

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 3 March 2026 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

M. Boswell
K. Bridges (Chair)
R. Cockburn
G. Moore

Also Present:

J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor
J. Rae (Clerk)

Members of the public: None

107/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr J.W. Hall. The reason for absence was noted and approved.

108/25 MINUTES – 6 JANUARY 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2026 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

109/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

110/25 REPORTS

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cllr J. Perry reported that the new Cumbria Combined Authority had been formally established on 23 February. An interim CEO had been appointed and the leadership will be shared between Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council until the first mayoral election in 2027.
Outstanding highway issues and observations on the informal consultation on the Aspatria, Silloth, Wigton and surrounding area TRO Review were passed to Cllr. Perry.

111/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The concerns raised by a Torpenhow resident in relation to the Aspatria, Silloth, Wigton and surrounding area TRO Review (Proposal No 16 U2103 Torpenhow to Ireby) were discussed.

112/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 6 JANUARY 2026

The issues with the recycling/waste collections have now been resolved.

113/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) A copy of the financial report had been circulated with the agenda.
Balances 31 January 2026

Business Current Account	£3,120.63
Business Savings Account	£7,538.95

- (b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£455.21
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£113.80
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£123.13
WJP Software Ltd.	
Website Domain/Annual Support	£214.80
P. Normington – Domain	£ 3.80
P. Normington – Refund Email Accounts	£ 86.40

114/25 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR/REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT

Members resolved to appoint Mr. T. Gear as the internal auditor for financial year 2025/26. The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was noted and approved.

119/25 PUBLIC BENCHES IN IREBY

A community investment application for funding from the Lakes to Sea Community Panel had been completed and will be submitted to Cumberland Council for their consideration at the next Panel meeting in May.

120/25 RESIGNATION – CLLR P. NORMINGTON

Due to moving out of the Parish Cllr P. Normington had resigned from the Parish Council. The Chair recorded his thanks to Cllr Normington for all his efforts and contribution to the community during his time on the Parish Council. The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council will be notified of the vacancy and the vacancy will be advertised in the Parish.

121/25 ADMINISTRATION OF WEBSITE

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

122/25 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email:

- CALC - Cumbria Combined Authority - briefing - 25 February
- CALC - Community Emergency Hubs Launch
- Cumberland Council - Supported Housing Strategy – Consultation
- CALC - Royal Garden Party - Friday 8 May 2026
- CALC - Connecting Cumbria Unveils Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2026–2030
- CALC - Cumbria Community Transport Conference - 10th March, 10am - 4.00pm
- Lake District National Park Management Plan Consultation
- Peter Walter’s Newsletter
- Cumberland Council Newsletters
- CALC News
- Cumberland Council - Parish Council Shelters
- Cumberland Council Aspatria, Silloth, Wigton and surrounding area TRO Review – Informal Consultation. A response will be submitted to the consultation on the proposed changes: Proposed 7.5t Weight restriction, except for access – Proposal No 15 – C2021 Aughtertree – Members objected to the proposal and suggested signage should be sited on the Daleside road/Aughtertree junction advising that the road is not suitable for motor vehicles after Aughtertree or an Access only sign.
- Sat Navs need to be updated that the road is not suitable for motor vehicles.
- Proposed 7.5t Weight restriction, except for access – Proposal No 16 U2103 Torpenhow – Members proposed that a width/length restriction would be more appropriate on this section of road.
- NFG donation request was received too late to be added to the agenda

123/25 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Donation Request – Northern Fells Group

124/25 DATE OF MEETINGS FOR NEXT COUNCIL YEAR

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 5 May 2026
Bi-monthly Meetings 7 July, 1 September, 3 November 2026 and
5 January and 2 March 2027 - WI Hall – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm

ChairmanDate.....