

A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT –

Councillor Anne Jackson (Chairman and Mayor)
Councillor John Crouch (Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Chris Stapley
Councillor Shane McCarthy
Councillor Mary Huntington
Councillor Mary Clark
Councillor Monique Speksnyder
Councillor Sandra Hodson
Councillor David Ferriby
Councillor Chris Scott
Councillor John Hamblin

Clerk: Emma Ireton

FC/25/2025 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Paul Shone

FC/26/2025 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

To agree to the Full Council minutes of the 11th June 2025 – **Approved**
1 Member abstained from the vote.

Cllr Clark queried why a question she asked in the June meeting was not in the minutes. It was explained that minutes are a record of decisions and resolutions and if every question was included, the minutes would be lengthy. Cllr Clark's question was in relation to box 4 on the AGAR, presented in the June meeting. It was asked why the staffing bill was lower in 24/25 than it was in 23/24, this query was answered during the meeting. There were several reasons which included staff in 24/25 being on a lower salary, less NI contributions paid because of apprenticeships and less employed staff in 24/25 than in 23/24. Cllr Clark wanted a copy of 12 months' payment lists to calculate the staffing bill. The Clerk/RFO made it clear in the June meeting that if the payment list was used to calculate the staffing bill, it would be a different figure to the AGAR as the figure on the payment list is the net pay which is different from the gross pay figure on the AGAR.

Cumberland Councillor Elaine Lynch expressed the view that Councillor Clark's question should have been included in the minutes. She also noted that the WBJC report was not on the agenda.

FC/27/2025 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES – APPENDIX 1

No updates this month.

FC/28/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

FC/29/2025 EXCLUSIONS OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/30/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any representations from members of the public – Members of the public are invited to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes each. The maximum total time for public participation will be 10 minutes. At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council Members unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

6.1 Public Participation

Two residents were in attendance as observers.

6.2 Cumberland Authority

Cumberland Councillor Elaine Lynch was in attendance and provided the following report.

Having smaller bin wagons collect refuse on George Street made a positive difference.

There were no Wigton Town Council representatives at the most recent Borderlands meeting, members were asked to consider giving their place to another member if missing meetings was going to be a regular occurrence. Cllr Crouch stated he tried to attend but could not log on to the online meeting.

It was reported that it was another successful year for the carnival.

The flower bed next to the Throstle's Nest was complimented, it was asked those compliments be passed onto the member of the grounds team looking after the bed.

Wigton Baths Trust celebrated their 125th year and held a meeting to showcase their future plans. It was suggested they attend a future WTC meeting to share their ideas. They are currently looking for funding to purchase waterproof mats for the changing rooms.

It was asked why the Wigton Burial Joint Committee was not on the agenda. Agenda items are decided between the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk. At a full council meeting in May, it was stated there would be no reports provided for the time being. Therefore, it was decided not to include it on the agenda until there was a report to give.

The Adult Social Care team at the Cumberland Council had a recent inspection.

The Chairman and members of the Health and Wellbeing board are currently looking at what health issues there are and areas that are not meeting targets such as the number of emergency admissions and length of hospital stays.

The Fells and Solway Community Panels recently granted £4500, one benefactor being Wigton Youth Station who received a grant to improve energy efficiency. There are four meetings per year and Helen Esslemont is proactive at reaching out to organisations that may benefit from a grant and encouraging them to apply.

There was a Children's Services meeting at the Greenhill where guest speakers were also in attendance to speak on matters such as cared for and SEND children. There were also staff awards which boosted morale.

It was announced that Cumberland Council continue to offer lots of different apprenticeships, plus internships by partnering with Carlisle College.

The next Cumberland Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th July, more information can be found on the website.

Questions from members:

- Can Highways look at the High Street when it is raining as there are large puddles that form and vehicles driving through them, risk soaking pedestrians.
- Concerns were raised regarding HGV wagons using the High Street when they are prohibited, can this be looked at?
- Can Cumberland Council not offer dual bins for recycling?
- Can the Cumberland Council enforce the cleaning of the cottages near St Mary's?
- Is there an update regarding the promised dropped Kerb outside B&M – there was no update available.

FC/31/2025 Finance Matters

7.1 To receive and authorise Payments and Bank Reconciliation for June 2025

Members received the payment lists and monthly reconciliation to review prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

Payments for June 2025 were **UNANIMOUSLY** approved.

June 2025 reconciliation was also **UNANIMOUSLY** approved.

Wigton Town Council and Wigton Cemetery Payments

Wigton Town Council
PAYMENTS LIST

9 July 2025 (2025-2026)

| Vouche | Code | Date | Minute | Bank | Cheque No | Description | Supplier | VAT Type | Net | VAT | Total |
|--------|----------------------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 179 | Wages - NET | 12/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | June Wages | Wages | Wages | X | 13,572.78 | | 13,572.78 |
| 190 | Bedding Plants and Shrubs | 12/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Plants refund | Receipt | John Hamblin | X | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| 153 | Allotments Running Costs | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Allotment material | Invoices | Saundersons | S | 87.50 | 17.50 | 105.00 |
| 155 | Allotments Running Costs | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Fencing | Invoice | Laversdale Timber | S | 48.02 | 9.60 | 57.62 |
| 156 | Allotments Running Costs | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Fencing | Invoices | Laversdale Timber | S | 23.20 | 4.64 | 27.84 |
| 157 | Allotments Running Costs | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Fencing | Invoices | Laversdale Timber | S | 215.52 | 43.11 | 258.63 |
| 158 | Allotments Running Costs | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Screws | Invoices | Laversdale Timber | S | 16.20 | 3.24 | 19.44 |
| 159 | Allotments Running Costs | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Rails | Invoice | Laversdale Timber | S | 25.35 | 5.07 | 30.42 |
| 160 | Allotments Running Costs | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Postcrete | Invoices | Laversdale Timber | S | 100.10 | 20.02 | 120.12 |
| 151 | Wigton Baths | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Grant | Invoices | Wigton Baths Trust | X | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 |
| 161 | Training | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Councillor training | Invoice | CALC | X | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| 165 | Internet, phones and mobiles | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Support maintenar | Invoices | System IT | S | 40.00 | 8.00 | 48.00 |
| 166 | Internet, phones and mobiles | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Security and back | Invoices | System IT | S | 9.00 | 1.80 | 10.80 |
| 152 | Internet, phones and mobiles | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Hosting Annual | Invoices | BeDot Media Group | S | 59.88 | 11.98 | 71.86 |
| 150 | Printing | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Printing May | Invoices | Infinity Print Solutions | S | 6.70 | 1.34 | 8.04 |
| 149 | Room Hire | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Room hire | Invoice | NADT | X | 75.00 | | 75.00 |
| 145 | Grave Digging | 13/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | Story | Invoices | Tivoli | S | 588.00 | 117.60 | 705.60 |
| 168 | Plants and bulbs | 13/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | Plant refund | Invoices | Mary Clark | X | 134.00 | | 134.00 |
| 154 | Maintenance | 13/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | WEEDKILLER | Invoices | Saundersons | S | 12.07 | 2.42 | 14.49 |
| 144 | ICCM Membership | 13/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | MEMBERSHIP | Invoice | ICCM | X | 105.00 | | 105.00 |
| 162 | Rent Depot | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Depot quarterly re | Invoices | Mike Armstrong Depot | X | 1,250.00 | | 1,250.00 |
| 163 | Rent Depot | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | Thomas Armstrong | X | 1,250.00 | | 1,250.00 |
| 164 | Vehicle Maintenance | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoice | Richard Miller | S | 68.08 | 13.62 | 81.70 |
| 143 | Machinery Maintenance | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Call out | Invoice | GT Tyres | S | 515.00 | 103.00 | 618.00 |
| 146 | Machinery Maintenance | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | W M Plant | S | 75.00 | 15.00 | 90.00 |
| 167 | Fuel | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Fuel | Invoices | W Ferguson Limited | L | 136.35 | 6.82 | 143.17 |
| 148 | Tools and equipment | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Bag ties | Invoices | Tynedale Farm Services | S | 6.40 | 1.28 | 7.68 |
| 147 | Tyres | 13/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Tractor tyre punct | Invoices | GT Tyres | S | | | |
| 199 | Public Toilets Running Costs - r | 17/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Cleaning supplies | Receipt | B&M store | X | 2.44 | | 2.44 |
| 205 | Equipment/Materials | 17/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Receipt | L&S Engineers | S | 13.68 | 2.74 | 16.42 |
| 184 | Subscriptions | 17/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | June DD | Receipt | Adobe | S | 13.87 | 2.77 | 16.64 |
| 191 | Wages - NET | 17/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | June Pension | Wages | Cumbria Local Government | X | 5,599.00 | | 5,599.00 |
| 208 | Admin and Audit | 17/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Audit | Invoice | Rachael Kelly Auditor | X | 125.00 | | 125.00 |

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9 July 2025 (2025-2026)

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| 206 | Consumables | 17/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Permit | Receipt | MPermit | X | 53.35 | | 53.35 |
| 195 | Electricity | 17/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | Cemetery Power | Suppliers | E.on | L | 31.11 | 1.56 | 32.67 |
| 200 | Public Toilets Running Costs - r | 19/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Cleaning supplies | Receipt | B&M store | X | 5.78 | | 5.78 |
| 209 | Admin and Audit | 19/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | V5 | Receipt | DVLA | X | 25.00 | | 25.00 |
| 180 | Equipment/Materials | 20/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Topsoil | Invoice | Travis Perkins Trading Cor | S | 66.00 | 13.20 | 79.20 |
| 181 | Equipment/Materials | 20/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoice | Travis Perkins Trading Cor | S | 60.74 | 12.15 | 72.89 |
| 182 | Equipment/Materials | 20/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Plastering sand | Invoice | Travis Perkins Trading Cor | S | 3.98 | 0.80 | 4.78 |
| 183 | Subscriptions | 22/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | June DD | Invoice | CANVA | S | 10.82 | 2.17 | 12.99 |
| 192 | Allotments Running Costs | 23/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Allotment Water | Suppliers | Waterplus | S | 93.77 | 18.75 | 112.52 |
| 201 | Consumables | 23/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Office supplies | Receipt | B&M store | X | 6.25 | | 6.25 |
| 194 | Barton Leys Running costs/inco | 24/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | BL Power | Suppliers | Total Energies | L | 94.55 | 4.73 | 99.28 |
| 193 | Depot Running Costs - not rent | 24/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Depot Power | Suppliers | Total Energies | L | 52.65 | 2.63 | 55.28 |
| 203 | PAYE | 25/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | PAYE June | PAYE | HMRC - PAYE | X | 4,386.41 | | 4,386.41 |
| 172 | Garage Site Rent | 25/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Garage site rent | Invoice | Home Group Limited | X | 1.20 | | 1.20 |
| 202 | Public Toilets Running Costs - r | 27/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Cleaning supplies | Receipt | B&M store | X | 18.00 | | 18.00 |
| 204 | Public Toilets Running Costs - r | 27/06/2025 | | Town Council Main | Cleaning supplies/i | Receipt | Protec Direct | S | 58.87 | 11.77 | 70.64 |
| 196 | WBJC Grounds Maintenance | 27/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | | Invoice | SGL Ground Services | S | 60.00 | 12.00 | 72.00 |
| 197 | WBJC Grounds Maintenance | 27/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | | Invoice | SGL Ground Services | S | 1,104.00 | 220.80 | 1,324.80 |
| 198 | Gardener | 27/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | WBJC Gardener | Invoice | Garry Boertien | X | 75.00 | | 75.00 |
| 185 | Water | 30/06/2025 | | WBJC Current | June DD | Suppliers | Waterplus | S | 22.68 | 4.54 | 27.22 |
| 231 | Christmas Event | 04/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Stage Xmas - Depx | Invoice | Stagebus | S | 1,578.25 | 315.65 | 1,893.90 |
| 171 | Equipment/Materials | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Two stroke oil | Invoice | Wigton Tool Hire & Supplie | S | 26.60 | 5.32 | 31.92 |
| 223 | Equipment/Materials | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Includes 90 bags c | Invoices | Saundersons | S | 55.23 | 11.05 | 66.28 |
| 223 | Chemicals and Pesticides | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Includes 90 bags c | Invoices | Saundersons | S | 292.49 | 58.50 | 350.99 |
| 220 | Chemicals and Pesticides | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | GroGreen | S | 329.20 | 65.84 | 395.04 |
| 214 | Training | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Apprenticeship pay | Invoices | NOG | S | 166.67 | 33.33 | 200.00 |
| 230 | Training | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | GDPR training | Invoices | CALC | X | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| 225 | Website | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Website creation | Invoice | Ministry of Doing | X | 3,420.00 | | 3,420.00 |
| 227 | Website | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Web hosting | Invoice | Ministry of Doing | X | 320.00 | | 320.00 |
| 215 | Bedding Plants and Shrubs | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | Capsticks | S | 1,555.27 | 311.06 | 1,866.33 |
| 216 | Bedding Plants and Shrubs | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | Capsticks | S | 1,737.00 | 347.40 | 2,084.40 |
| 173 | Grave Digging | 11/07/2025 | | WBJC Current | Bewick | Invoice | Tivoli Group Limited | S | 588.00 | 117.60 | 705.60 |
| 229 | Maintenance | 11/07/2025 | | WBJC Current | | Invoices | Saundersons | S | 22.92 | 4.58 | 27.50 |
| 219 | Internet, phones and mobiles | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | System IT | S | 5.00 | 1.00 | 6.00 |
| 219 | Internet, phones and mobiles | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | System IT | S | 4.00 | 0.80 | 4.80 |

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| 221 | Printing | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | Infinity Print Solutions | S | 10.85 | 2.17 | 13.02 |
| 228 | Room Hire | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoice | NADT | X | 5.00 | | 5.00 |
| 236 | Room Hire | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | NADT | X | 65.00 | | 65.00 |
| 217 | Vehicle Maintenance | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | | Invoices | P&L Halls | X | 58.60 | | 58.60 |
| 222 | Vehicle Maintenance | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Service Tractor | Invoices | Lloyd Ltd | S | 612.17 | 122.43 | 734.60 |
| 174 | Fuel | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Fuel | Invoice | D A Harrison | S | 306.55 | 61.31 | 367.86 |
| 237 | Fuel | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Fuel | Invoice | D A Harrison | S | 394.87 | 78.97 | 473.84 |
| 226 | Machinery Maintenance | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Hedge trimmer spr | Invoices | W M Plant | S | 32.90 | 6.58 | 39.48 |
| 224 | Machinery Maintenance | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Autocut Head C31 | Invoice | W M Plant | S | 81.34 | 16.27 | 97.61 |
| 232 | Rent of Market Hall INCL public | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Quarterly rent off | Invoices | NADT | X | 893.41 | | 893.41 |
| 234 | Machinery Hire | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Hire cutter bar | Invoices | W M Plant | S | 65.00 | 13.00 | 78.00 |
| 233 | Fuel | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Fuel | Invoices | W Ferguson Limited | L | 241.62 | 12.09 | 253.91 |
| 235 | Tools and equipment | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Chain Oil | Invoices | W M Plant | S | 28.64 | 5.73 | 34.37 |
| 218 | Tools and equipment | 11/07/2025 | | Town Council Main | Grease cartridge | Invoices | Tynedale Farm Services | S | 4.50 | 0.90 | 5.40 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | 53,474.58 | 2,288.23 | 55,762.81 |

7.2 To review quotes to repair the shutters at Barton Laws

Prior to the meeting members were sent two estimates to repair the shutters at Barton Laws.

Estimate 1 – Geoffrey Hall £1702.96 + VAT

Estimate 2 – Solway Industrial Doors £965 +VAT

RESOLVED

Members voted and UNANIMOUSLY approved estimate 2, Solway Industrial Doors.

FC/32/2025 CIVIC POLICY

Members were sent a revised copy of the policy to include an update regarding the use of civic chains.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Staffing, Policy and Development Committee would review the amendments.

FC/33/2025 PLOUGH

WTC was offered a plough which could be restored and placed in a central location as a tribute to Wigton being a farming town.

RESOLVED

Members decided that it would require too much work and there would likely be issues around where it would be placed as it wouldn't be on WTC land, plus the cost of the repairs could be significant. Members voted to decline the plough with 1 abstention and the rest of the members approving this decision.

FC/34/2025 Grounds Report



| Item | Description | Comments or requests |
|---------------|---|--|
| Wigton Park | Fortnightly cuts , safety checks twice a week . We have noticed lately that children have been starting fires under hedging . A couple of play items still require parts but have been took down for safety reasons | Police should be notified about fires . A police presence could be a deterrent . Parts obtained so we can repair them and erect them back up . |
| East End Park | Fortnightly cuts . | New sign required to replace damaged one |
| Throstle Park | Two picnic benches have been vandalised and are in need of repair . One brought in . The trees we transplanted 90% of them have took and are growing , will replace ones that haven't took when the time is right | |
| Phoenix Park | Fortnightly cuts . Graffiti has been put on the mushroom but has been painted over since . Harris fencing has been took away | |
| Barton Laws | Fortnightly cuts . Just one football game left after that posts will be taken down and goal mouths re-turfed . A price will be obtained from tivoli for pre season work after the carnival has finished . A meeting will be set up with Dennis and Jimmy about taking care when fair wagons arrive on barton laws | |

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| Wigton Park Bowling Club | Cutting green a couple of times a week now that the rain has arrived and the grass is bouncing also some repair work to the banking . | |
| Allotments - Longthwaite/Burnfoot | Number 33 needs some fence renewed | |
| St.Marys | Fortnightly cut plus we have been cutting all of the shrubs back and weed spraying done . We have been asked to take some of the shrubs out as they are overgrown , plus I think it would be a good idea to plant the top lawn centre flower bed up with herbaceous plants for all year round colour . | |
| Machinery | | Purchasing a generator would be handy |
| Vehicles | The TYM tractor is waiting for its service | |
| Equipment | | |
| Staffing | Nearly all of the staff have completed their safety culture course for our safe contracting . | |

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| External Contracts | We are back now to fortnightly cuts after the dry spell on all external contracts , with some extra fencing and shrub bed work being done in the Nelson thomlinson . | |
| Other | All the town tubs have been freshened up with a coat of paint or treated . They have been topped up and weeded ready for the summer bedding which will be obtained this week . The new flower bed at the rear of the station road car park has been looked after by Rhys as one of his projects , summer bedding will also be put in this as well . All sites | |

One member asked that the apprentice grounds person was thanked for his great work on the flower bed next to the Throstle's Nest.

FC/35/2025 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

To review and adopt the updated complaints procedure with the online form being found on the new website.

RESOLVED

2 Members Abstained.

2 Members Rejected the complaints procedure.

Complaints procedure was adopted with 7 members approving.

FC/36/2025 Town Mayor Engagements

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 19 th June | Loveday House BBQ. |
| Saturday 28 th June | Wigton Carnival |
| Friday 4 th July | Drop-in Wigton Youth Station |
| | |
| | Present at all WTC Committee meetings |
| CORRESPONDENCE | M K Saviour's Office (re: King's Arms incident) Wigton Rugby Club Cumberland Council Chrysalis |

Anne C Jackson 9th July 2025

FC/37/2025 Clerk's Report

Clerk requested a short biography from all councillors as well as a new photo for the new website.

Members were told the annual accounts had been viewed by a resident.

Members received an update on the Wigton Park vandalism. The Police had spoken with the youths involved, as they did not admit to the vandalism the Police were unable to

support any restorative work including the youths helping to clear up. Cllr Scott provided the council with a letter from the youths involved, apologising.

Members were advised that the Transit Tipper remains in the garage and has still not passed its MOT. The estimated cost of repairs is approximately £1,450. The Clerk noted that options for replacing the vehicle should now be explored and provision for this should be included in future budget planning.

There has been a fault with the boiler at Barton Laws, the plumber from LLED Construction had carried out some repair work but they were unable to service the boiler as it is a commercial boiler. The clerk will speak with Roland Hill as they can service commercial boilers.

Dennis Graham has shared information regarding potential funding opportunities aimed at building a sustainable future within the parks. The Clerk will circulate the details to councillors for review, and the matter will be referred to the POA Committee for further consideration.

FC/38/2025 Member Reports

Cllr Jackson – Spoke with the Rugby Club who are planning events with the Roundtable including a beer festival which will be held on the weekend of 29th August. It was stated they are likely to ask for a grant to support the event.

Cllr Crouch – Attended: Food Pantry's Big Lunch, Chrysalis Big Lunch, Wigton Bath meeting and Wigton Carnival.

Cllr Clark – Announced the WBJC will be holding their AGM on 16th July 2025. Also met with the rep from the War Graves Commission who visit twice per year. An incident involving a fallen headstone in another cemetery was noted as a reminder of the potential risks. Although Wigton Cemetery is inspected regularly, it was acknowledged that headstones can still become unstable without warning. A recent case of a fallen headstone in Wigton Cemetery has been identified, possibly as a result of the prolonged dry weather.

Cllr Ferriby – Attended: Wigton Ferriby and will be attending the Chrysalis AGM.

Cllr Hamblin – A report was provided regarding the recent tree damage in Phoenix Park. Three trees were affected; however, one has been successfully saved. It was noted that the third tree had snapped due to a lack of maintenance. Stakes will be purchased and installed, and pruning is scheduled to take place in February.

Cllr Scott – Attended: Wigton Carnival, Wigton Area Emergency Response Group and Wigton Baths meeting. Also received a message from the John Peel Theatre to ask if ongoing financial support could be provided as it is for Wigton Baths.

Cllr Hodson – Attended: Big Lunch at the Food Pantry, BBQ at Loveday House, Wigton Carnival, accompanied a resident to view accounts and attended the Wigton Area Emergency Response Group on the 1st July.

Cllr Stapley Attended: Wigton Carnival.

Cllr McCarthy – had spoken with the Roundtable who will be asking for support for one of their events. The office staff will liaise with them.

Future agenda items – None requested.

FC/39/2025 Councillor Co-option

Potential candidate, Mr Dawes was asked three questions by the chairman of the council. He was then asked if he had any questions for members, which he did not.

Mr Dawes and the rest of the public were then asked to leave so members could discuss in a closed session.

Meeting Closed: 20:53

Next meeting 10th September 2025

| Action | Responsibility | Completion Date | Complete | Comments |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---|
| Copy of toilet agreement | EI | 30 th March 2025 | | Need to look for paper copy in office as there is no electronic versions available. |
| Get quotes for park drainage | EI/SC | 30 th May 2025 | | Ongoing |
| Close pond off for nesting | EI/SF | 30 th April 2025 | YES | |
| Ask Park staff to look at ant problem at St Mary's | EI/SF | ASAP | YES | |
| Ask Park staff to swap 5 cones with cemetery | EI/SF | ASAP | YES | |
| Amend civic protocol | EI/SPD Committee | 30 th June 2025 | | |
| Arrange for a buildings survey at the park bowling club | EI | 30 th April 2025 | YES | |
| Devise a maintenance schedule for TC owned buildings and land | EI/SC | 30 th June 2025 | | |
| Contact CC regarding the Fountain | EI/SC | 15 th June 2025 | YES | |
| Research funding available for grade 2 listed buildings | EI/SC | 30 th September 2025 | | |
| Research cheaper fuel options | EI/SC | 1 st August 2025 | | |