parish Council
Leith Hallatsch	Windermere & Bowness Town Council
Christine Hallatsch	Windermere & Bowness Town Council
David Wilson	Brigham Parish Council
Raymond Wren	Bothel & Threpland Parish Council
Julia Dobson	Wetheral Parish Council
Andrew Povey	Dent with Cowgill Parish Council
Andrew Bedford	Brough Parish Council
Alan Brocklehurst	Brough Parish Council
Deb Holden	Penrith Town Council
Will Huck	Burneside Parish Council
Julie Huck	Burneside Parish Council
Sue Castle-Clarke	Ousby Parish Council
Andy Pratt	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Michael Heaslip	Workington Town Council
Kimberley Lawson	Ainstable Parish Council Patterdale Parish Council

#### **Teams attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Barbara Hind	ENMO Parish Council
Bryan Craig	Dalston Parish Council
Dave Faulkner	Bootle Parish Council
Mike Cumming	Ireleth Parish Council
Becc Carter	Threlkeld Parish Council St Johns, Castlerigg & Wythburn Parish Council Clifton Parish Council Dacre Parish Council Borrowdale Parish Council Underskiddaw Parish Council Broughton Parish Council Embleton Parish Council
Roger Atfield	Levens Parish Council
Val Bowen	Penrith Town Council
Christine Williams	Hethersgill Parish Council
Doug Sim	St Bees Parish Council
Holly Ho	Alston Moor Parish Council
Judith Derbyshire	Dacre Parish Council
Phillipa Hartley	ENMO Parish Council
Mike Higginbotham	Wetheral Parish Council

**WELCOME:** Councillor Mary Bradley, Chairperson of CALC

## **MINUTES**

### **PART 1**

#### **Business Agenda**

1. In the absence of a President, it was agreed for Councillor Mary Bradley, Chairperson of CALC, to Chair the Annual General Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were noted from:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Catherine Gourlay	Workington Town Council
Jane Tea	Kirkoswald Parish Council
Peter Streatfield	Bowness on Solway Parish Council
Phil Hancock	Morland Parish Council
Meg Hancick	Newby Parish Meeting
Tina Church	Beckermeth with Thornhill Parish Council
Nick Perie	Dalton Town Council
Anne Broadie	Claife Parish Council
Gwynneth Everett	Arlecdon & Frizington Parish Council
Bev Pink	Great Salkeld Parish Council
Pete McSweeney	Arnside Parish Council
D Jesset	Broughton East Parish Council

3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 October 2022 were agreed
4. The CALC 2022/23 Annual Review was presented to the meeting and noted.
5. The Statement of Accounts for 2022/2023 were presented and noted

6. Appointment of Executive Committee

- i. The Nominations of District Associations were noted

It was noted that the nominated Executive Committee members will become Directors of the limited company from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

7. Cumbria Association of Local Councils Limited – Company Number 15107335

It was noted that the Certificate of incorporation for Cumbria Association of Local Councils has been received.

8. Appointment of Auditors

It was agreed to re-appoint Saint & Co as the auditors for Cumbria Association of Local Councils limited on the recommendation of the CALC Executive Board.

9. It was agreed for the annual increase of the CALC subscription fees for 2024/25, the AGM approved an increase of £2,246 in the portion of CALC membership fees, including an increase to the CALC membership fee for all parish meetings by £1.00 (2023/24 £37.00 fee for parish meetings becoming £38.00 in 2024/25).

10. It was agreed to dissolve Cumbria Association of Local Councils, including the transfer of all assets, employees, policies and procedures to Cumbria Association of Local Councils Limited which will commence trading on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS:**

Councillor Mary Bradley, Chairperson of CALC.

Mary said that she believed it was timely to say thank you to everyone who has been involved in CALC over the years and contributed to it being a strong organisation.

This is borne out by the numerous committees which has CALC representation on, because it is recognised as important to have a voice for local people, by people who live in that locality who actually know what's going on from the grass roots . We also thank the people from the various Councils who have stood up to be on the Executive.

The executive and has had to take some tough decisions over the years including financial and future planning.

CALC has been an opportunity to share good practice amongst Clerks and councillors.

We've been very lucky over those years to have committed presidents and chairs.

We have been fortunate with our chief officers and our staff who have been very loyal in their support. So, we have can all look back on CALC with pride and really think that we have got a very solid base to move forward.

I think where we're going to is a whole new world and that's not only changing because of the unitary authorities, but the whole world out there, seems to be changing so much with all

the other issues that are going on in our daily lives and not to mention climate change plus the cost of living and the emphasis on health and well-being.

We will continue to have many challenges, but we will have opportunities now that we never had before and part of the reason for setting CALC up as the company has been so that we can grasp those opportunities and provide the support we will all need as we move forward. Please be patient because the Unitary councils can't just jump and do everything at once. We know that asset transfers and budget transfers are examples of type of things we'd probably like and can't wait to do, but we'll have to be patient.

Thank you everyone for the past, the current and let's look forward with hope and confidence for the future.

So, thank you very much.

## **PART 2**

### **Guest Speakers**

#### **Nicola Jordan**

Strategic Lead, LNRS

#### **Lois Browne**

Senior Adviser, LNRS

**Topic – The Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)**

### **Case Studies from member councils**

Norma Boyes – Moresby Parish Council - Walkmill Project

Will Huck – Burneside Parish Council – Community Tree Planting