WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

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Chairman:

Councillor R Gill

To: Members of Whitehaven Town Council

You are duly SUMMONED to attend a MEETING of WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL which will be held in THE BEACON PORTAL at THE BEACON, WHITEHAVEN on Thursday 30th October 2025 at 6.00 pm

Signed Marlene Lewell Dated 27 October 2025
Marlene Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest by elected Members in respect of Agenda items.

If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

- 3. Public Participation
- 4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th September 2025
- 5. Report from Cumberland Council
- 6. Planning Applications
- 7. Finance Report
- 8. Recommendations from Policy and Resources and Finance Committee
- 9. Remembrance Sunday

- 10. Call for Sites for Cumberland Local Plan Clerk to give a report
- 11. Allotment Update Report
- 12. Public Toilets
- 13. WCSSG
- 14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

IN PRIVATE

That prior to the following items of business the Chairman will move the following resolution:

That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and or press be instructed to withdraw.

- 15. Office Renovation Update To Follow
- 16. Application For Grant WCT

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 25th September 2025

<u>Present</u>: Councillor R Gill (Chairman); Councillor C Hayes; Councillor B O'Kane; Councillor A Pearson; Councillor G Roberts; Councillor A Spedding;

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public

Press

Prior to the Meeting starting the Chairman asked all Town Councillors present to introduce themselves.

He informed all those present that there was no scheduled testing of the fire alarms and gave evacuation details should the fire alarm ring and the location of toilets.

He explained about public participation and gave information about conduct at Meetings

2855/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received as follows:-

Councillor E Dinsdale

Medical issue

Councillor G Dinsdale

Holiday

Councillor J Carr

Work Commitment

Councillor R White

Work Commitment

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Pearson that the apologies for absence be accepted and noted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the apologies for absence be accepted and noted

2856/25 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Gill declared that he was a member of the Whitehaven Heritage Action Group

2857/25 Public Participation

WM appeared and made the following points:

This is in reply of Mr O'Kane's question last time and he asked why Crow Park was always being mentioned. In late 2023, Councillor Dinsdale raised the issue of the huge amount of funding required to refurbish the old Whitehaven News building and he suggested the people of the town should have their say. This was defeated. A few months later at a meeting in the town where over 140 people attended looking at how to improve the town. Number one request was for toilets for the public and visitors. Workington has public toilets and street cleaners.

He said he contacted Whitehaven Town Council and said that the refurbishment of the Whitehaven News Office should not go ahead, and the building was in the wrong part of town, no car park and up a back street. He had said that the two Clerks should have a presence in the town, but this should be in the market. He said he later found out that the two Clerks were offered accommodation by Cumberland Council. The Clerk then spit the dummy out and stopped answering any of his emails. In February, whilst inspecting Crow Park for the Council, he said he slipped and fell on one of the four grassed paths which were all on an incline and like a banana slide when wet and had then sent an email to the Council asking them to put me an accident form in and could they arrange for the Allotment Advisory Group to visit Crow Park and check these paths out as they were not safe. No reply. This was followed up with an email to carry out risk assessments on these paths and allotments rules they should be carried out every six months, again no reply. Third request was for a safety advisor to visit the site with himself to look at these paths, again no reply. I then contacted a Councillor, who like yourself had no contact details on the Council website and asked how I could make contact with the Councillors. He suggested I send an email to Marlene asking her to forward emails to all Councillors. Again, they were not forwarded to the Councillors. As a last resort he had then started to attend the monthly meetings and raising issues relating to Crow Park in the three minutes of Public Participation slot.

And, then there was another accident on Crow Park, another tenant fell, snapped a tendon in his leg which needed an operation, and he is still in recovery. This accident should not have been, it should have been avoided had the Council investigated my accident. When the tenant and his wife

called to report his accident, they also mentioned my accident a year ago and were told my accident was years ago and if you report any more accidents we'll shut the site down.

He said he had been employed in every industry since I was 15 years old and had never known an accident which has never been investigated. The tenants accident should have been avoided had the Clerk carried out her duties. The Clerk's duties fall long way short of the seven principles of public life, also known as The Nolan Principles.

Lastly Mr Marston asked the Council to arrange for the safety officer to visit the site with himself to look at these dangerous paths before we have another accident. Finished.

The Chairman said he would ask the Clerk to respond to him in due course, but that he took exception to the manner in which Mr Marston talked about our staff. He said Mr Marston might not be happy with what they do but there was a way in which you talk about it and his manner was quite inappropriate

BM appeared and made the following points

- With regards to the alleged rape incident in Castle Park he wanted to thank the Council for taking it under their wing. He said he didn't know if a letter had been written or whether there had been a response and Councillor Spedding said he would address that. BM said the concern was still there and he supposed the issue was from the point of view of my request to the Council is that pressure continues to be brought to bear on the authorities to keep this Council in the loop as to what is happening. He said he knew it might not be of interest to the wider Cumbrian public but to Whitehaven women and girls it was. So it would be nice to have regular updates as they don't appear to have these at the moment
- This was regarding HMOs. He said there was concern about the increasing number of some Grade II Listed Buildings being converted. So this was a heritage question - when permission is given or a licence for premises to be converted and then under certain conditions and then at the last moment approval is switched to HMOs that can cause concern or concern to some people in the community. He said this refers to a property in Irish Street where a HMO application has been made for 10 rooms which could be up to 20 people and sharing 1 communal room. He said the point was this was clearly not for professional Sellafield employees or NHS Doctors as no professional would stay in those conditions. So the suspicion was that these premises like Irish Street were being prepared for HMOs for migrant occupancy and that was the fear. There were concerns about the impact on law and order particularly in the light of the first point he had raised. He said there were 2 aspects to this - would the Council be interested in cautioning those in Cumberland Council who appear to be willing to approve willy nilly HMOs which are likely to house in heritage properties

which are likely to house 20 or more people particularly if they are undocumented migrants that was a cause for concern. The heritage aspect was another cause for concern. The Chairman said the Council was a consultee in the planning process and when the Council was consulted we reply appropriately. He said as to HMOs they were all over the country now. He said certainly when the planning application was before the Council we would look at it carefully.

Councillor Spedding said he had received the same email and asked if it would be any use to the Clerk if he sent it to her and the Clerk said it would be.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending

2858/25 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 28th August 2025

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2025 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2025 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2859/25 Report from Cumberland Council

Councillor Hawkins attended and made the following points

- They had had a Whitehaven and Costal Communities Panel Meeting on Tuesday at Red Lonning and there was a list of investments/grants that they gave out
- They had had feedback from previous applicants- P and Diverse Cumbria who had a successful day on the Harbour which was well attended
- Bransty Community Group gave some positive feedback on the funding that they gave
- They also had feedback from Keekle Community Park investment of £5,000
- There was also additional investment in our area in HFA and this provided healthy meals, enriching activities, free childcare places for children from low income families.
- Feedback from the highways and one of the things that he had found troubling was the increase in the number of abuse to road staff working on the roads. There had been 4 members of staff injured this year which was unacceptable. These people were just doing their jobs

- The Health and Wellbeing day in August which was run by the Council was a great success and this year they had 2,000 people through the gates. He said it seemed to be in the calendar now as an annual event
- On Wednesday 1st October it was the monthly walk round Mirehouse and in conjunction with the Rivers Trust we're going to be bulb planting along the cycle way
- Councillor Hawkins asked if anyone had any questions or comments

Councillor O'Kane referred to the road that is parallel to the Golf Club and said we had asked several times can the grass verge both sides preferably but at least one side be cut. He said he had driven round there and there was two ladies who were walking on the main road because you couldn't walk on the grassed area and how a car missed her as he/she was flying past he didn't know. He said we keep saying it's only a matter of time before somebody is killed on that road. He said it was a circular walk up there and a lot of people did walk up there. It was also where kids walked and he asked Councillor Hawkins could he please ask that this be cut before somebody is hurt there. Councillor O'Kane said at the bottom of Aikbank there was no white lines anymore and that was directly onto the Loop Road opposite the garage The Chairman thanked Councillor Hawkins for attending

2860/25 Planning Applications

The Council considered a list of Planning Applications shown at Appendix 1. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Spedding that following consideration of the Planning Applications on Appendix 1 that Cumberland Council be informed that the Council had no representations/comments to make. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That following consideration of the Planning Applications on Appendix 1 that Cumberland Council be informed that the Council had no representations/comments to make

2861/25 Finance Report

The Council considered the Finance report

i. Appendix 1 – The Council considered a list of invoices at Appendix 1 plus 2 addditional invoices:

Arboroscope £685.80 Allotment Contract

August

IDEAS £742.80 Transport for Robot

Exhibition

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the invoices shown at Appendix 1 plus the 2 additional invoices above be approved and paid. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the invoices shown on Appendix 1 plus the 2 additional invoices above be approved and paid

ii. Appendices 2 and 3 – It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes that Appendices 2 and 3 be approved and noted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That Appendices 2 and 3 be approved and noted.

2862/25 Call for Sites for Cumberland Local Plan

The Clerk reported that further to Minute 2844/25 the sites identified by Councillor White and Councillor O'Kane had been forwarded to Cumberland Council and that if any other Councillor wished to suggest any further sites could they please email them to the office and they would be forwarded to Cumberland Council. The Clerk reminded the Council that the closing date for the consultation was Sunday 4th January 2026. It was proposed by Councillor Pearson and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the report be noted, A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the report be noted

2863/25 Allotment Update Report

- 1.1 Further to Minute 2846/25 The Council considered an Allotment Update Report giving details of the position with regards to the Council's Allotment sites. The Clerk informed the Council that:-
 - Cartgate Allotment Site There was 1 vacant site as a result of a Notice to Quit being served, The outgoing tenant had left a large broken polytunnel on the site which was beyond repair and the Council's contractor had given an estimate of £180 plus VAT to remove and dispose of the polytunnel. It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the polytunnel be removed and disposed of at a cost of £180 plus VAT. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the polytunnel be removed and disposed of at a cost of £180 plus VAT.

- Crow Park Allotment Site 3 vacant plots and tenants are actively being sought
- Midgey Allotment Site No vacancies except for the plot specifically adopted for people with disabilities
- Sneckyeat Allotment Site No vacancies

- 1.2 There were no outstanding repairs from the Site Representatives.
- 1.3 With regards to WM's complaint about the entranceway to the allotments being a mess and the trackway down from the gate to the second carpark having potholes the Clerk had asked the Contractor to have a look at this and he had submitted a quote for carrying the below works in the sum of £1,173 plus VAT
 - To regrade surface and road and to roll it down with a vibratory around the gate
 - To level and clear out potholes with an excavator
 - Follow up screening over the entry gate section below what is the proper road with plannings and rep-roll it
 - Fill in any low potholes and wacker plate along track using plannings

It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Spedding that the repair works in 1.3 above be carried out in the sum of £1,173 plus VAT and that the Report be noted. A vote was held and it was Unanimously

RESOLVED – That the repair works in 1.3 above be carried out in the sum of £1,173 plus VAT and that the Report be noted.

2864/25 Quotes for Skip Hire for Allotment Sites

The Council considered a report on quotes received for skip hire for Allotment Sites in 2026/27 (2 skips per year for each Allotment Site).

3 quotes had been sought for the delivery and collection of 12 yard open skips but only 1 quote was received in the sum of £265 plus VAT per skip.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the quote of £265 plus VAT per 12 yard open skip for Allotment Sites in 2026/27 be accepted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the quote of £265 plus VAT per 12 yard open skip for Allotment Sites in 2026/27 be accepted.

2865/25 Quotes Received for Security Provision at Town Council Events

The Council considered a report on a quote received for security provision at Council Events in 2026/27. 3 quotes were sought and 1 was received in the sum of £24.50 plus VAT per hour per security officer. This was an increase of £2.50 on the current year. It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Spedding that the quote of £24.50 plus VAT per hour per security officer for 2026/27 be accepted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the quote of £24.50 plus VAT per hour per security

officer for 2026/27 be accepted.

2866/25 Quotes for Marquee Hire 2026/27

The Council considered a report on quotes received for the hire of marquees, flooring and chairs for Council events in 2026/27. 3 quotes had been sought and

2 quotes had been received from supplier EMH and supplier LL After comparing the costs from both companies it was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Spedding that the quote from LL be accepted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the quote from LL be accepted for 2026/27.

2867/25 <u>Planting and Maintenance of Summer and Winter Plants in Whitehaven 2026/27</u>

The Council considered a report on a quote received for the planting and maintenance of Summer and Winter plants in Whitehaven for 2026/27. Three quotes had been sought and one quote had been received in the sum of £45,847.96 plus VAT (cost for the current year was £44,512.73 plus VAT). It was proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the quote of £45,847.96 plus VAT for the planting and maintenance of summer and winter plants in Whitehaven for 2026/27 be accepted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the quote of £45,847.96 plus VAT for the planting and maintenance contract for summer and winter plants in Whitehaven for 2026/27 be accepted.

2868/25 Planting and Maintenance of St Nicholas Gardens 2026/27

The Council considered a report on a quote received for the planting and maintenance contract for St Nicholas Gardens for 2026/27. Three quotes had been sought and one quote had been received in the sum of £12,305.00 plus VAT (the cost for current year was £10,550.00 plus VAT). It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the quote of £12,305.00 plus VAT be accepted for the planting and maintenance contract for St Nicholas Gardens for 2026/27. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the quote of £12,305.00 plus VAT be accepted for the planting and maintenance contract for St Nicholas Gardens for 2026/27.

2869/25 Quote for Summer and Winter Bedding Plants in St Nicholas Gardens 2026

The Council considered a report on a quote of £4,000 plus VAT received from the Council's preferred supplier for the supply of 15,000 Summer plants and £4.100 plus VAT for the supply of 14,000 Winter plants and 1,000 hyacinth bulbs and 1,500 tulip bulbs, in St Nicholas Gardens for 2026. In order to purchase the Summer and Winter bedding plants for St Nicholas Gardens in 2026 the Council considered suspending Financial Regulation 5 to permit this. In order to suspend Financial Regulation 5, Financial Regulation 19.2 states that the Council may by resolution of the Council duly notified prior to the relevant Meeting of the Council suspend any part of the Financial Regulations provided that the reasons for the suspension are recorded and that an assessment of the risks arising has been drawn up. The Council considered these at paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 of the Report. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Spedding (i) that the Council resolves to suspend Financial Regulation 5 to accept the quotes and permit the purchase of Summer and Winter bedding plants for St Nicholas Gardens for 2026 from the preferred supplier and (ii) having made the resolution agrees that the reasons for the suspension in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be recorded and the assessment of the risks in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be accepted and approved. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – (i) That the Council resolves to suspend Financial Regulation 5 to accept the quotes and permit the purchase of Summer and Winter bedding plants for St Nicholas Gardens in 2026 from the preferred supplier and (ii) having made the resolution agrees to the reasons for the suspension in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be recorded and the assessment of the risks in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be accepted and approved.

2870/25 Quote for the supply of Summer and Winter Bedding Plants in Whitehaven 2026

The Council considered a quote of £6,635,57 plus VAT received from the Council's preferred supplier for the provision of flowers for the Summer season in Whitehaven 2026 and a quote of £1,862.62 plus VAT for winter bedding plants in Whitehaven 2026.

In order to suspend Financial Regulation 5, Financial Regulation 19.2 states that the Council may by resolution of the Council duly notified prior to the relevant Meeting of the Council suspend any part of the Financial Regulations provided that the reasons for the suspension are recorded and that an assessment of the risks arising has been drawn up. The Council considered these at paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 of the Report. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts (i) that the Council resolves to suspend Financial Regulation 5 to accept the quotes and permit the purchase of Summer and Winter bedding plants in Whitehaven for 2026 from the preferred supplier and (ii) having made

the resolution agrees that the reasons for the suspension in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be recorded and the assessment of the risks in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be accepted and approved.

A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That (i) the Council resolves to suspend Financial Regulation 5 to accept the quotes and permit the purchase of Summer and Winter bedding plants in Whitehaven for 2026 from the preferred supplier and (ii) having made the resolution agrees that the reasons for the suspension in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be recorded and the assessment of the risks in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be accepted and approved.

2871/25 Quote for Maintenance of Allotments and Pigeon Lofts 2026/27

The Council considered a report on a quote received for the maintenance of Allotments and pigeon lofts 2026/27. Three quotes had been sought and one quote was received in the sum of £6,706.00 with additional pricing for one-off services that may be required (the cost for the current year was £6,566.00). It was proposed by Councillor Spedding and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the quote of £6,706.00 with additional pricing for one-off services as may be required for the contract for the maintenance of pigeon lofts and allotments in 2026/27 be accepted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the quote of £6,706.00 with additional pricing for one-off services as may be required for the contract for the maintenance of pigeon lofts and allotments in 2026/27 be accepted.

2872/25 Quote for Transportation of Council Equipment for Events in 2026/27

The Council considered a quote of £1,050.00 for 3 Council events from the Council's preferred Contractor and should the Council require additional work a quote of £60 per hour including travel expenses. This was for the the collection, setting up removal and return of equipment for Council events in 2026/27. In order to suspend Financial Regulation 5, Financial Regulation 19.2 states that the Council may by resolution of the Council duly notified prior to the relevant Meeting of the Council suspend any part of the Financial Regulations provided that the reasons for the suspension are recorded and that an assessment of the risks arising has been drawn up. The Council considered these at paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 of the Report. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor O'Kane (i) that the Council resolves to suspend Financial Regulation 5 to accept the quote 1,050.00 for 3 Council events from the Council's preferred Contractor and should the Council require additional work a quote of £60 per hour including travel expenses for the collection, setting up, removal and return of equipment for Council events in 2026/27 and (ii) having made the resolution agrees that the reasons for the suspension in paragraph 1.3

of the Report be recorded and the assessment of the risks in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be accepted and approved. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That (i) the Council resolves to suspend Financial Regulation 5 to accept the quote 1,050.00 for 3 Council events from the Council's preferred Contractor and should the Council require additional work a quote of £60 per hour including travel expenses for the collection, setting up, removal and return of equipment for Council events in 2026/27 and (ii) having made the resolution agrees that the reasons for the suspension in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be recorded and the assessment of the risks in paragraph 1.3 of the Report be accepted and approved. A vote was held and it was unanimously

2873/25 Memorial Bench in St Nicholas Gardens

Further to Minute 2851/25 the Council considered a report regarding the purchase and installation of a memorial bench in memory of Bob Bennett in St Nicholas Gardens. The Church had confirmed that they were happy for us to do this. A quote had been received from the supplier of the Council's benches and they had quoted a price of £631.77 for the Lowther bench and £101.39 for a stainless steel plaque. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the quote be accepted and that the bench and plaque be purchased and installed in St Nicholas Gardens. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the quote be accepted and that the bench and plaque be purchased and installed in St Nicholas Gardens.

2874/25 Markets Policy 2025

Further to Minute 2847/25 the Council considered the answers given by Cumberland Council to the questions they had raised on Cumberland's Market Policy which were as follows:-

- That the Policy was a protection of rights and quality which was adopted on 1st April 2025
- That there would be no charge for Whitehaven Town Council regular existing markets that predated the adoption of the Market Policy or an administration charge. The Town Council markets would not be charged as they were not for profit community events
- In respect to charges there were few established markets in Cumberlands area that had not applied for a licence and each would be looked at on application and established ones were unlikely to be charged
- The Markets Policy was the responsibility of Cumberland Council and after consultation it was decided that a Cumberland wide policy was vital

- The fees were charged on an individual basis and the costs were a matter between Cumberland Council and the applicant. The fees and charges were looked at on an individual application basis so it was not appropriate to publish the charges
- For the calculation of charges each application was looked at individually and they were proportional. There was no breakdown of costs as each application was looked at on an individual basis
- TEG markets were charged a small amount for the licence
- Continental markets would have to apply for a licence and would be charged if it was thought appropriate

The Officer from Cumberland could not attend due to pressure of work.

After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that a letter be sent to Cumberland outlining the Council's concerns namely

• Lack of transparency particularly about scales of charges when applications were submitted and which Council Officer(s) would be looking at applications and deciding fees

RESOLVED - That a letter be sent to Cumberland outlining the Council's concerns namely lack of transparency particularly about scales of charges when applications were submitted and which Council Officer(s) would be looking at applications and deciding fees

2875/25 Street Name and Numbering

The Council considered a report from Cumberland Council regarding Street Name and Numbering of new residential development at Harras Moor. The Developer proposed that the names Skylark, Corncrake, Curlew, Lapwing, Wagtail and Stonechat were all a form of meadow birds which was in keeping with the theme of the development. With Harras Moor having a former racecourse the names Dalkeith and Fairthorn were the names of two horses that had taken part in races. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor O'Kane that the proposed names for the street name and numbering of the new residential development at Harras Moor be approved and Cumberland Council be informed. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the proposed names for the street name and numbering of the new development at Harras Moor be approved and Cumberland Council be informed.

2876/25 WCSSG

Councillor E Dinsdale had submitted his apologies so there was no report from the WCSSG

2877/25 Emergency Flood Warning

The Clerk gave a report on information received from Cumberland and Westmorland Councils relating to the Flood Warning System (FWS) and documents relating to this. It was reported that the Environment Agency were moving to a new system with all existing customers being automatically moved to the new system. They were keen to encourage residents in Whitehaven to sign up to the appropriate alerts via the FWS. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Pearson that the information be circulated to Councillors for them to put on their websites and social media pages and that it be put on the Council's website and social media page. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the information be circulated to Councillors for them to put on their websites and social media pages and that it be put on the Council's website and social media page.

2878/25 Councillor Ward Matters

- (i) Councillor O'Kane said he had mentioned his issue already
- Councillor Spedding said he had received an email reply from a Mr David (ii) Allen Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and was an update on the rape in Castle Park. He said he had got it in the week basically telling us nothing that we don't already know and thanking him for writing to him. It had been discussed with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and it was an active and open investigation and operational direction and control with the Chief Constable of Cumbria he was severely limited on what he could say. He said he could confirm that the Police had completed house to house and CCTV enquires and that the Police were also running a community impact assessment and a number of patrols were in place to help support the public and offer reassurance. Regular visible patrols within the Park and surrounding areas, engagement with the public, proactive challenges of people within the Park, targeting patrols at key offence times. He said the PCC would be speaking further with the Chief Constable to see what additional work can be done regarding the public reassurance. With regards to CCTV this was owned and maintained by Cumberland Council and was working and was passed to the Police as part of the investigation.
- (iii) Councillor Pearson said he was back again and referred to the dangerous places on the B5345 and said nothing had been done yet. He said it had been ongoing since end of March when he had first contacted Councillor

Williamson and went on to a meeting on 2nd May and it went for 3 months and nothing was done. Then there was involvement and I sent an email about the Whitehaven News so miraculously the next day some cutting was done but again it hadn't got rid of the danger. In the email he had copied in the MP Josh MacAlister, Mark Fryer, Councillor Emma Williamson. They had not had the courtesy to answer they haven't even replied. He said the thing was somebody will get killed and they know about it now and they just ignore it. They were totally ignoring it. He said at the meeting they had the Councillor thought it that important that she brought a kid with her and left it in the car and then had to leave the meeting because the kid was in the car. He said he was talking about something where people could potentially be killed and the other night he had crossed the road from what we know as the Thicket and a car came and he had to step back. He said he couldn't see that car and if conditions had been different rainy or windy he might not have seen it or heard it and be dead. A local person is going to be killed and they keep ignoring it and asked should he keep reporting it every week every week every week because they know about it but they choose to ignore it. He said it wasn't a problem this year it was the same problem last year and nobody seems to care. He said they had had a meeting where the only lad who had actually done anything was Craig McCarron who works for Highways. Everybody else has totally ignored anything about it. And when somebody does get killed they will have to answer because they know the danger. They know that there's a potential that people can't see approaching traffic. He said it wasn't if it was when and somebody will be killed and it had happened before and it would happen again. He said we had got Josh MacAlister and everybody was asking how we could spend £1,000,000 on Greenbank and Mirehouse but we can't get the grass cut

(iv) Councillor Gill referred to the Cumberland Council bus shelter at Lincoln Road which was a disgrace with all the windows broken

2879/25 Date and Time of next Meeting

The next Town Council Meeting would be on Thursday 30th October 2025 at the Beacon Portal, Whitehaven at 6.00pm

2880/25 IN PRIVATE

That prior to the following items of business the Chairman moved the following resolution:

That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and or press be instructed to withdraw. Councillor O'Kane proposed this and Councillor Roberts seconded this. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED - That the public and or press be instructed to withdraw.

2881/25 Update on Office Accommodation

Further to Minute 2816/25 the Clerk gave a report on progress since that time with the up to date position regarding the renovation work to the Council Offices together with details of budget expenditure and projection of total expenditure

Para 1.1 Page 1 – monthly update on Progress

Para 1.2 Page 2

• Deposit Account Starting Balance, Contract Price minus payment made to William King

Para 1.2 Page 3

• Deposit Account Income since 1st April 2024

Para 1.2 Page 4

• Invoices received from William King

Para 1.2 Page 5

Projected expenditure other than from William King

Para 1.2 Page 6

• Expenditure since 1st April 2024

Para 1.2 Page 7

 As at February 2025 individual percentages of work in contract that have been complete

Para 1.3

• There was an issue raised on Thursday 5th September 2025 by
the Architect to the effect that it appeared that part of the roof
which appeared to be in the adjacent owner's ownership was leaking into
our building into the downstairs toilet and the flooring could not
be put down in the toilet until the leak had been repaired.

Members of the Steering Group for Office Accommodation were
Contacted and agreed to the roof being repaired and quotations
sought. During a conversation with adjacent owner about it he was
adamant that the leak was not on his part of the roof. The cost of
the repair was £950.00 plus VAT and the repair was carried out
on 12th September 2025

Para 1.4

A second issue was raised by the Architect at the same time and this was also sent to the Steering Group for Office Accommodation. This was about the proposed works to the Ginnel for the independent substructure and lining in Cedral board (cementitious board). The costings were

- Labour £2,470.80
- Cladding and associated fixings £4,104.71
- Timber joists and associated fixings £327,96

The Steering Group agreed these costings

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the information contained in paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 be approved and noted and that the extra works and expenditure recommended by the Architect in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 which were recommended for approval by the Steering Group for Office Accommodation in respect of that expenditure be approved and actioned. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the information contained in paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 of the report be approved and noted and that the extra works and expenditure recommended by the Architect in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 which were recommended for approval by the Steering Group for Office Accommodation in respect of that expenditure be approved and actioned

2882/25 Application for Grant – AFC

The Council considered an application for a grant of £1,000 from AFC Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the application for a grant be not granted. A vote was held and 5 Councillors voted for the proposal and 1 Councillor abstained.

RESOLVED – That the application for a grant be not granted

The Meeting Closed at 7.10pm

Chairman

WTC 30/10/2025

Agenda Item 6

Planning Application for Consideration by Whitehaven Town Council

Application Number	<u>Detail</u>
4/25/2321/0F1	CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING TO FORM A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) AND FORMATION OF EXTERNAL CAR PARKING AREA 17 IRISH STREET, WHITEHAVEN
4/25/2322/0L1	LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO FACILITATE THE CONVERSION OF THE BUILDING TO A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) AND THE FORMATION OF EXTERNAL CAR PARKING AREA 17 IRISH STREET, WHITEHAVEN
4/25/2327/0F1	FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION WITH MODIFICATION TO REAR SINGLE STOREY ROOF 24 TOWER HILL, WHITEHAVEN
4/25/2331/0A1	APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO DISPLAY ONE INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED FASCIA SIGN & ONE INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED TOTEM SIGN LAND AT PRESTON STREET, PRESTON STREET, WHITEHAVEN
4/25/2336/0F1	CHANGE OF USE TO FORM A TEMPORARY 24 HOUR CAR PARK COMPRISING OF 95 PARKING SPACES INCLUDING 7 DISABLED PARKING SPACES FORMER JEWSON SITE, COACH ROAD, WHITEHAVEN

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Application Number

Detail

ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR THE ERECTION OF 1 NO. FREE-STANDING INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGN AND 1 NO. FREE-STANDING NON-ILLUMINATED SIGN
THE EDGE, CUMBRIA'S COASTAL ACTIVITY CENTRE, WEST STRAND, WHITEHAVEN

4/25/2358/0L1

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW GAS BOILER WHICH REQUIRES OUTLET VENT AND COWL ON FRONT ELEVATION
8 CROSS STREET, WHITEHAVEN

FINANCIAL REPORT

Purpose of the Report

Members are asked to consider a list of invoices for authorisation and payment as shown at Appendix 1 and approve the recommendations in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Authorise the payment of all invoices as listed in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The Council is asked to note the cashbook as reconciled with the bank account as shown at Appendix 2 together with income and expenditure at Appendix 3.

2.0 FINANCIAL POSITION

- 2.1 The bank reconciliation was carried out on 22nd October 2025. This shows a balance of £348,812.68. There are no payments waiting to be cleared.
- 2.2 The balance in the deposit account is £247,220.73.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The invoices listed and shown in Appendix 1 be approved and authorised for payment.
- 3.2 The Cashbook (Appendix 2) and the Income and Expenditure (Appendix 3) be noted.

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
CASH BOOK FROM 1 APRIL 2025
APPENDIX 2

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Invoices for Consideration by Whitehaven Town Council

AN REMOVAL FROM ST NICHOISS LOWER
Zoom Workplace Pro Annual Subscription
Beds, Borders and Planters Contract - Sept 2025
Overnight Security Provision - 05/09/2025
Photocopier Minimum Copies Charge for Sept 2025
Supply of 2 x marquees - 06/09/2025
Toilet accessories
Allotment Maintenance Contract - Sept 2025
Handwash
Tollet Rolls, coffee, milk & sweeteners
Supply and service of fire extinguishers
Re-imbursement for blu-tack and sellotape
Supply and fit of 7 x office window blinds
Office Supplies
Cutting of office keys
Re-imbursement for milk
Waste bin for disabled toilet
rovision of stage, lighting and pa system for Xmas Light Switch On
Metal key cabinet
Balance due for Firework Display

£ 19,059.16

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

INCOME 2024-2025

Date	Item	Precept	Interest	Other	
01.04.2025	Allotment Rents			2896.50	
07.04.2025	Allotment Rents			450.00	
07.04.2025	HMRC - VAT Refund - March			23024.49	
10.04.2025	Allotment Rents			310.00	
16.04.2025	Precept	524003.0	0		
22.04.2025	Allotment Rents			440.00	
24.04.2025	Allotment Rents			40.00	
07.05.2025	Allotment Rents			140.00	
12.05.2025	HMRC - VAT Refund - April			11050.23	
20.05.2025	Allotment Rents			120.00	
06.06.2025	Allotment Rents			40.00	
06.06.2025	HMRC - VAT Refund - May			15333.03	
19.06.2025	Allotment Rents			148.00	
27.06.2025	Allotment Rents			40.00	
07.07.2025	HMRC - VAT Refund - June			28785.65	
10.07.2025	Deposit Account Credit Adjustment			252.49	
28.07.2025	Allotment Rents			40.00	
31.07.2025	Sellafield Sponsorship			5500.00	
08.08.2025	HMRC - VAT Refund - July			34156.32	
16.09.2025	Allotment Rents			35.00	
22.09.2025	Tombola - Flower & Veg Show			184.95	
30.09.2025	HMRC - VAT Refund - August			3697.45	
01.10.2025	Refund - Crown Gas and Power			1366.36	
06.10.2025	HMRC - VAT Refund - September			14377.82	
22.10.2025	Donation for Mayors Charity			200.00	
		524003.00	0.00	142628.29	666631.29

Expenditure Net Invoices not yet

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL of VAT processed Budget SUMMARISED INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

BANK BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD

CBS 53905917 (01.04.2025) 92,200.21
CBS 53906216 (01.04.2025) 581,114.51
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE £ 673,314.72

INCOME:

Precept 524,003.00

Interest (Deposit)

Other Income 142,628.29 **TOTAL INCOME £** 666,631.29

EXPENDITURE

Employees & Allowances 0.00 Premises 22517.25

 Supplies/Services
 13288.02

 3rd Party
 10784.25

 Grants
 1000.00

 Allotments
 8218.13

Ground Maintenance0.00Civic Hospitality0.00Ranger21237.73Whitehaven In Bloom5937.25

Ward Grants 2580.36 Elections 0.00

Events 24767.51 Contingencies 0.00

 Reserves
 460431.29

 VAT (to be reclaimed)
 107921.02

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 743,912.60

CASH BOOK BALANCE

Environmental Improvements

 Brought forward
 £
 673,314.72

 Income
 £
 666,631.29

 Expenditure
 £
 743,912.60

 Town Council Funds
 £
 596,033.41

BANK BALANCES

CBS 53905917 (22/10/2025) 348,812.68 CBS 53906216 (22/10/2025) 247,220.73

£ 596,033.41

0.00

Less Unpresented Cheques

FINANCIAL POSITION £ 596,033.41

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Purpose of the Report and Recommendation

To consider the recommendations made by the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee held on 13th October 2025.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the meeting of the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee on 13th October 2025 the Committee considered a Finance Report including budget monitoring figures and it was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor O'Kane and unanimously agreed that the following recommendation be made to Council:

RECOMMENDATION:

- i. That £2,000.00 be vired from the Premises Repairs and Maintenance budget to cover the overspend of £1,249.17 for I.T. which occurred due to additional security for working from home and increase price in licenses.
- 1.2 It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that as in previous years a Budget Working Group be set up comprising those on the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee to work on setting the Budget for 2026/27 and make recommendations to full Council and it was unanimously agreed that the following recommendation be made to full Council:

RECOMMENDATION – That as in previous years a Budget Working Group be set up comprising those on the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee to work on setting the Budget for

2026/27 and make recommendations to full Council

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the council considers the recommendations made in 1.1 and 1.2 above for approval.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2025

Purpose of the Report

For Members to consider a report on the preparations for Remembrance Sunday and consider the proposals and approve the expenditure incurred.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Remembrance Sunday 2025 will take place on Sunday 9th November 2025.
- 1.2 The procession will meet outside The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven from 10:00am onwards and then proceed to The Cenotaph in Castle Park, Whitehaven for a short service and the laying of wreaths. The procession will then parade through the town to the United Reform Church, James Street, Whitehaven for the Remembrance Sunday Service.
- 1.3 Two Road Closure Applications have been submitted to Cumberland Council for Lowther/Catherine Street and Market Place in Whitehaven.
- 1.4 Security personnel will be stationed at the traffic lights at Morrisons, Scotch Street and Catherine Street and will then proceed to The Market Place area.
- 1.5 Event Poppies will be installed on lamp posts along the Parade Route.
- 1.6 Three wreaths have been ordered from the Royal British Legion at a cost of £28.50 per wreath. These will be laid at Castle Park, Hensingham and Sandwith.

- 1.7 The United Reform Church have kindly informed us that the hall is available for the serving of refreshments and that there will be no charge for doing this.
- 1.8 3 quotes were sought from local suppliers for the provision of sandwiches and a quote of £18.00 per tray for 40 mixed sandwiches has been accepted. 5 trays have been ordered at a cost of £90.00 plus £1.00 delivery.
 - An additional £40.00 will be spent on Tea, coffee, soft drinks, milk, sugar, cakes and biscuits.
- 1.9 The expenditure for Remembrance Sunday will be under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Where there is no alternative power and no statutory provision the Council can incur expenditure under s.137. The Council has firstly to be satisfied:
 - That there is a direct benefit to the area or part of the area, or to some or all of the inhabitants, and
 - secondly the Council must ensure that the direct benefit accruing to its area or residents is commensurate with the expenditure incurred.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Council note the information contained within the report and the expenditure incurred under s.137.

ALLOTMENT UPDATE REPORT

Purpose of Report and Recommendation

To consider a report on the present position with regards to Allotments

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Further to Minute 2863/25 the position with regards to the Council's Allotment Sites is as follows-

Cartgate Allotment Site

Plot 6a and 6b are vacant and will be allocated shortly

Crow Park Allotment Site

• No change - There are 3 vacant plots on Crow Park and we are actively trying to find tenants for these.

Midgey Allotment Site

• There are no vacancies on Midgey Allotment Site except for the plot specifically adapted for people with disabilities.

Sneckyeat Allotment Site

- There are no vacancies on Sneckyeat Allotment Site
- 1.2 Skips were delivered to sites on 17th and 24th October 2025
- 1.3 There are no outstanding reported repairs from Site Representatives
- 1.4 Site inspections will now be suspended until April 2025

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that paragraphs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 above be noted and that the Council decides whether or not to authorise the expenditure for the repair works to the road/track

PUBLIC TOILETS

Purpose of the Report

To discuss a request from Cumberland Council for the Town Council to be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of two public toilets that Cumberland Council are proposing to construct in a building owned by them on King Street, Whitehaven

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Josh MacAlister our MP and Councillor Emma Williamson the Deputy Leader of Cumberland Council have been working together towards the provision of public toilets in Whitehaven because of "the importance of this to the residents of the Town".
- 1.2 An email was received from Josh on 10.10.25 with a proposed location for two accessible public toilets at the rear of 52 King Street Whitehaven together with an estimate of costs (£61,400). A further email was received the same day to say that the costs were at the top end based on someone to clean and open and close the toilets and quoted St Bees Parish Council as an example as they opened and closed the public toilets at St Bees on a voluntary rota basis. However there was no mention of cleaning. (Appendix 1 refers).
- 1.3 This was followed by a post on social media to inform that Councillor Williamson was committed to securing the capital funding to get the toilets installed and that Cumberland needed a similar commitment from the Town Council to fund the ongoing maintenance costs in line with many other Town and Parish Councils who run public toilets and asked that this be on the Council Agenda as part of their budget process. (Appendix 2 refers).
- 1.4 As a result of this some questions were submitted by the Council to Councillor Williamson and she replied to these (Appendix 3 and 4refer). From these answers it appears that the Council is no longer just being asked to clean and

maintain the toilets but to take on a Lease from Cumberland Council (5 years was suggested) of that part of the building that will house the two toilets and to be responsible paying Cumberland's insurance premium on that part of the building and also being responsible for opening and closing and all cleaning, maintenance and repair. At the time of writing this report we do not have a draft Lease so cannot comment further on this Appendix 3 and 4 refer).

- 1.5 A copy of the preliminary design plan for the toilets from a local firm of Architects was supplied showing the proposed layout of the toilets together with costings and they have estimated running costs of £61,400 per annum (Appendix 5 refers).
- 1.6 There may be an alternative to entering into a Lease with Cumberland Council and that is that the Council could simply contract with a professional cleaning contractor to open and close the toilets and clean and maintain the toilets. Since receiving the design plan I have contacted some professional cleaning companies for a quote but have not as yet received a reply.
- 1.7 At Appendix 6 is a list of Parish and Town Councils that were contacted to asked what their involvement was with public toilets and who replied. We did contact more but did not receive a reply

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that Members decide the way forward on this.

Whitehaven Town Council

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From:

Josh MacAlister OBE MP < hello@joshmacalister.uk >

Sent:

10 October 2025 17:44

To:

Ray Gill; chris hayes

Cc:

Whitehaven Town Council

Subject:

Re: Draft e-mail

Just to expand on the point below about the costs - this really is the top end, based on employing someone to clean it and someone to open and close it. St. Bees Parish Council, for example, have a voluntary rota for opening and closing their toilet block.

Anyway, over to you to discuss - please update me as the discussion progresses. But it's really with the town council now to make this happen.

All the best.

Josh

Josh MacAlister OBE MP

Labour MP for Whitehaven and Workington

Phone: 01946 458023 | Text: 07520 666785 | hello@joshmacalister.uk | www.joshmacalister.uk | Join my e-mail list | Follow me on Facebook | Follow me on YouTube | Follow me on Instagram | Follow me on TikTok

On Fri, 10 Oct 2025 at 17:14, Josh MacAlister OBE MP < hello@joshmacalister.uk > wrote: Dear Chris and Ray

I'm writing to you as Chair and Deputy Chair of Whitehaven Town Council to seek your support for the provision of public toilets in the town.

Cllr Emma Williamson asked Cumberland Council officers to undertake some work to identify a suitable location and provide an estimate of costs and that work has now been done.

The rear of 52 King Street is the proposed location, with a plan to install two accessible toilets, with CCTV and a roller shutter, accessed from Strand Street. Emma has committed to securing the capital funding needed to make this happen. What Cumberland can't do is fund the ongoing running costs.

I am writing to ask that you put forward a discussion and decision to the town council to fund the running of them.

I've received the costings from Cumberland Council for this:

Item	Works Items	Bal	ker Mallett As	ses:	sed Cost	:	Com
			Nett Cost				
52 King Stree	et						
1.0 Operation							
1.1 Op	pening and Closing	£	21,000.00				
1.2 Ck	eaning	£	15.000.00				
1,3 Cc	nsumables	£	7,500.00	: 			
				£	43,500.00		
2.0 Utilities							
2.1 Ek	ectricity	£	3,600,00				
2.2 W	ater	£	1,800.00	,-			
				£	5,400.00		
3.0 Other							
3.1 Ins	surance	£	2,500,00				
3.2 Ma	aintenance	£	5,000.00				
				£	7,500.00		
5.0 <u>Other</u>							
5.1 Cd	ontingency	£	5,000.00				en e
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To	tal Running Costs per annum	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		£	61,400.00		

The total running cost of £61,400 per year includes, cleaning, opening/closing, and other related costs. It would of course cost less if the council did not employ someone to do it.

I hope that you'll be able to consider this at your finance committee on Monday and incorporate it into your budget planning for 2026/27. If we work together on this we can have these toilets operational next year. I don't need to tell you the importance of this to residents of the town.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Josh

Josh MacAlister OBE MP

Labour MP for Whitehaven and Workington

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Public toilets in Whitehaven come one step closer

Councillor Emma Williamson for Kells & Sandwith has done stellar work driving this forward at Cumberland Council. A council-owned property on King Street has now been identified as the location and Emma is committed to securing the capital funding needed to get the toilets installed.

What we now need is a similar commitment from Whitehaven Town Council to fund the ongoing maintenance costs, in line with many other town and parish councils who run public toilets. The

Emma, (2:35

man of and I

have asked for this to be on the agenda as part of their budget discussions.

I'd love to see these up and running next year and will keep doing what I can to make it happen!





Whitehaven Town Council

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From: Cllr Emma Williamson

< Emma. Williamson@cumberland.gov.uk >

Sent: 22 October 2025 08:44

To: Josh MacAlister OBE MP; Whitehaven Town Council

Cc: Raymond Gill; chris hayes

Subject: RE: FW: Public Toilets 52 King Street

Attachments: Baker Mallett Report for Public Toilets at 52 King Street

Whitehaven 10 10 2025 - Rev 00.docx

Good morning everyone

Sorry for the delay, please see answers to the questions where possible. I have also attached the feasibility work we had completed.

Hi Emma

Further to our discussion updated comments below for TC:

Thank you for your email and queries within, we fully appreciate that the success of an initiative like this will hinge on effective partnership and joint working. Set out below are the questions you posed with responses in red text:

1. I understand that Cumberland Council own the building – is it proposed to transfer the ownership of the building to the Town Council

No. Cumberland Council will grant a lease (final lease term to be agreed but suggest a minimum of 5 years), contracted out of the Landlord & tenant Act 1954, with a mutual option to break on 3 months' notice, this flexibility is intended to help manage operational risks.

2. If the answer to 1 above is no can you confirm that ownership and replacement responsibility for the fixtures and fittings will remain with Cumberland Council

Per earlier dialogue it is intended that Cumberland Council would provide a new toilet facility with the responsibility for management and ongoing repair and maintenance passing to the Town Council as operator.

3. Please confirm that what you are asking the Town Council to do is to clean and maintain (not repair or upgrade) the proposed toilets and open and close them and that as owners of the building Cumberland Council will be insured for any acts of vandalism and carrying out any resulting repairs. Also any necessary upgrades will be the responsibility of Cumberland Council

Under proposals the operation of the toilets would sit with the Town Council, this would include repair and maintenance, this is intended to ensure the operational arrangements are most effective and aligned. Cumberland Council would insure the premises however the Town Council would be responsible for payment of the premium.

4. I assume from the emails that Cumberland Council has instructed Baker Mallett to design the proposed toilets

Baker Mallet have been instructed to find a suitable location and provide indicative design, build and running costs. A detailed design would be procured should the Town Council wish to proceed and will be designed in conjunction with the Town Council to support effective operational arrangements.

5. I see that Baker Mallet have submitted some costings for cleaning and maintenance of the proposed toilets but how were these costs calculated and on what basis? I appreciate that these my have been based on assumptions but some clarification would be appreciated

Baker Mallet have used experience and costing tables to produce the indicative costs and we would be happy to work with you to further interrogate these. The final costs would be ascertained through a procurement exercise.

6. The estimate costs for cleaning is approximately £61k per annum or £610k over 10 years which does not take account of inflation and is a substantial amount of money and needs to be budgeted for. Why does Cumberland Council not budget for this next year.

No revenue budget is available for the operation of public toilets. As a Council we are seeking to work with partners to deliver locally important facilities, on this basis we have focused on identifying deliverable options we could take forward subject to an effective operational model being established working with the Town Council.

7. The Council is bound by Financial Regulations and in order to satisfy best value with regards to the expenditure for cleaning and maintaining the proposed toilets the Council would have to obtain quotes from reputable companies experienced in the cleaning and maintenance of public toilets which would include opening and closing.

We fully appreciate this and ahead of any procurement exercise we are happy to assist with the information you may require to engage the market.

8. On the basis that Baker Mallet have been instructed for this project - can you please let me have a copy of Baker Mallets drawings for the proposed toilets together with details of materials being used and the fixture and fittings being installed

A copy of an indicative layout will be shared. Moving ahead design drawings would need to be commissioned, with materials and fixtures and fittings then agreed in conjunction with the Town Council, as per 4 above.

9. Can you also please let me have a copy of Baker Mallets CAD of the proposed drawings so the Council can see how they might actually look in situ

The design provided is an indicative layout so you can see what can be accommodated in the space available. We would work with the Town Council to agree a final and detailed designs

10. I take it the entrance(s) to the proposed toilets is to be on Strand Street but please confirm.

This is correct.

11. Who will have access to the live feed and recordings from the security camera. I assume this will be shared with the Town Council?

A cost for CCTV has been included should the Town Council wish for it to be installed. This could be fed to the town council, a sub-contractor or the police if wished and agreed.

12. Will the proposed toilets be 2/3 modular units with an external entrance door on each module and the roller shutter going over to close them or



The roller shutter would cover the entrance; this is activated from inside the premises. There would be a side door for the key holder to access the premises and open the shutter. Within there will be provision for two fully accessible toilets, each with its own door.

13. Will there be one entrance door to the proposed toilets with the interior being sub-divided into ladies/mens/disabled and with the roller shutter going over the entrance door. The Council needs to see the design for the entrance control. It will need to have one door unlocked by transaction giving entrance to the male and female spaces or if there are two outer doors one for each gender. Both would need to be accessed by transaction for security

See 12 above however the final design and layout can be agreed should the Town Council wish to proceed to the detailed design stage.

14. What are the proposed opening hours of the proposed toilets. What assumptions have Baker Mallet used for the proposed opening hours/days when working out costs

The opening hours would be for the Town Council to determine, however Baker Mallet have worked on the assumption of 7 days a week 9am-5pm.

- 15. As in most other Towns will there be a charge for using the proposed toilets and if so The Town Council would be free to determine a fee or charging strategy for the site.
 - What is that charge proposed to be Should the Town Council wish to charge we would be happy for you to determine an appropriate rate, and per the above answers we are happy to arrange a further session with Baker Mallet re. operational costs.
 - Will the charge be by coin or card or both We would be happy for the Town Council to determine this.
 - It is assumed that the income stream would go to the Town Council Yes, it would go to the Town Council to set against maintenance and management costs.
- 16. Do you have an estimated income stream

While we appreciate there is demand for public toilets in Whitehaven this has not been determined by a formal market assessment. We are happy to assist the Town Council in assessing projected usage, as part of its due diligence.

I trust this is helpful and officers are more than happy to meet you to discuss the proposals further.

Best wishes

Cllr Emma Williamson

Deputy Leader for Cumberland

Executive Member for Children and Family Wellbeing and Housing Kells and Sandwith Ward

Tel: 07840844452







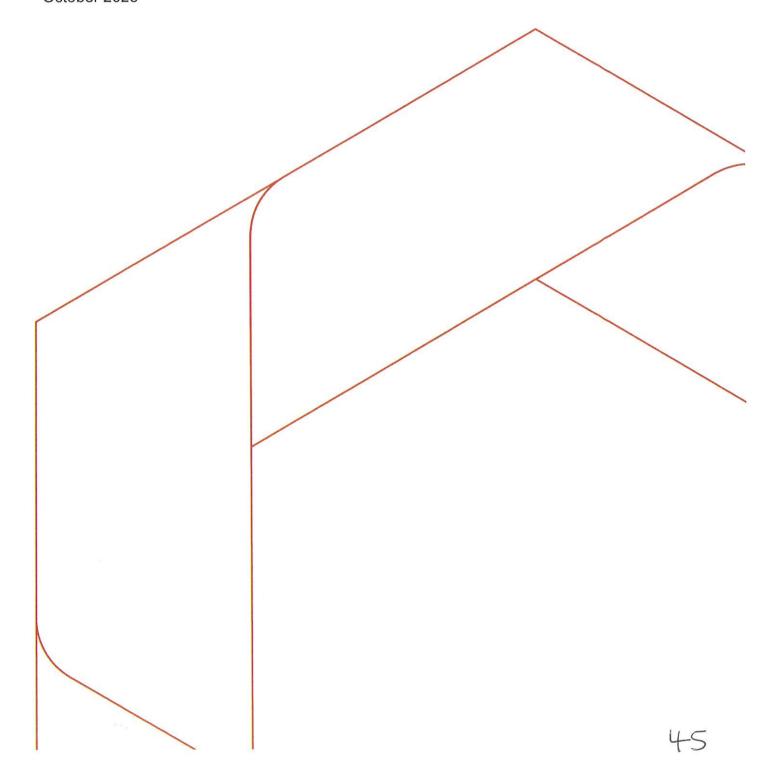
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Cumberland Council

Whitehaven Town Centre - Public Toilets Feasibility Study

Report on 52 King Street

October 2025





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- 2.0 Proposals
- 3.0 Costs
 - 3.1 Capital Costs
 - 3.2 Running Costs

Schedule of Revisions

Revision	Date	Details	Originator
00	10 10 25	Initial Issue	BM



1.0 Overview

Baker Mallett have been instructed by Cumberland Council, to undertake a Feasibility Study into the provision of Public Toilets in Whitehaven Town Centre.

This interim report provides information of one of the options – provision of toilets in the rear loading bay of 52 King Street. This loading Bay is accessed from Strand Street.

Baker Mallett have been provided with the following information:-

a. Existing Floor Plans of Ground and First Floor of 52 King Street, Whitehaven

2.0 Proposals

Baker Mallett have reviewed providing toilets within the rear loading bay of 52 King Street with access from Strand Street.

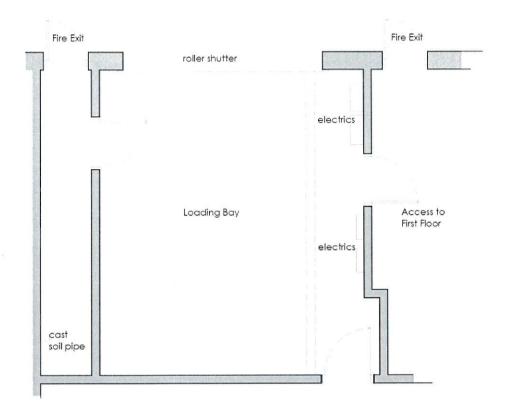
The Existing Ground Floor plan, is as follows:-



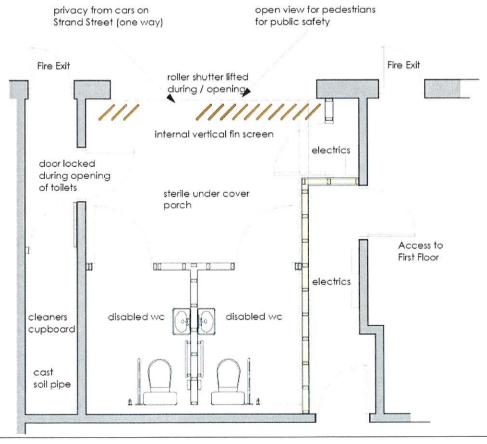
52 King Street is the property on the right.



The existing floor Plan of the loading bay is as follows:-



The proposal is as follows:-





The proposal retains the existing roller shutter, which can be opened/closed at the beginning/end of each day.

The proposal incorporates 'privacy screening' just inside of the roller shutter, to distract from viewing in by passing vehicles and pedestrians.

Layout incorporates left and right hand access disabled toilets with wash hand basin.

Costs to include CCTV and repainting of the exterior wall on Strand Street, together with appropriate signage.



3.0 Costs

3.1 Capital Costs

We set out below an initial review of the potential costs for this option.

ltem Works Items		Baker Mallett Assessed Cost						Comments	
	1	Nett Cost			VAT		Gross	Cost	
52 King S	Street								
	ernal and Elevations								
	1 Minor repairs to external render	£ 1,500.00		£	300.00	£	1,800.00		
	2 Repaint rear elevation	£ 3,000.00		£	600.00	£	3,600.00		
1.3	3 Service Roller shutter	£ 500.00		£	100.00	£	600.00		
1.4	4 Signage	£ 1,000.00		£	200.00	£	1,200.00		
			£ 6,000.00					£ 7,200.00	
2.0 Pre	paration of Loading Bay								
2.	1 Remove all debris, etc	£ 500.00		£	100.00	£	600.00		
2.:	2 Locate drainage connections	£ 2,000.00		£	400.00	£	2,400.00		
2.3	3 Adapt Electrical services	£ 2,500.00		£	500.00	£	3,000.00		
2.	4 Adapt Water services	£ 1,000.00		£	200.00	£	1,200.00		
			£ 6,000.00					£ 7,200.00	
3.0 For	m Toilet Area								
3.	1 Form new ramp and floors	£ 1,000.00		£	200.00	£	1,200.00		
3.:	2 Toilet and wall partitons	£ 6,000.00		£	,200.00	£	7,200.00		
3.3	3 Privacy Screen	£ 750.00		£	150.00	£	900.00		
3.	4 Toilet and other Doors	£ 4,000.00		£	800.00	£	4,800.00		
3.	5 WC and WHB/disabled pack	£ 6,000.00		£	,200.00	£	7,200.00		
3.	6 Prepare floor and lay new floor finishes	£ 2,400.00		£	480.00	£	2,880.00		
3.	7 Decoration	£ 3,000.00		£	600.00	£	3,600.00		
			£23,150.00					£ 27,780.00	
4.0 Plur	mbing and Electrical								
5.	1 Plumbing Installation, including drainage alterations	£ 2,500.00		£	500.00	£	3,000.00		
5.	2 Electrical Installation	£ 2,500.00		£	500.00	£	3,000.00		
			£ 5,000.00					£ 6,000.00	
5.0 Oth	er								
5.	1 Contingency	£ 5,000.00					6,000.00		
5.	2 Professional and Other Fees	£ 7,500.00		£	1,500.00	£	9,000.00	<u> </u>	
			£12,500.00					£ 21,000.00	
	Total of Capital Costs		£52,650.00					£ 69,180.00	

We would note the following:-

- 1. No new works to the remaining ground or upper floors are included in the costs noted above. We assess that all costs relate to the Loading Bay only.
- 2. Figures assume: a start on site in Q2-2026; that the project will be competitively tendered on a lump sum basis.
- 3. All drainage and other services connections, are currently available, with no allowance made for possible diversion to suit new buildings.
- 4. Existing drainage to connect into is not at a deep invert level.
- 5. Assumed no major electrical, gas or water upgrade required.

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3.2 Running Costs

We indicate below an initial review of running costs:-

ltem	Works Items	Bak	er Mallett Ass	Comments		
		ı	Nett Cost			
52 King	Street					
1.0 Op	perational					
1	.1 Opening and Closing	£	21,000.00			
1	.2 Cleaning	£	15,000.00			
1	.3 Consumables	£	7,500.00			
				£	43,500.00	
2.0 Uti	lities					
	2.1 Electricity	£	3,600.00			
	2.2 Water	£	1,800.00			
				£	5,400.00	
3.0 Oth	her					
	3.1 Insurance	£	2,500.00			
3	3.2 Maintenance	£	5,000.00			
				£	7,500.00	
5.0 Otl	her					
and the second second second second second	5.1 Contingency	£	5,000.00			
				£	5,000.00	
	Total Running Costs per annum			£	61,400.00	100 and and a second se

This includes, cleaning, opening/closing, and other relates costs. It does not include full or part time attendance during operational hours which are assumed to be 9am-5pm 5 days per week.

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Appendix 6

LIST OF PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS AND PUBLIC TOILETS

 Cleator Moor TC Workington TC 	Don't own or maintain public toilets Toilets owned and maintained by Cumberland Council
3. Maryport TC4. Keswick TC	Don't own or maintain public toilets Toilets owned and maintained by Keswick Community Asset Company in partnership with Danflo
5. Bowness PC	Don't own or maintain public toilets
6. Eskdale PC	Don't own or maintain public toilets
7. Seaton PC	Don't own or maintain public toilets
8. Windermere TC	Lease 6 blocks from W&FC for Free. Healthmatic clean and maintain and cost is £90,645.81 per annum. Charge is by card 60p
9. St Bees PC	Lease for 99 years. Self employed Cleaner costs approx. £240 per week. No charge but have donation boxes
10. Millom TC	Own and maintain 2 toilet blocks. Employ one employee responsible for opening, closing and cleaning toilets. Cost is approx. £3,00 per block. Employee wages approx. £12,000 and £6,000 per annum. Free
11. Penrith TC	owned and maintained by W&FC
12. Cockermouth TC	Own four – 2 pay to use and open 6 days
13. Gosforth PC	Don't own but clean and maintain one building with the public toilets cost approx. £11,000 per annum. Free
14. Ulverston	Own and clean 1 toilet block and employ a cleaner with electronic

entry system. Annual cost £10,000 Charge 40p card entry

Westmorland and Furness Council has a Courtesy Toilet Scheme that encourages local businesses, pubs, restaurants and shops to make their toilets available to the public and premises accepted onto the scheme are eligible for a grant of up to £500. Applications are considered based on the location of the premises, the number of toilets and the standard of upkeep.