

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN VICTORIA HALL, HIGH SAND LANE,
COCKERMOUTH ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2009 AT 7 PM

Present: Cllr. I Burns, Town Mayor/Chairman
Councillor S Coates
Councillor Mrs C.M. Jackson
Councillor A. Kennon
Councillor L G Lytollis
Councillor W.D. Newton
Councillor E.W. Nicholson
Councillor A. Smith
Councillor Mrs C. Smith
Councillor S Standage
Councillor A Tyson
Councillor Mrs M. Wood.

Also Present: S Brown - Town Clerk
1 police representative
2 members of the public

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 28th April 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Report of the Town Council

The Town Mayor, Cllr. I Burns presented her report as follows:-

2008/2009 has once again been a busy year with 18 Council meetings and 2 Town Twinning Advisory Committee Meetings having been held. The former Town Clerk and Secretary/Administrative Assistant David and Mary Bertram retired on 11th November. The new Town Clerk Sheila Brown took up her new position on 12th November, David and Mary kindly stayed on in an advisory capacity until 31st December. Sheila's office is based in the Town Hall in Cockermonth. Kirstie Goodger was appointed her new administrative assistant on 2nd February 2009. Sheila is currently undertaking her CILCA qualification, once achieved the Town Council hopes to become accredited under the Quality Parish Scheme. The Police have been regular attendees at our meetings providing the Council with updates on crime statistics and other matters and answering queries. The Council continues to appreciate the help given by the Police for Town events such as the Christmas Illuminations Switch On Day event and the Malcolm Wilson Rally.

The Town Council is consulted by the Borough Council on all planning applications within the town of Cockermonth and in all cases comments have been forwarded to the Borough Council setting out the Town Council's views. The final decision on planning applications does not always agree with the views of the Town Council but the majority of decisions do agree.

Listed building consent has been received to replace one of the windows in the Council Chamber works will commence shortly and the Chamber will be redecorated. Communal areas within the Town Hall have also recently been redecorated.

Victoria Hall remains in the ownership of the Town Council with Joe Jackson as the caretaker. Unfortunately there has been a downturn in use of the Hall primarily due to some users wanting larger premises but it still represents excellent value for a venue in the centre of town for meetings, social events, coffee mornings etc. and there is always plenty of availability. If anyone is interested in making a booking they should telephone Joe Jackson on 822250.

The Tourist Information Centre received 29,286 visitors in 2008 (1366 up on last year) and continues to be managed by Mrs Julia Hindle assisted by a number of permanent part time staff. A Town web site at www.ckermouth.org.uk is provided by Instinct Training, a local South Street based firm, and this is appreciated. The Town Council pages on the web site are being continually updated, dates of meetings, minutes of meetings, budget etc are now available on line

Twinning links continue to flourish with official school exchanges being part of the continuing links which take place.

The 25th Anniversary week was held between the 26 October and 1st November 2008. Over 100 people came to Cockeremouth.

The actual 25th anniversary day was a wonderful occasion setting off with the opening of the recently refurbished play area followed by daffodil planting.

The party then moved on to Market Place where a small ceremony was held to commemorate the twinning panel including music with the Belfagan Ladies Morris, this was immediately followed by an Ecumenical Church Service at All Saints to commemorate 25 years of Twinning with participation by the Castlegate Singers and school pupils. It was a lovely service to mark the special occasion. The collection at the end of the service raised £200 for the Europe Prize Scholarship Fund.

When the service finished there was then a visit to the Bitter End Pub where a commemorative brew entitled 'Jean Pierre' to the memory of Jean Pierre Nogaret was tasted. This concluded a very busy morning with both English and French present. In the afternoon, the French visitors went to look around Wordsworth House and/or the Sheep and Wool Centre. The day concluded with the 25th anniversary dinner at the Greenhill with music and dancing by Jeff Higham.

The week continued for the French with a visit to the Lake District on Tuesday with afternoon tea provided at the Lakeland Agricultural Centre by the Lakeland Farm Holiday Group. Visits were also made to Edinburgh, Durham, Jennings Brewery and the Model Railway Exhibition in Mitchells Furniture Saleroom where a Civic reception for all host families and French guests was hosted by the Mayor.

The celebrations went to plan and were enjoyed by everyone.

Initial preparations are underway in respect our 26th Anniversary visit to Marvejols in October 2009.

As a result of the town being awarded the Europe Prize in the year 2000 a Europe Prize Scholarship Fund was set up and has now become established and a great help to Cockermouth 6th form youngsters pursuing their studies in Europe. The Committee continues to raise money to keep the fund going for the foreseeable future and the Council continues to actively support the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize of which it is a proud member.

Despite discussions with Egremont Estates the Council has still not managed to find any additional allotment land to supplement the allotments it provides at St. Helen's Street and the Gote and at the moment there are 65 people on the waiting list for an allotment. The Council continues to support the Allotment Association and has had meetings with it concerning matters of mutual interest on a regular basis. The Town Council recently provided two skips on a one off basis. These have been well received and both sites are generally tidier as a result. A successful presentation evening was held in the Council Chamber on 9 October 2008 for winners of the Garden and Allotment Competition.

Donations to various charities and local organisations were made during the year in the sum of approximately £900. The largest donation of £500 was given to the newly formed Rural Safety Group to be used in the purchase of a speed indication device. The Council continues to sponsor Solway Arts in its annual arts programme in Cockermouth and co-ordinates the Summer Festival as far as publicity is concerned.

The fireworks display was cancelled last year due to impending staff changes. However the Town Council is currently investigating alternative sites within the Town for this year's display.

The Council continues to be the owner of Cockermouth Youth Hostel and rent income amounting to £2973.75 was received from the Youth Hostel Association during 2008/09.

The Christmas lights again shone brightly and were again erected by Neil Howson of Carlisle who has carried out this job for a few years now. The Switch On Day was another success and the help of Stephen Hannah in installing the stage lighting on Switch On Day is appreciated. The Council organised the usual Best Dressed Window Competition in conjunction with the Chamber of Trade, a Window Spotting Competition, a Best Dressed Private House Competition as well as tours of the lights for elderly and the Council continues to be grateful for the donations made by businesses, local organisations and individuals towards the cost of the lights.

Civic events organised included the annual Civic Dinner, Civic Service and the Cenotaph Service on Remembrance Sunday.

The Council's Internal Auditor, Jean Airey, a former Town Clerk of Keswick, regularly audited

the Council's accounts and reported back to the Council. This year's annual accounts have been prepared and the Clerk will shortly be sending off the required Annual Return to the External District Auditor.

The Council continues to employ ISS Waterers Landscapes as their Maintenance Contractor for works at the Memorial Gardens. The Council is continuing to receive an increasing number of requests from families of deceased members of the public who wish to plant memorial trees/seating on this area to the memory of their loved ones. . The new daffodil themed Play area was officially opened by the Mayor on 27th October 2008. ISS inspect the equipment and area on a daily basis

The Council supported Cockermouth Carnival by participating with its float and providing music on it to add to the atmosphere.

Tarn Close Sports Ground continues to be managed by the Town Council and has been used by Cockermouth Titans Rugby League Club and Cockermouth Rugby Union Club for their juniors over the past season.

Grant aid has still not been found for improvement works at the Town Hall but will continue to be sought.

The Council also has representatives on the Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreational charity.

The Town Council will be assisting the development of a Community Led Plan and hope to encourage all sections of the community to identify local need and develop local solutions based on evidence gathered through questionnaires, workshops and special events.

Finally could I thank all those local organisations and others who have invited myself and Mayoress Julie Laidlaw to numerous events during the year. I would also like to thank both my Deputies Councillors Derwent Newton and Stephen Coates for standing in for me when I have not been able to attend events and to all fellow Councillors, the Clerk and staff for all their help and support during my term of office.

The report was formally received and noted.

Statement of Accounts 2008/09 and Observation on Finances 2009/10

The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer submitted the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008 and the income and expenditure account and balance sheet and supporting statement for the year ended 31st March 2008 explaining the various figures on each page.

There were no comments on the accounts.

The Clerk also gave her observations on the Council's finances for the year 2009/10 and highlighted the estimated expenditure and income of the Council for the year indicating that

a Precept of £176,460.00 had been levied on Allerdale Borough Council. This was a 3.8% increase on last year.

The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officers report and comments were formally received and noted.

School Reports

Reports were received as follows:-

All Saints C of E Primary School

A report was submitted from All Saints C of E primary School as follows –

Our new school year began with (an earlier than expected) Ofsted inspection. We were delighted with the report which we felt reflected the dedication and commitment of staff, governors, parents and pupils. The Inspectors graded the school as good with many outstanding features and the report included comments such as:

“The curriculum is good, with outstanding enrichment.”

“Behaviour is exemplary and pupils enjoy school.”

“Lessons are lively and interesting and teachers have good subject knowledge.”

“Pastoral care and support are outstanding.”

September began with the opening of our newly extended school kitchen. This has enabled us to serve delicious “home cooked” healthy meals which has resulted in an increased take up of dinners by pupils and staff. Our meals provision was just one of the factors that enabled us to be re-accredited as a “Healthy School”, along with our free daily walking bus, a breakfast club and our daily “Wake up, Shake up” session.

Our breakfast club was chosen by a panel of judges which included Blue Peter Presenter Helen Skelton to be a finalist in the Healthy Lifestyle category in this year’s National Breakfast Clubs Plus Award. We were named as one of Britain’s best breakfast clubs by Kellogg’s and the learning Charity ContinYou.

The judges were looking for clubs that demonstrated excellence in health and nutrition, community involvement and extra learning activities for the children.

In addition to the After School care offered by the school we also have many free after school clubs including:

- ◆ Football
- ◆ Orienteering

- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Choir
- ◆ Cookery (which will be starting in September)
- ◆ French - including a Family Learning course for parents and children
- ◆ Science

We also offer many clubs for short periods e.g. the Viking Club funded by Bassenthwaite Reflections. The clubs aim to build on the children's enthusiasm for the subjects which has grown in the lessons. The school also employs specialist teachers to enhance the curriculum. French has been particularly successful this year, so much so that we are proposing a trip to Paris next year!

Music continues to be a strength of the school, with free tuition available in a choice of 9 instruments. Our children visited the Residential Homes at Christmas, sang at the switching on of the Christmas lights and represented the school at the Carlisle Music Festival. Our choir are also very excited about attending the "Big Sing" at the Sage, Newcastle. The children are always keen to take part in local community events and this year particularly enjoyed being involved at the opening of the Market Place where they were involved in street drama and drumming. We are now busy planning our next community event at the Fell Gathering on 13 June – do look out for us!

The school has recently introduced "Big Writing". During the "Big Writing" sessions children focus on 4 main aspects of Writing, Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation known as VCOP. In a relaxing atmosphere with dimmed lights, candles and quiet music the children use their special pencils and paper. One boy said "It is the best bit of the week." We have already seen an improvement in both writing and attitudes and some children who were reluctant to write have made very good progress. We are planning a second day of training next year to further develop the programme.

We are very grateful to the Rotary Club for organising lots of competitions for our children which they have really enjoyed entering. We also took part in a technology competition organised by Sellafield where children had to use Mind Storm Lego to make dancing robots. We entered 4 teams and were delighted that our teams were awarded a first and second prize. In addition an individual first prize was awarded to Emily Hick for her robot design.

We have high aspirations for our children and always welcome visits from ex-pupils when they return from university and their travels. Recently our staff gave up a Saturday to take a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to visit York. The cost of transport was funded by "Aim Higher" and the children visited York University, Jorvick, the Art Museum and the Shambles. The children were shown round the university by students and sat in the lecture theatre and learnt all about University life.

Our children enjoy all the opportunities provided by the town and recently produced a leaflet about life in Cockermouth for local residents, which was extremely positive. Our Year 3 children are currently studying the history of Cockermouth and will be following the Cockermouth Town Trail. They are also planning a display which they will enter at the

Kirkgate Centre in September as part of the English Heritage Open Day. Do come and support us!

Fairfield Infants School

A report was submitted by Mrs A Pattinson, the Head Teacher at the School, as follows:-

September 2008 marked a new milestone for Fairfield Infant School with the retirement of Mrs Dryden, the previously long established headteacher and the appointment of myself. Being a highly successful school requires constant movement forward and building upon strengths, while seeking out new visions and opportunities. This philosophy forms the basis for our new 3 year development plan, which has been formulated through input and consultation with pupils, parents, staff, governors and our neighbouring Junior School which whom we are forging stronger links. This was no simple task and involved questionnaires, dialogue and planning sessions over many weeks; however it has enabled us to develop a vision that truly reflects the ownership of all our stakeholders.

What has been achieved over the last two terms?

- A wider range of after school activities are taking place, Cookery Club run by volunteers, two gym clubs, two recorder clubs and a gardening club
- A class for parents to enable them to better understand the literacy curriculum and support their children has been successfully undertaken
- A PTA has been established. This will give our parents a larger role in the school.
- The Cockermouth Pre-School providers Group has been established with Fairfield acting as the host venue each term. This will enable all groups both in the private and educational sector to work together for common outcomes for all our children in the town.

How have we been working with our community?

- Development of our school website to share events and expertise.
- Development of a texting service for parents.
- Fundraising events including raising £262.00 for Children in Need, £276.50 for the Great North Air Ambulance and £98.00 for Red Nose Day (in conjunction with Sainsburys).
- Raising awareness of road safety around the town working with Bridget Stanley from Cumbria County Council.
- Our School raising issues in the local community pertaining to dog fouling on the greenway.
- Linking with Cumbria Wildlife Trust to raise environmental awareness in school.
- Taking part in the Christmas Light switch on in the town.
- Opening up our Christmas performance to local care homes and sheltered housing.
- Singing Christmas Carols in the local care homes
- Taking part in the R Factor to raise awareness of the importance of recycling.

- Taking part in a range of local competitions (Rotary Poem Competition, Cumbria Wildlife Trust Xmas Card Competition, Sainsbury's Xmas Card Competition)

It would be easy to continue to describe the work that has been undertaken by all our staff, pupils, parents and governors to continue to build a school for the future over the last two terms and I thank you for taking the time to have a glimpse of what we deem to be a first class education for the children of the Cockermouth Area.

Report of the County Councillors

Cllr. Eric Nicholson presented a joint report on behalf of himself and Tim Heslop as County Councillors for the town as follows:-

For the past year I have held the position as Chair of the County Council Local Committee for Allerdale, which has a budget of over £6 million, I am also a member of the Economy and Safety Scrutiny Committee.

Market Place was finally completed which culminated with an official opening. Parking restrictions within the zone have now been formalised and Allerdale wardens should now be policing any infringements.

Last year we completed the traffic regulation order review putting in extra disc parking and yellow lines in response to requests from residents, a long consultation process was carried out which paid dividends as the completed works threw up relatively no negative comments.

We have completed some resurfacing work and put in pedestrian refuse islands on Low Road and Gote Road with additional dropped kerbs. This was in response from the development of the towns local travel plans.

Work is to commence shortly on the extension of the footpath along Low Road to the A66. Funding was also found to do some work on Windmill Lane and Ruby Banks Road but was switched to another town by my political opponents who said Cockermouth was getting too much!

I have been attending a few meetings of the Cockermouth Safety Group chaired by Councillor Smith, along with our Highways Engineer to try to identify where we can help.

We have been working closely with the Health Authority on the proposed new cottage hospital and a review of the traffic regulation order will be made in that area before completion.

The introduction of the Highway Steward last year has been met with great enthusiasm particularly in the rural areas as they are attending to a host of small repair work that never appeared to get done, but make so much difference. In Cockermouth we must embrace this help more as an extra highways team has been put in place to assist the stewards and do more work in the urban areas. Please contact the Town Clerk or myself with any small

highway works requiring attention.

And finally, we have made significant improvements and progress with gully emptying which has been neglected for so long and I believe that we have now put in place a more robust system so improvements in this service will continue.

Although there is a great deal of good youth work going on in town, the County Council has a significant youth budget that has now been devolved back to Local Committee and I would appreciate help in trying to identify how we can improve what we do here in town.

Cllr. Nicholson's report was formally received.

Reports of the Borough Councillors

Councillor Mrs Margaret Jackson, as an Allerdale Borough Councillor submitted a report as follows:-

I have been a representative on Allerdale Borough Council for the Christ Church Ward in Cockermouth for the last 10 years and I am pleased to be given the opportunity to continue to do so.

I am at present Deputy Leader of Allerdale Borough Council and I serve on the Executive Committee with the portfolio for Regeneration.

This portfolio covers a wide range of Regeneration areas e.g. Economic Regeneration like Derwent Forest, Derwent Valley, Port of Workington, Port Derwent site and the Corus site, which has recently been given outline planning permission and we look forward to the completed plan to see the wide range of this development. It also covers Key Service Centres in Rural Areas, Maryport Development, Town Heritage Initiatives, Planning Policy which includes the Local Development Framework which will eventually replace the Local Plan, Worklessness, Routes to Work, Tourism and Nuclear Issues.

It also encompasses Leisure which covers Sports and Community Development via the Leisure Centres in Keswick, Cockermouth and Workington. Working in partnership with Carlisle Leisure we have delivered the wonderful £1m plus extension to Cockermouth Leisure Centre creating excellent extra facilities there which are proving to be popular as membership and usage has increased.

Leisure also covers facilities like the Carnegie Theatre in Workington and the newly built Wave in Maryport, which has replaced the Civic Hall, this venue is proving to be hugely successful and has a full varied programme for the coming year. We are continuing to fund the Kirkgate Centre to move them forward in their future developments. We have also put funding into the Arts out West project who are now based in the Kirkgate Centre.

Regeneration also covers Housing and we are working with Registered Social Landlord and the Private Rented Sector to provide Sustainable Communities. The Housing Department helps to deliver and oversee government funding for Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. At the moment it is

for areas of deprivation, hopefully it can be spread to other areas in the future. The department is also involved in Slum Clearance and Derelict Properties. This has continued to be hugely successful in improving a large number of properties in the area.

Homelessness is a statutory function which the Council must deliver. The presentation of homeless people is on the increase and in the present financial climate it will not get any better. We are working alongside RSL's to find provision of housing for the homeless.

Housing Needs Surveys are carried out in all areas of Allerdale and this helps with planning for future developments. The need in Cockermouth is still for affordable rented houses.

I am at present a member of the Derwent Valley, Derwent Forest, Carnegie Theatre, White Paper Task Groups and the Member Development Working Group. I am also a member of a number of outside bodies appertaining to my Regeneration Portfolio.

I have also satisfactorily dealt with a large number of problems reported to me by the people of Cockermouth.

Councillor Jackson's report was formally received.

Councillor Alan Smith submitted a report as follows:-

Once again I have been very active in the ward, of which I am pleased to represent, from housing issues to flooding problems, there are always people out there to help.

I have again been elected as the Labour Group Leader and Leader of the Opposition for a further two years.

My committees have remained unchanged from last year –

- Port of Workington Board Member
- Allerdale Community Fund
- Audit Committee
- Carnegie Task Group
- Derwent Valley TG
- Nuclear Issues TG

A new task group has been formed, aptly named the Transformation TG, this is one of the most important committees to be formed over the past two years, it has some very hard recommendations to put to Council, to save £3.5m before the next budget.

I still have a 100% attendance at Executive meetings, although not part of this committee, Council business is still slow, the Derwent Valley TG met last September, and its recommendation has STILL to come to Council, the Carnegie TG has finally met, the first time in two years!

I am still campaigning for more affordable/rented home in Cockermouth, this is even more important with the plans to regenerate Manor Court and Wakefield Road.

There are altered plans for the Sullart Street depot site for MORE dwellings for over 55's, this is a disgrace, this is the last brownfield site in Cockermouth.

The 16 affordable home at Holmewood are now occupied, the 14 at Strawberry Howe are built, but there are problems getting utilities to them, and work is progressing at the old council depot site.

Councillor Smiths report was formally received.

Cllr. Sam Standage submitted a report as follows:-

I am pleased to serve Cockermouth on All Saint's Ward as a representative on Allerdale Borough Council.

I serve on the Allendale's Executive as Portfolio holder for Environment. I also serve on the Derwent Forest Task Group, Chairman White Paper Task Group, Health & Safety respect Group, A.N.O.B. Solway Coast Joint Advisory Committee, Living Environment Group and as Chairman of The Nuclear Issues Task Group.

My responsibilities as Portfolio holder for Environment cover all aspects of from Waste Management, recycling, Environmental Health. Parks & open spaces to Emergency Planning. It is not possible to detail all that has occurred during the last year in my report. I am however pleased to say that our recycling strategy in regards to our "Purple Bag Scheme", that is the kerbside collection of Plastic, Glass and Cans is now operating in Cockermouth. I am also pleased to confirm that this scheme is now operating in many other areas of our Borough and it has I believe been readily accepted and adopted and has proved to be a great success.

I can say that the work involved as a portfolio holder is quite time consuming as it involves many meetings both internally and externally which means that I am working many hours per week, but having said that, I do find it both interesting and rewarding.

Harris Park

The upgrading of the tennis courts is well advanced, two of the derelict courts have been removed and the area is being landscaped. The two tarmac courts are being refurbished and new fencing is erected around the courts areas and new nets are also being installed.

In addition the old swings in the play area are being replaced and the former pavilion is now the site of a new raised flower bed.

The toilet block is being refurbished and will now offer new disabled facilities as well as male and female toilets also included will be new sanitary ware, lighting and hand dryers.

Our next objective is to achieve Green Flag Status.

Derwent Forest Task Group

After many months of negotiations the final process in the acquisition of the Derwent Forest land has now been completed. The process in regards to decisions and the delivery of the projects has now been commenced.

Nuclear Issues Task Group

The Group meets on a regular basis with representatives of such agencies as Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Sellafield Ltd, NuLeaf and Corwam (Committee Radioactive Waste Management). We are regularly updated and consulted on all aspects of developments on site. This ranges for example from the additional capacity and longer time scale in relation to the existing Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg to the investigation into the possibility of once again of a an underground repository for High Level Waste, to the hopeful possibility of "Nuclear New Build." A possibility I believe we must support to maintain and sustain our area in regards to economic stability, growth and employment.

Climate Change Working Group

Allerdale Council has now approved its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. The policy applies to all Council owned buildings, premises and related activities where the Council has direct control of energy and water procurement and consumption.

The effective and sustainable use of energy is one of the greatest challenges facing the Council within the immediate future.

Energy efficiency covers all aspects of energy savings that reduce overall energy demands, such as good housing measures, insulation measures and control systems, as well the installation of efficient appliances in regards to heating and lighting.

The main challenge for the Council will be to work within an agreed and once developed to act as a catalyst for encouraging the adoption of energy efficient measures and renewable energy projects within its' own properties within the local business infrastructure and the wider community as a whole.

It all means a very busy and interesting year ahead and one to which I looking forward.

Councillor Standages report was formally received.

Councillor Tyson submitted the following report:-

I was elected to Allerdale last June representing All Saints Ward. Initially I just attended the monthly full Council meeting but in September/October I was put on Community scrutiny and Audit Committees, and since January I have been on the Development Panel (Planning).

Community Scrutiny looks at the performance outside organisations, and at Allerdale's performance in delivering services from the ratepayers view point, in particular recently. We advised against the proposed increase in car parking fees (There is also a Corporate Scutiny Panel which looks at the Councils internal performance. I am currently on a task group looking at restructuring scrutiny to give it a more effective future role.

The Audit Committee shadows and supports the work of internal auditors in monitoring the performance of key departments and services throughout the Council. The (key services are determined by risk assessment, and internal audits carried out on them annually). Audit also oversees the financial reporting process, and considers the Annual Audit and Inspection findings of the Government Audit Commission which rates the Councils overall performance nationally.

The Development Panel considers the larger planning applications, often involving regeneration, and the more controversial applications which have not been resolved between applicants and the planning department, and the applicant has had them called in to the committee.

I have found a warm welcome from all 56 Councillors, irrespective of politics. There seems a good body of genuine representatives from all backgrounds, and I am enjoying the experience and opportunity to contribute. I have also been involved in several ward issues, including a clean-up of Waste Lane, and been able to help a number of constituents, which I also find rewarding.

Councillor Tyson's report was formally received.

No report was submitted by Councillor Lytollis.

A number of questions were asked from the floor generally to Allerdale Borough Councillors commencing with

The Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreation Charity Committee (Formerly the Drill Hall Fund)

The Clerk circulated a report received from D. MacRae, the Secretary of the Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreation Charity Committee together with accounts for the last year. During the year £3,045 had been paid out to various organisations. The Clerk indicated that the Committee was always happy to receive applications from local organisations who might qualify for funding.

The report was formally received.

Resolutions of which Written Notice had been Given

The Clerk reported that no written resolutions had been received.

Any Other Business Notified Prior to the Commencement to the Meeting

None to report.

Councillor Standage expressed his disappointment at the lack of turnout.

The Mayor then closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.