

Eden Association of Local Councils

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Eden Association of Local Councils held on Wednesday 25th September at 7.00pm in the Community Room Fire & Rescue Headquarters, Penrith.

Present:

Name	Parish Council
Sue Castle-Clarke	Chair EALC & Ousby PC
Jane Tea	Vice Chair EALC & Kirkoswald PC
Holly Ho	Alston PC
Pat Jones	Brough PC
Chris Jones	Melmerby PC
David Bardsley	Melmerby PC
Gordon Nicholson	Lazonby PC
Martin Stephenson	Appleby TC
Sarah Harden	Brougham PC
Grattan Bowen	Penrith TC
John Prentice	Mallerstang PM
Val Vamplew	Mallerstang PM
Jonathan Davies	Clifton PC

In attendance Sonia Hutchinson (Parish Development Officer).

Sue Castle-Clarke (Acting Chair) welcomed all those present to the EALC AGM 2019 and explained that following the formal business of the AGM there would be two guest speakers: -

Kevin McGilloway, Chairman of Fellrunner Bus Service

An opportunity to learn more about community transport, including the Fellrunner bus service.

Judith Woof, Warmer Homes Eden

An interactive workshop between parish representatives and 'Warmer Homes Eden' partners to explore how being cold can adversely affect people, how they can tackle it and what they can do to access support through Warmer Homes Eden.

Part 1

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from

Andy Connell Appleby TC
Roy Fisher Greystoke PC
Andrew Bedford Brough PC
Ailsa McKenzie Brough PC

2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 8th November 2018

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

1. Working Together Project

This initiative has taken longer than expected. CALC has challenged some of the recommendations within the agreement which has gone back to Cumbria County Council for them to consider the issues that CALC have raised.

2. Appleby Horse Fair

EALC approached Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council but both declined to hold a workshop stating that they wanted the 'Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group' known as 'MASCg' to take this matter forward. As a result of the work undertaken by the MASCg group there was a lot of improvement on how the fair was managed compared to previous years.

4. Chairman's Report

Sue Castle-Clarke read out the Chairman's report as outlined below: -

Summary

The 2018/19 year has been one of consolidation, with new officers for Eden Association of Local Councils building on the success of interactive workshops and update events on topical issues for the Clerks' Forum.

New officers

At the 2018 AGM, a new team was elected comprising Sue Castle-Clarke as Chairperson, Jane Tea as Vice-Chairperson and Sonia Hutchinson as Parish Liaison Officer. They were also elected as Eden representatives at the CALC Executive meetings.

Interactive workshops

Eden Association of Local Councils has provided 54 town and parish councils and 14 parish meetings within Eden the opportunity to rub shoulders, compare notes and share ideas through interactive workshops with officers from Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council.

The workshops have enabled Eden's parishes to collectively state their views about the places where people live and how residents value their quality of life in local communities in relation to:

- Cumbria County Council's initiatives for 'Supportive Communities' (social prescribing and 'working together' with parish volunteers on highways-related tasks)
- Town and parish trees (their effective maintenance, management and preservation)
- Eden District Council's Local Plan 2014-2032 (back by popular demand, a 'pub quiz' to clarify material considerations when responding to planning consultations)

Clerks' Forum

Clerks are the backbone of every parish council. Their continuous professional development has been supported through a Clerks' Forum briefing on procedural requirements for the May 2019 elections and various 1:1 coaching sessions for new and experienced clerks throughout the district.

I would like to thank our Vice-Chairperson, Jane Tea, Parish Liaison Officer, Sonia Hutchinson and colleagues at Cumbria Association of Local Councils, Eden District Council and Cumbria County Councils for all their help and support in making possible the success of the past year.

I also wish to thank Eden's town and parish councils, parish meetings and clerks for their time and participation at our workshops and encourage you to continue having your say in the shaping the future of our communities.

5. Election of Officers

Sue Castle-Clarke, Ousby PC was nominated and duly elected as Chairman and Jane Tea, Kirkoswald PC was nominated and duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

6. Election of Representatives to the CALC Executive

Sue Castle-Clarke, Ousby PC and Jane Tea, Kirkoswald PC were elected as the representatives on the CALC Executive Committee.

7. Informal discussion on topics of interest for EALC workshops in 2020

A discussion took place on the topics councils would like to see EALC address during the next 12 months. The key subjects were: -

- Planning was raised and S. Hutchinson explained that CALC would be holding planning training during 2019/2020.
- Keeping communities tidy' including initiatives such as 'Cumbria in Bloom', litter picking, parish lengthsman.
- 'Social media/marketing' to help town and parish councils promote their initiatives to local residents.

Sue Castle-Clarke closed the business section of the AGM and asked Kevin McGilloway to give his talk on Community Transport.

Part 2

Kevin McGilloway, Chairman of Fellrunner Bus Service

Kevin gave a presentation which: -

- Stated the case for community transport
- Explained what was already out there and
- Encouraged councils to think about transport in their parish or town.

Kevin also made everyone aware that on Friday 22 November, Fellrunner is hosting an event at the Roundthorn Hotel on Beacon Edge at 3pm when there will be an informal naming ceremony of their new bus "Jill" in memory of Jill Hay. There will be a few words from Kevin, Jill's daughter Clare will name the bus. There is an open invitation to EALC members to attend and anyone wishing to do so is asked to let Janet McGilloway know (janetmcgilloway@yahoo.com) or on the Fellrunner phone 07734 529432.

The presentation was warmly received and slides of the presentation are attached for members who were unable to attend the AGM.

Judith Woof, Warmer Homes Eden

Judy with her colleagues Ashley Liston, WHE's Health Lead and Tina Holt, CAfS representative provided an overview of what Warmer Homes Eden is about. See summary below: -

"Warm Homes Eden offers energy related support to Eden's residents, ranging from general energy advice, to a technical assessment of their home's Insulation needs. Plus an opportunity for eligible households to access replacement of a broken boiler. Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) is delivering Warm Homes Eden for Eden District Council and its Partners.

Residents can request an assessment of their energy related needs, by contacting Cumbria Action for Sustainability themselves, on 01768 593240 or e-mail warmhomes@cafs.org.uk

CAfS will discuss an individual's energy related needs with them and with their permission, help them access energy related support.

Warm Homes Eden is offering surgeries in local venues, "piggy backing" on pre-arranged activities, to reach residents in their own area.

We are keen to hear from you, should you have a planned activity which we could compliment by attending, examples include a coffee morning, music group for people with Dementia and, or a toddler group. If so, please call:

Judith Woof, Eden District Council on 01768 212390, or e-mail judith.woof@hotmail.co.uk

The meeting closed at 9pm

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