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**Minutes of Annual General and May Meeting Held on Thursday 22nd May 2025
in the Back Room, Langwathby Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.
Following the Annual Parish Meeting**

Unapproved

27/25 Election of Council Chairman 2025/2026

Cllr D Banks was unanimously elected as Chairman for the year 2025/2026.

Proposed by Cllr. K Little.

Seconded by Cllr C Merrie

28/25 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr D Banks duly signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' form.

29/25 Election of a Vice Chairman for Council Year 2025/2026

Resolved that Cllr K Little be unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the year 2025/2026

Proposed by Cllr D Banks

Seconded by Cllr J Corbishley

30/25 Present

Cllrs D Banks, C Wilson, K Little, C Merrie, C Henderson, J Corbishley J Hodgson, M Holiday, WAF Cllrs M Handley and M Robinson, Parish Clerk J Fleming.

There were no members of the public present.

31/25 Apologies

Cllrs C Henderson and C Eland.

32/25 Minutes

The Chairman was authorized to sign the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 16th May 2024, as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr D Banks

Seconded by Cllr J Corbishley

The Chairman was authorized to sign the minutes of the Council meeting of the 20th March 2025, as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr K Little

Seconded by Cllr D Banks.

33/25 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs K Little and C Wilson declared their positions on the Langwathby Public Hall Management Committee

Cllrs D Banks and M Holliday declared their positions on the Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Committee.

34/25 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To decide whether there any agenda items which require consideration for the exclusion of the press and public. (Reference agenda Item 6) – Grants and Honorariums)

. There being no members of the public present this action was deemed unnecessary

35/25 Public Participation

There was none.

36/25 WAFC Cllr Reports**36.1 Cllr Michael Handley Report****1.WAFC Full Council 7.5.25**

(a) WAFC has been shortlisted for awards in: Children's Services, Net Zero, Diversity Inclusion, Winter Gritting System, Energy Production (Barrow Solar Farm).

(b) Electoral Review: no changes in this area apart from name change to "Alston Moor and Fellside Ward.

2. Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee 30.4.25

(a) Highways Strategy: The priority in summer months is to seal the roads with tar and chip. This is a quarter of the cost of tarmacadam.

(b) New Waste Service: The Council is currently trialling new bin lorries with multiple compartments in Ulverston. Rubbish is kept separate at the point of collection. There are very few missed bin collections in the Eden area. This is more common in Barrow. Village Recycling Centres are mainly in the Eden area.

3. Cabinet Meeting in Alston 22.4.25

This was in two parts. The first part was the main cabinet meeting and the second part was open to the public. The public consisted of most of the members of Alston Moor Parish Council.

In part one areas of concern for Alston were discussed: the failure to start a regular bus service between Alston and Penrith (proposed but failed due to not being value for money), lack of cash machines (previous 2 were vandalised and at this time one was being re-installed after a year of absence), affordable housing and the High Mill Development (Disused old foundry being converted privately into small crafts units).

In part two members of Alston Moor Parish Council asked about the development of Grisedale Croft flats (10 sheltered housing flats which have remained unoccupied for about 10 years), School Transport, involvement of Alston Moor Community Transport in improving local transport.

36.2 Cllr Mary Robinson

36.2.1 WAFC Local Plan was discussed. Possible building sites are to be identified on WAFC website on 15th May. Following a WAFC review, the plan will go to public consultation. Langwathby Parish Council needs to study and discuss in relation to the Parish.

36.2.2 New Council Plan for next 12 months discussed, requires monitoring.

37/25 Appointment of Representatives to Committees

37.1 Resolved that Cllrs K Little, C Wilson and C Henderson, be unanimously reappointed to continue on the **Langwathby Public Hall Committee** for 2025/2026

Proposed by Cllr D Banks

Seconded by Cllr J Corbishley

37.2 Confirmed that Cllrs D Banks, C Eland, and M Holiday along with, advisor B Grey and J Fleming, Parish Clerk, are reappointed onto the **Langwathby Village Hall Renovation Committee.**

Proposed by Cllr D Banks

Seconded by Cllr J Corbishley.

38/25 Finance-

38.1 The Following Balances were noted	31/3/2025	13/5/2025
	£	£
Vat to be claimed	151.85	151.85
Penrith Building Society	18610.83	33610.83
Barclays – Current Account	<u>1060.38</u>	3518.54
Total assets	<u>1982306</u>	<u>37281.22</u>

38.2 Presentation and Approval of the 31th March 2025 Year End Accounts

Unanimously approved

Proposer Cllr D Banks

Seconder Cllr C Merrie

38.3 Presentation and Approval of Interim Accounts since 31st March 2025

Unanimously approved

Proposer Cllr K Little

Seconder Cllr D Banks

38.4 Accounts to be Ratified:

J Fleming Salary March/ April.	As per contract
John Fleming Office Provision March April	50.00
Room Hire. 20 th March 25	22.50
Playground Inspection Company	201.60
Angela Hartland – PAYE Year Start up	27.00

38.5 To Agree the Following Payment**38.5.1** Clerks Expenses to 22nd May 2025 18.90**38.5.2** Internal Auditor Fee 150.00**38.5.2 Clerk' Office Provision** raised per month to 30.00**38.6 Items 38.4 and 38.5 were Unanimously Authorized**

Proposer – Cllr D Banks

Seconder – Cllr K Little

38.7 To Report The Following Receipts

Precept 18000.00

Pin Fee – Edenhall 1.00

Cemetery Fees 300.00

38.8 Transfer from Current Account to PBS 15000.00**38.9 To Approve and Sign Annual Governance Documents 2024/2025**

These were unanimously approved.

Proposer Cllr J Corbishley

Seconder Cllr D Banks

38.10 Online Banking Authorization 2025/2026

This was unanimously approved.

Proposer Cllr D Banks

Seconder Cllr M Holliday

38.11 To Review Asset Register for 2025/2026

This was unanimously approved.

Proposer Cllr J Corbishley

Seconder Cllr J Hodgson

38.12 To Review the Risk Assessment and Financial Arrangement for 2025/2026

This was unanimously approved.

Proposer Cllr M Holliday

Seconder Cllr D Banks

38.13 Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer – Fee Review 2025/2026

Agree a 2025/26 increased in line with NALC recommendations.

Proposer Cllr D Banks

Seconder Cllr K Little

(Note. Contract is based on 8hrs per week on the NALC National Salary Scale Point 21).

39/25 Planning Application

2025/0615/FPA Millriggs Salkeld Road Langwathby Erection of a replacement slurry tank.

Supported

2025 0536 FPA Underline, Station Rd, Langwathby. Extension of existing factory, upgrade of chilling facilities and associated access works.

Supported with comment

Councillors suggested that a request be made to Highways that a 'No HGV Past this Point' sign be installed on the turning off the A6412, past the dwellings.

40.25 Highways and Land Matters

Langwathby Traffic Issues.

40.1 Road markings by Langwathby Shop and Junction with Coxen Lane.

Job in the hands of contractors.

40.2 Salkeld Road – Speed of Traffic Issue.

In hand with Highways

40.3 One Way System – Langwathby

Implementation awaited.

40.4 Edenhall Carriageway Flooding – Sports Field Area.

In hand with Highways

40.5 Parking Issues – A686 and Salkeld Rd.- Causing Dangerous Poor Visibility.

Follow a detailed debate it was agreed that the following be put to Highways, as a pragmatic solution to this serious safety issue.

From the A686 junction towards Culgaith, in Langwathby, the cars parked on the left of the carriageway cause traffic going to Culgaith to drive in the middle of the road, greatly impeding their visibility of oncoming traffic. Councillor unanimously agreed that the only way to ease the problem and to improve road safety, was to restrict parking, by the introduce **Double Yellow Lines** from the A686 junction, on the left, for a length of approx. 128 metres to the wicket gate, signed 'Head Teacher House.' It is cars parking on this road section that are the main cause of the problem; past the Wicket gate visibility improves.

Langwathby PC formally requested that this is actioned at the earliest opportunity.

41.25 WAFC Footway Lighting Policy

WAFC had enquired as to whether the Parish Council wished to retain ownership of the Parish Footway lights or to agree for the ownership and associated costs, be transferred back to WAFC. If returned there was an additional query as to whether the Council would prefer these lights be turned off at night or left on at 50% illumination.

Action: - Unanimously agreed to returned ownership back to WAFC with the preference, for safety and security reasons, for the lights to be on 50% illumination overnight.

42/25 Parish Council Website Review.

Following a detailed debate, during which a number of web design companies had quoted, a unanimous decision was made to place the business with Vision ICT, a specialist Parish Council Website provider, the company currently providing the Melmerby website, very satisfactorily.

Set up cost – up to £1300

Annual Hosting and Management Cost - £150 per year

These charges to include: -

Transfer of all historic data, initial site training. The new site would fulfil all the legal transparency requirements required of a Parish Council site. It would be HTTP-S secure and comply with WCAG-2 1/2.2 Accessibility and Compliance. The new site would also have a '**gov.uk domain name**', with a **gov.uk email address**, for the Clerk/Council.

Additional support £35 per hr. if required

43/25 Correspondence

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reported.

43.1 Waste Services & Engagement Framework

A WAFC Waste Consultation was launched on Wed 14 May, for a period of 8 weeks; with a view help shape the future of your waste and recycling services.

43.2 CALC Annual General Meeting (AGM). Saturday, 4 October 2025 10.30am
Venue: Braithwaite Institute, Braithwaite**43.3 Alston and Fellside Place Action Group,** - Next meeting Wednesday 28th May at 7pm at Melmerby Village Hall**43.4 Local Plan Update - May 2025**

An update from the Planning Policy Team, was reported, to work to informing the new Westmorland & Furness Local Plan.

Government Set Housing Targets

Reported that at the end of 2024, the Government changed the way of calculating how many new homes are needed. This increased the housing target for Westmorland and Furness by more than 400% meaning there will be a need to find sites for up to 20,000 homes.

Councils have to be able to show a 5-year supply of land for new housing, against the new targets, currently Westmorland and Furness has a housing supply of 3.1 years.

The 5 Year Housing Land Supply report can be viewed on Westmorland and Furness Council's webpage: www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/evidence-base.

There will be pressure for development on sites not allocated in Local Plans so it is very important to have a new plan available, as soon as possible.

43.5 Playground inspection Reports

A list of action required was presented to the meeting for action.

44/25 Councillor Matters

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

Note: no decisions can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council.

44.1 Seat opposite Hopes Garage Entrance.

Agreed to relocate to outside the cemetery entrance.

44.2 Recycling Site - Relocation

Agreed to make a request in the Memo, for a landowner to come forward to provide a new site for the recycling center, which will need to be relocated when the new Public Hall is built. The current WAFC contract provides the owner of the site with an annual income of approximately £950, based on the tonnage deposited.

44.3 The Meadows – Reported that a request had been made to Highways to repaint the parking lines and other white lines in the Meadows housing estate, entrance area.**45/25 To consider the Payment of Grants and Honorariums**

Subsequent to the meeting, it was agreed to pay the following for 2025.

Memo	350.00
Edenhall and Langwathby Sports Field	450.00
Edenhall PCC	400.00
K Little. Bus Shelter and Recycling Centre	400.00
Fellrunner	600.00
W Veitch – Cemetery Honorarium	350.00
G Anderson – Managing the Parish Website	100.00

47/24 Dates of Future 2025 Meeting

Venue Langwathby Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

17th July, (Subsequently cancelled after the meeting, due to unforeseen)

18th September,

20th November

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

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