

KIRKBY THORE PARISH COUNCIL.

The minutes of the proceedings of the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of Kirkby Thore Parish Council (KTPC) held on **Monday 5th of January 2026** at 19:30hrs in Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall.

Present

- Chairman:** Lorna Baker (LB)
Councillors: Jacky York (JY), Charlie Bewley (CB) and Steve Ormerod (SO)
Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Nicholson (LN)
Also in attendance: None
Members of the Public: None

2026/001	Apologies for Absence Dan Pattimore forwarded apologies to the meeting. Resolved: to receive the apologies and reasons given.						
2026/002	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation None						
2026/003	Public Participation (Timed item 15 minutes) None						
2026/004	Minutes of the Last Meeting of Kirkby Thore Parish Council The chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 st of December 2025. Resolved: to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and the recommendations therein.						
2026/005	Finance 2026/005.1 Accounts for Payment The accounts listed below were presented for payment. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Payee</th><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>L Nicholson</td><td>Salary</td><td>£404.10</td></tr></tbody></table> Resolved: Clerk to make the above payments Action: LN 2026/005.2 Balances The balances at bank on the 1 st of January 2026 were noted. Resolved: to receive the information 2026/005.3 Signature of Cashbook Reconciliation The chair was authorised to sign the cashbook reconciled to the bank statement. 2026/005.4 Parish Council Budget for 2026/2027 The council considered the draft budget 2026/2027. Council approved the budget following amendment to the VAT. Copy of the budget in appendix 1. Resolved: to approve the budget for 2026/2027 2026/005.5 Parish Council Precept Request 2026/2027	Payee	Description	Amount	L Nicholson	Salary	£404.10
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	<p>It was agreed that the council would hold the Band D at £61.74. The precept for 2026/2027 would therefore be £14,886.00. The clerk was authorised to request the precept from Westmorland & Furness Council on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Resolved: to approve the precept at Action: LN</p>
2026/006	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>2026/006.1 W&F Council: 563 Changes to Timetable During M6 Road Closures</p> <p>The amended timetable was noted.</p> <p>Resolved: to receive the information</p> <p>2026/006.2 National Highways: A66 DCO Non-material Change Application</p> <p>The correspondence was outlined. Councillors discussed the Green Lane. Councillors expressed concern about the local footpaths and general loss of local amenity. The loss of circular walking routes was of particular concern. It was agreed that the village amenity sub-group would consider the information and produce a response to the consultation. Any response to be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: to receive the information</p>
2026/007	<p>Planning Applications & Decisions</p> <p>2025/007.1 Applications</p> <p>2025/2192/FPA Land North of Cross Street Kirkby Thore Penrith CA10 1UT: Erection of two dwellings</p> <p>The Parish Council supports the development of new housing in Kirkby Thore. However, we believe there is a greater need for affordable family homes in the area. We recommend that, instead of a single four-bedroom detached property, the proposal should consider a pair of three-bedroom semi-detached houses, or ideally, four semi-detached homes as an alternative. This approach would better meet the needs of local families, support the sustainability of the community, and benefit the local school. Such a development would be more closely aligned with the current housing requirements of the population.</p> <p>Resolved: clerk to forward the above comments to Westmorland & Furness Council Action: LN</p> <p>2025/007.2 Decisions</p> <p>None</p>
2026/008	<p>Outside Body Reports</p> <p>2026/008.1 Memorial Hall Committee</p> <p>The Christmas Fair was the last event before Christmas. Questions were raised about the use of candles in the hall. Clerk to raise with Memorial Hall Committee.</p> <p>Resolved: to receive the information. Action: LN</p> <p>2026/008.2 Appleby Transport Group</p> <p>The new timetables were noted.</p> <p>Resolved: to receive the information</p> <p>2026/008.3 The Bravo</p> <p>CB provided an update on the latest work. Funding of the next years issues was still an area of concern.</p>

	<p>Resolved: to receive the information</p> <p>2026/009.4 Place Action Group The January meeting has been cancelled so the next meeting to be held online on the 10th of February. It is intended that the next round of proposals will be discussed. Resolved: to receive the information</p>
2026/010	<p>Highways Matters There has been further degradation of the surface on Piper Lane. Surface to be reported on HIAMS. Resolved: to report information to HIAMS Action: LN</p>
2026/011	<p>Footpath Matters The fingerpost at Hale Grange to be reported to HIAMS. Resolved: to receive the information Action: LN</p>
2026/012	<p>Westmorland & Furness Local Plan – Second Call For Sites Councillors discussed the correspondence. It was felt that it was difficult to forward development sites at this stage due to changes the dualling of the A66 will bring. It was felt that this process can not be properly commented on for this area until works for the road are near completion. Resolved: to receive the information Action: LN</p>
2026/013	<p>Community Legacy Fund Projects Councillors discussed the Community Legacy Fund. Councillors felt that the community would benefit from shelters at the bus stops in the village. The clerk was asked to gain prices for some clear sided shelters. Resolved: to receive the information Action: LN</p>
2026/014	<p>Project Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website No further update - Policies No further update - Data Access Act No further update - Adoption of Public Phone Box JY to enquire with school to see if the phone box project could be added to their meeting for discussion. Resolved: to receive the information - Heritage Project – Social Value Fund Progress on the boards is going well. Councillors looking at the wording so that the illustrations can be worked round them. Resolved: to receive the information - Spring Bulbs The spring bulbs have now been planted. It was felt that photographs should be taken of their location for the records once in bloom.

	Resolved: to receive the information
2026/015	Items for the Next Meeting of the Parish Council The following items were received for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council - - Risk Assessment
2026/016	Date and Time of Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 9 th of February 2026 at 7.30pm. Meeting to be held in Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall.

LB closed the meeting at 21:56 hrs

Please note: all Parish Council meetings are open to members of the Public.

Chair Signature: _____

Date: _____

Clerk Signature: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1
Budget 2026 / 2027

Budget	Amount
Income	
Precept	£14,886.00
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	£0.00
Grants Received	£0.00
Bank Account Interest	£30.00
Wayleaves	£12.00
VAT Reclaimed	£1,050.00
Defibrillator	£0.00
Footway Lighting	£0.00
	£0.00
	£15,978.00
Expenditure	
Loan Repayments	£669.00
Stationary	£110.00
Clerk Salary & Expenses	£5,152.00
Grass Cutting & Weed Spraying Inc VAT	£5,982.00
Grants Made	£350.00
General Admin Inc VAT	£300.00
Insurance	£535.00
Affiliation Fees	£290.00
Village Amenities	£120.00
Memorial Hall	£1,250.00
Advertising Inc VAT	£0.00
Phone & Broadband	£450.00
Audit Fees	£100.00
Travel Expenses	£100.00
Training	£250.00
Defibrillator Reserve	£200.00
563 Subsidy	£0.00
Election	£0.00
Footway Lighting Expenditure	£0.00
Banking Fees	£120.00
	£15,978.00
TOTAL	
	£0.00
Income minus Expenditure	£15,978.00