

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Torpenhow Village Hall  
on Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs. B. Armstrong, J. Barley, J. Bowe (Chair), and P. Morris.  
J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.  
Members of the Public: None

**2905/25 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. W. Powley and D. Telford. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.

**2906/25 Minutes 12 November 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2025 were signed as a correct record.

**2907/25 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**2908/25 Dispensation Requests**

None.

**2909/25 Public Voice Slot**

A resident from Blennerhasset had submitted a written request. The request to plant a standard Bird Cherry Tree where the recently lost willow stood on the small green was considered. Members supported the request to plant a tree but it was recommended that as a Cherry tree had recently been planted on the large green the Willow should be replaced with an Oak tree. The resident would be advised of the decision.

**2910/25 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported that Cumberland Council Lakes to Sea Community Panel have arranged the Place Standards exercise for the 26 February. Residents are encouraged to come along to the walkabout and tour of Blennerhasset meeting at the Village Hall at 1.00pm. There will be a pre-visit next Thursday to raise awareness of the event. Posters will be displayed on the Parish noticeboards.

Following the floods in November 2025 Cumberland Council is asking residents to report flooded properties via its website or by emailing [LFRM@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:LFRM@cumberland.gov.uk).

The Local Government Boundary Commission is carrying out an additional phase of public consultation in the review of Cumberland Council's electoral arrangements – Members noted that the Parish will now fall into the Caldbeck and Bothel Ward. The consultation on the further draft recommendations will close on 26 January.

**2911/25 Matters arising from the Meeting 12 November 2025**

Min Ref 2901/25 The fence repair is in progress.

**2912/25 Highways/Highway Maintenance**

No maintenance had been carried out on the Blennerhasset to the Fitz road. It was noted that the edges of road from the A595 to Blennerhasset are eroding in parts.

**2913/25 Planning**

(a) Applications received:

RMA/2025/0003 - Old Saw Mill Yard, Blennerhasset, Aspatria CA7 3QR  
Proposal: Reserved matters for approved application OUT/2022/0025 for a single dwelling.

Notification on an application under Section 211 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area  
Location: 5 West Court, Blennerhasset, CA7 3RH  
Proposal: Reduce height as indicated and remove branches close to telephone wire

(b) Decisions: None.

**2914/25 Financial Matters**

(a) The financial statement at 31 December 2025 had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances at 31 December 2025

Nat West	£ 276.20
Cumberland Building Society	£12701.06

(b) The following payments were approved:

Clerk's account Quarter 3	£560.32
HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£140.00
Clerk's expenses Quarter 3	£125.30

(c) COIF Charity Mandate

The Clerk reported that CCLA Investment had advised they had not received the mandate completed and posted to them in June. A new mandate was completed and signed by the authorised signatories and will be sent electronically to COIF Charity.

**2915/25 Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received since the last meeting:

CALC - Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council  
CALC - Cumbria LNRS Launch and Celebration Event, Friday 5th December  
Cumberland Council - Ellenvale Service 39 variation effective from 17 February 2026  
CALC - United Utilities priorities service register  
CALC - Cumberland EV Infrastructure  
Cumberland Council - Letter re Election Costs  
CALC - Protect Where We Play - request for support  
United Utilities - Torpenhow Wastewater Treatment Works improvement works  
CALC - Equality and diversity training  
Cumberland Council Newsletters  
CALC AGM 2025 notes and Guest Speaker presentation slides  
Cumberland Council - Have your say on our budget proposals for next year  
LGBC - additional phase of public consultation in the review of Cumberland Council's electoral arrangements  
CALC - Website session on Accessibility and Assertion 10  
Cumberland Council – Draft Council Tax Base Figure

**2916/25 Blennerhasset Playing Field**

No update was available for the meeting.

**2917/25 Trees Blennerhasset Village Green**

Some maintenance had been carried out on the overhanging branches causing issues for the grass cutter.

**2918/25 United Utilities - Torpenhow Wastewater Treatment Works improvement works**

Notification had been received that United Utilities will be carrying out some improvement works to upgrade and replace some of the infrastructure at Torpenhow Wastewater Treatment Works. The work should not impact the village of Torpenhow as the access route onto site is not through Torpenhow village but via the Cockbridge to Torpenhow road. There will be possibly some signs and traffic management along this route when there are any deliveries to site this will reduce any traffic build up. The project will start in January 2026 and is expected to be completed by Winter 2027. A letter had been distributed to households in Torpenhow.

**2919/25 Ellenvale Bus Service 39 Variation**

Notification had been received from Cumberland Council that from 17 February 2026 Ellenvale will withdraw the section of 39 route between Wigton and Carlisle. The 39 service currently operates one service on a Tuesday and Friday.

The proposed revised 39 timetable means that passengers can change onto the 300 at Wigton to allow people to make the connection to Carlisle. The 39 will arrive into Wigton at 09:52 with the 300 leaving at 10:07. The 12:55 300 departs from Carlisle to arrive into Wigton at 13:25 and the 39 will depart at 13:30. This gives passengers a similar amount of shopping time in Carlisle as they already get on the current 39 timetable. On a Friday the service will no longer serve Blennerhasset but will instead start from Ireby. Details of the new timetable will be displayed on the Parish noticeboards.

**2920/25      Donation Request – Annual Bonfire Blennerhasset**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**2921/25      Agenda items for the Next Meeting**

Donation Request - Bonfire

**2922/25      Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March 2026 – 7.30 pm Blennerhasset Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....