

Cockermouth Town Council

10 January 2024


Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council to be held in the Town Hall, Cockermouth on **Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.00 pm** for the purpose of the under-mentioned business.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

All welcome.

Yours sincerely



Kirstie Goodger

1. Apologies for absence
2. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 December 2023 (pages 1-3)
3. Minute Taker- (page 4)
4. Declaration of Interest – Members to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registrable interest or any other interest and the nature of that interest in relation to any item on the agenda in accordance with the code of conduct.
5. Mayors Announcements – The Mayor will announce the events she has attended since the last meeting.
6. Public Participation
 - a) To answer any questions from members of the public in accordance with the Summary of Public Rights
 - b) To receive a petition from a member of the public in accordance with the Summary of Public Rights
7. Planning
 - a) To make recommendations upon various planning applications – non received
 - b) To make recommendations upon an application for tree works- non received.



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Joint Winners
Council of Europe Year 2000
Europe Prize
Previous Awards
Plaque of Honour, Flag of Honour
European Diploma

8. Reports from Cumberland Councillors – (pages 5-6)

9. D Day 80 – 6th June 2024 (IB) – (page 7)

10. Financial Matters

- a) To agree the attached schedule of payments (pages 8-9)
- b) To note the Financial Budget Comparison report 01/04/23-31/12/23 (pages 10-19)

11. Correspondence

12. Acting Clerks report – To consider the actions in the acting clerk's report- (page 20-22)

13. Climate Emergency Action – to invite the chair of Cockermouth Climate Action Now to a future Town Council meeting.

14. To appoint Jane Ollerenshaw as Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer as of 1st February 2024

Press and Public Welcome

The Mayor will move -

That under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meeting Act 1960, the public be removed due to the following items of business containing contractual and/or personal information relating to staff -

15. Update from staffing committee meeting on Mon 15th January 2024

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the council chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 20 December 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Julie Laidlow (mayor)
Councillor Howard Beanland
Councillor Isabel Burns
Councillor Stephen Barnes
Councillor Cath Bell
Councillor Chris Bridgman
Councillor David Malloy
Councillor Gillian Telford
Councillor Jim Samson
Councillor Helen Tucker
Councillor Richard Watson

196 Apologies

Councillor Marion Bowman

197 Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting held on 8 November 2023 were agreed and signed by the mayor.

198 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting on 15 November 2023 were agreed and signed by the mayor.

199 Minutes

The minutes of the staffing committee meeting on 27 November 2023 were noted.

200 Minute-taker

In the absence of a permanent clerk Cllr Richard Watson agreed to take the minutes using standing order 3(t) [i-vii] as a guide.

201 Declarations of interest

Cllr Helen Tucker declared that she is a substitute member of the Cumberland Council development panel.

202 Mayor's announcements

The mayor had attended / officiated at the following events:

- The lights switch-on on 19 November.
- Judging the Christmas window spotting competition.

- Awarding prizes to children who had taken part in the library Christmas activities.

203 Public participation

There was no public participation. One member of the public was present.

204 Planning applications

An application for side and rear extensions at 15 Parkside Avenue was agreed.

An application for a replacement sign at 1 Castlegate was agreed.

205 Anti-social behaviour

Cllr Gillian Telford gave an update on vandalism on the Laureates estate and Joe's Walk. She had met PC Shona Pattinson who had stepped-up patrols in the area.

Resolved: that we ask the new clerk, once in post, to invite PC Pattinson to a town council meeting to meet councillors and talk about her role.

206 Financial matters

The schedule of payments was agreed. It was noted that several gas/electricity bills delayed due to the switch from Cumbria CC to Cumberland Council had all arrived simultaneously.

207 Correspondence

- a. The contents of a letter from Peter McCall, police and crime commissioner, were noted.
- b. The contents of an email from Danni Armstrong at Cumberland Council were noted.
- c. The contents of a letter from Great North Air Ambulance were noted.
- d. The contents of the Cumbria Police Focus Newsletter were noted.

Resolved: that in future the newsletter referred to in d) above would be emailed to councillors by town hall staff rather than placed on the agenda.

208 Clerk's report

The contents of the acting clerk's report were noted.

Resolved: that we go ahead with the acting clerk's proposal to book the stage for the annual lights switch-on event with SJ McGuckin Ltd for the next two years (minimum) at a discounted price.

Resolved: that the fireworks go ahead on Sunday 3rd November next year.

209 Report from Cumberland Councillors

Cllr Tucker gave a verbal report and answered questions from councillors. She focussed upon the following areas of activity:

- The reopening of the road over Cocker Bridge.
- The Lakes to Sea Community Panel which had agreed funding for Fairfield school and additional planters for Main Street.
- The recent Taste Cumbria Christmas event.

Cllr Tucker noted that the request for a reduction in business rates to help those businesses affected by the road closure was still under discussion by Cumberland Council. Cllr Laidlow agreed to forward Cllr Tucker details of a matter that had been raised with her by a local trader.

210 Climate Emergency Actions

Cllr Richard Watson informed the meeting that as agreed by a previous meeting the planting of three areas at Towers Lane with a variety of small fruiting trees and shrubs had taken place.

Cllr Gillian Telford had spoken to the owner of land on Low Road about work being carried out.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm.

Standing orders item 3t

The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:

- i. the time and place of the meeting;
- ii. the names of councillors who are present and the names of councillors who are absent;
- iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
- iv. the grant of dispensations (if any) to councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
- v. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered;
- vi. if there was a public participation session; and
- vii. the resolutions made.

Report for Cockermouth Town Council January 2024

Cumberland Council now has its first opportunity to shape a budget which reflects the priorities in the Council Plan. This is done in a challenging context: in a recent report from the County Council network in England, 42% of councils were not confident of producing a balanced budget by 2024/25 and this rises to 68% by 2025/26

The council faces significant demand on Children's and adult services - essential support services for our most vulnerable people. Meanwhile we await the promised Fair Funding Review from government. This is particularly important for more rural and sparsely populated areas like Cumberland, where the national methods of allocating funding simply do not work and leave us disproportionately worse off.

As your council plans its spending for the year, the views of residents have been sought and the online consultation (launched before Christmas) runs until Friday 12 January. Hard copies of the consultation information are available from libraries or any Council office.

The link for the consultation is

www.cumberland.gov.uk/consultations

I would strongly recommend completion or at least access of the survey as there is a lot of information which explains the council's key priorities, achievements so far and what the council spends your money on. There is also an explanation, that for every £100 in funding £51.50 comes from Council tax, £29.80 from Business rates and £19.20 from Government grants.

My Council activities December 2023

On 6 December I attended my first Audit Committee since I took over the vacancy once Cllr Campbell-Savours joined the Executive. Later that evening I took part in an Emergency Planning and Resilience workshop. On 14 December I chaired the third Lakes to Sea Community Panel. On 15 December I met with Michael Barry, the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods to discuss local issues and agree future priorities. On 18 December I attended site visits in the Carlisle area ready for the Planning Committee in Allerdale House on 18 December. On 21 December I took part in the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Allerdale House – there was an excellent presentation by North Cumbria Ambulance Service and I learned a lot. And I started the year on 3 January by attending the Place Scrutiny Committee, where there was a good discussion on the council's nuclear strategy. My aunts and uncles were amongst Britain's first nuclear workers and apart from a few years in the South lakes I have lived in an area where the nuclear industry has been hugely important so it was good to hear about the proactive work we intend to do.

Lakes to Sea Community Panel – Community Investment

Members agreed community investments totalling £28,595 for:

All Saints Church Cockermouth (£10,000)

Cockermouth Town Council (£670)

Keswick Town Council (£1073)

Flimby Girls Brigade (£500)

Bothel Village Hall (£8000)

Friends of Fairfield Primary – new sensory hub for SEND children in West Cumbria (£3029)

Kirkgate Arts Book Festival (£1000)

Healthy Hopes - (£4,323)

Full details of the funding request and minutes of the meeting will be found on the Cumberland website by searching Lakes to Sea. The next meeting of the Lakes to Sea Panel will be on 21 March 2024, venue to be confirmed.

Walkabout with the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods

On 16 December Michael Barry invested his time in meeting with me, walking around my home patch, down to the Greenway. We discussed different ways of managing green spaces and the issues with public access to the Greenway up to the old railway viaduct. Michael is getting back to me asap and I expect to be able to report more at Town Council meeting.

Councillor Andrew Semple

Cockermouth South

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TOWN, PARISH & COMMUNITY COUNCILS - D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024

As you are aware, we are organising D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories in Commemoration/Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on the five Beaches in Normandy, France, which took place on 6th June 1944, enabling your Council and local community to use this occasion to pay 'tribute' to the many, many thousands that sacrificed so much in helping to secure the freedom we all enjoy today. With this in mind, we have developed several ways in which your Council and community can take part in this special occasion.

(1) BEACON: Light a Beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June, as encouraged by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak (See page **3**) of the Guide To Taking Part which can be viewed and downloaded from the D-Day 80 website - www.d-day80beacons.co.uk

From the Guide (see pages **41** to **45**), you will see there are several styles of Beacons that can be used for this occasion, many of which you may have used for previous occasions, and those of you with the permanent Beacon Braziers and gas fuelled Beacons produced for our late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, are urged to re-use these to save money. With regard to the Bonfire Beacons (see pages **41** and **42**), these are ideal for country parks, village greens and our farms throughout the UK etc.

(2) LAMP LIGHT OF PEACE: We understand that there are areas of our local communities unable to light Beacons for various reasons, so we have developed the Lamp Light of Peace (see page **39**) providing a simple and cost effective way of becoming and being part of this event by lighting it at 9.15pm on 6th June next year, coinciding with the lighting of the Beacons that night, and once used for this occasion, they can be re-lit at 11am on 11th November in 'Remembrance' for many years to come. (The flame in the Lamp, along with the Beacons, will represent the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of War). We believe these are suitable for Care Homes, Hospitals, and Pubs etc, and have already had several taking part. (See examples on the D-Day 80 website).

(3) RINGING OUT FOR PEACE: With the valuable assistance of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (see website), we are encouraging every Cathedral and Church throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to ring their Bells at 6.30pm on 6th June, so we ask you to contact your local Churches etc, inviting them to take part.

(4) All those taking part in the above will be sent the Certificate of Grateful Recognition, enabling them to download, print and frame it as a permanent reminder of their involvement (see website). From the website and Guide To Taking Part, you will see there are other elements taking place, making up this Commemoration/Celebration event, with many taking part already as their personal tributes. Those taking part in this event are being asked to go to page **52** in the Guide, outlining their involvement as requested, to enable us to register their participation, and send them their Certificate.

We do hope that your Council will participate in one or more of the above, and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

My warmest regards to you all,

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(Agenda item 9)

Cockermouth Town Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/23

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Cheque Total
1442	1442	£39.60	£6.60	£33.00	£39.60 04/01/24		Edge Designs Ltd - Set up new email address CG - Info@cockermouth	£39.60
1443	1443	£754.52	£0.00	£754.52	£754.52 04/01/24		R Nicholson - PC Clean - Dec 23	£754.52
1444	1444	£8,837.74	£0.00	£8,837.74	£8,837.74 04/01/24		Cumberland Council - Parish Elections (50% of cost incurred)	£8,837.74
1445	1445	£1,537.54	£249.18	£1,288.36	£1,537.54 04/01/24		Npower Ltd - Electric costs - various locations	£1,537.54
1		£16.26	£0.77	£15.49	toile	Harris Park Toilets- Nov		
2		£38.50	£2.71	£35.79	toile	Main street toilets- Nov		
3		£693.90	£115.65	£578.25	TIC	Library - Nov		
4		£11.99	£0.57	£11.42	MG	Mem Gardens toilets/ sl 23		
5		£776.89	£129.48	£647.41	TH	Town Hall - Nov		
1446	1446	£190.64	£31.77	£158.87	£190.64 04/01/24		Bedroq (Formerly Tellemachus) - Service charge - 04.01.24 - 03.02.24	£190.64
1447	1447	£152.41	£25.40	£127.01	£152.41 04/01/24		Tech 4 Office Equipment Ltd - TH - Copier	£152.41
1448	113046	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00 04/01/24		CALC - Training course - HB	£20.00
1449	113047	£27.84	£4.64	£23.20	£27.84 04/01/24		J A Lee Window & General Cleaning Contractors Ltd - Windows - Library	£27.84



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Cockermouth Town Council

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No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Cheque Total
1453	1453	£387.36	£64.56	£322.80	£387.36 04/01/24		Grenke Leasing Ltd - Lease for photocopiers (quarterly charge)	£387.36
	1	£193.68	£32.28	£161.40	EST	TH copier		
	2	£193.68	£32.28	£161.40	TIC	TIC Copier		
1450	1450	£2,190.00	£365.00	£1,825.00	£2,190.00 09/01/24		Turner Roofing Ltd - Replace two roof lights in Library roof	£2,190.00
1451	1451	£1,948.48	£324.75	£1,623.73	£1,948.48 09/01/24		Corona Energy - Gas TH - Nov 23 to Dec 23	£1,948.48
1452	1452	£110.00	£0.00	£110.00	£110.00 09/01/24		Grenke Leasing Ltd - Equipment protection 2024 - photocopiers	£110.00
	1	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00	EST	TH copier		
	2	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00	TIC	TIC copier		
1454	1454	£6.37	£1.68	£4.69	£6.37 10/01/24		Water Plus - Water - Mem Gardens toilet	£6.37
Total		£16,202.50	£1,073.58	£15,128.92	£16,202.50			

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Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 31/12/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/01/01

	2023/2024	Revised	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME					
Council					
100 Precept	£290,812.00	£290,812.00	£0.00	£290,812.00	£0.00
Total Council	£290,812.00	£290,812.00	£0.00	£290,812.00	£0.00
Establishment					
300 Establishment- interest	£500.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,484.61	£284.61
310 Est- misc income	£350.00	£186.71	£0.00	£186.71	£0.00
330 Est- Maps	£750.00	£550.00	£0.00	£453.00	£-97.00
340 Chain - extend life	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Establishment	£1,600.00	£1,936.71	£0.00	£2,124.32	£187.61
Tourist Information Centre					
400 Tourist Information Centre Sales	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	£3,160.36	£-839.64
405 Tourist Information Centre Bass Lake	£225.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
415 Rental/ Income	£2,650.00	£3,172.00	£0.00	£2,490.75	£-681.25
420 Talking Books/Requests	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
425 TIC - Printing, Photocopy, Laminating	£1,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,113.84	£-386.16
430 Library Replacement Card	£0.00	£42.83	£0.00	£47.81	£4.98
435 Library Fines	£0.00	£12.70	£0.00	£12.70	£0.00
440 ABC Printing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
445 CCC - Printing	£0.00	£273.36	£0.00	£424.68	£151.32
450 Rotary Calendars	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Tourist Information Centre	£8,375.00	£10,000.89	£0.00	£8,250.14	£-1,750.75
Allotments					

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500 Allotments rents	£1,974.00	£2,169.08	£0.00	£2,177.52	£8.44
Total Allotments	£1,974.00	£2,169.08	£0.00	£2,177.52	£8.44
Christmas					
600 Christmas lights donations	£1,000.00	£1,915.00	£0.00	£3,238.40	£1,323.40
605 Christmas Lights - Tarn Close Depot	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Christmas	£1,000.00	£1,915.00	£0.00	£3,238.40	£1,323.40
Memorial Garden					
700 Memorial Gardens misc income	£0.00	£1,450.00	£0.00	£1,749.54	£299.54
Total Memorial Garden	£0.00	£1,450.00	£0.00	£1,749.54	£299.54
Twinning					
800 Twinning Income	£0.00	£110.00	£0.00	£2,245.00	£2,135.00
Total Twinning	£0.00	£110.00	£0.00	£2,245.00	£2,135.00
Events					
900 Event Fireworks income	£220.00	£220.00	£0.00	£400.00	£180.00
905 Events- festival income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
910 Events- Carnival/ Fun Day	£0.00	£770.00	£0.00	£770.00	£0.00
915 Events- Food Festival income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
920 Events- Joint road closure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
930 Jubilee/ Coronation	£500.00	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00
Total Events	£720.00	£1,040.00	£0.00	£1,220.00	£180.00
Town Hall					
200 Town Hall Room Hire	£1,500.00	£700.00	£0.00	£624.17	-£75.83
205 Town Hall- Rent Day Services	£14,161.00	£14,161.00	£0.00	£12,714.79	-£1,446.21
210 Town Hall- Rent Offices	£11,940.00	£9,500.00	£0.00	£8,077.06	-£1,422.94
215 Town Hall- income ABC cleaning	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.83	£20.83

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220 Town Hall - Wedding Room Hire	£7,000.00	£8,500.00	£0.00	£9,928.32	£1,428.32
Total Town Hall	£34,601.00	£32,861.00	£0.00	£31,365.17	-£1,495.83
Open Spaces					
1100 Open Spaces- Fishing Rights- Permits	£65.00	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	£0.00
1105 open Spaces- war memorials	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1110 open Spaces- Public Clocks	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1115 Open Spaces- flower baskets/bulbs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1130 Bus Shelters	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Open Spaces	£65.00	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	£0.00
Projects					
1010 Cenotaph	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1020 10K Town Centre	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1030 1212 trees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Properties					
1205 Other Properties- Victoria Hall Rent	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£1,874.97	-£625.03
1210 Other Properties- Tarn Close Sports Ground	£375.00	£375.00	£0.00	£375.00	£0.00
1215 Other Properties- quarterly play area /grass	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Other Properties	£2,875.00	£2,875.00	£0.00	£2,249.97	-£625.03
Balances					
1300 Balances - To income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Balances	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

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VAT Refunds					
1500 VAT Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,331.39	£14,331.39
Total VAT Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,331.39	£14,331.39
Public Toilets					
1400 Public Toilets - Income	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£2,070.90	-£1,429.10
Total Public Toilets	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£2,070.90	-£1,429.10
Bus Service					
1600 Bus Service Subsidy	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Bus Service	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Income	£345,522.00	£348,699.68	£0.00	£361,864.35	£13,164.67

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EXPENDITURE					
Council					
1600 To Balances	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Council	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Establishment					
3000 Establishment Wages	£100,804.00	£100,804.00	£0.00	£83,686.24	£17,117.76
3010 Establishment- phone,net,postage	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,052.63	-£52.63
3020 Establishment- print,statio,equip	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,593.58	-£93.58
3030 Establishment- ins not town hall	£11,000.00	£11,060.00	£0.00	£11,059.57	£0.43
3040 Establishment- subscriptions	£2,200.00	£2,200.00	£0.00	£2,200.00	£0.00
3050 Establishment- Audit fees	£1,450.00	£1,450.00	£0.00	£423.40	£1,026.60
3060 Establishment- Misc	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,326.50	£173.50
3070 Establishment- Grants to orgs	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£350.00	£650.00
3080 Establishment- Advertsing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3090 Establishment- Mayors Allowance	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,041.73	£158.27
3100 Establishment- Mayors Entertainment Fund	£550.00	£550.00	£0.00	£407.08	£142.92
3110 Establishment- Elections	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00
3130 Establishment- H&S	£250.00	£64.65	£0.00	£64.65	£0.00
3140 Establishment- Training	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	£491.37	£8.63
3150 Establishment- Bank Charges	£600.00	£700.00	£0.00	£556.76	£143.24
3160 Establishment- Payroll	£580.00	£580.00	£0.00	£356.40	£223.60

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	2023/2024	Revised	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
3170 Chain - extend life	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Establishment	£140,134.00	£140,108.65	£0.00	£105,609.91	£34,498.74
Tourist Information Centre					
4000 Tourist Information Centre-wages	£46,298.00	£46,298.00	£0.00	£39,761.86	£6,536.14
4010 Tourist Information Centre-goods resale	£2,000.00	£1,250.00	£0.00	£1,148.98	£101.02
4020 Tourist Information Centre-costs	£17,000.00	£19,000.00	£0.00	£18,034.62	£965.38
4030 Tourist Information Centre-Bass lake	£180.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
4040 Rotary Calendars	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Tourist Information Centre	£65,478.00	£66,548.00	£0.00	£58,945.46	£7,602.54
Allotments					
5000 Allotments Water Charges	£1,000.00	£800.00	£0.00	£851.77	-£51.77
5010 Allotment Gen Main	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£978.00	£22.00
5030 Rent for St Helen's Street	£330.00	£330.00	£0.00	£330.00	£0.00
Total Allotments	£2,330.00	£2,130.00	£0.00	£2,159.77	-£29.77
Christmas					
6000 Christmas lights contract	£22,100.00	£20,988.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,988.00
6010 Christmas Light misc bulb cable etc	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00	£2,411.74	£588.26
6020 Christmas Lights Elec Costs	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
6030 Christmas Lights SWOD exp	£4,000.00	£6,000.00	£0.00	£5,676.97	£323.03
6040 Christmas Lights comps	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00	£123.62	£26.38
6050 Christmas Lights - CADS Panto	£350.00	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00	£0.00

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6060	Christmas Lights - Tarn Close Depot	£4,833.00	£4,928.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Christmas	£35,433.00	£36,416.00	£0.00	£13,490.33	£22,925.67
Memorial Garden					
7000	Memorial Gardens Contract	£10,500.00	£10,500.00	£0.00	-£131.64
7010	Memorial Gardens Play Area	£2,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	£822.18
7020	Memorial Gardens Misc	£3,000.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	-£43.75
Total Memorial Garden	£15,500.00	£18,000.00	£0.00	£17,353.21	£646.79
Twinning					
8000	Twinning visit incoming	£6,500.00	£6,500.00	£0.00	£1,748.79
8010	Twinning Visit Out Going	£100.00	£150.00	£0.00	-£465.56
8020	Twinning Grants EPSF	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Twinning	£7,100.00	£6,650.00	£0.00	£5,366.77	£1,283.23
Events					
9000	Events- FireworksDisplay	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	£0.00	-£11.82
9010	Events - Festival exp	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
9020	Events- Carnival/Fun Day	£1,500.00	£1,709.92	£0.00	£0.00
9030	Events- Food Festival	£4,167.00	£4,167.00	£0.00	£4,167.00
9040	Events - Taste Christmas	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£166.67
9060	Events- Joint Road Closure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
9070	Events - Market Charter	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
9080	Events - 70th Anniversary/Coronation	£1,000.00	£699.76	£0.00	£699.76
9090	Events - Remembrance Sunday	£1,000.00	£300.00	£0.00	£270.00

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Total Events	£15,167.00	£14,376.68	£0.00	£10,024.83	£4,351.85
Town Hall					
2000 Town Hall - Gen Main	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
2010 Town Hall- Refurb of Furnishings	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£818.34	£181.66
2020 Town Hall- Capital Impr Scheme/ Grd Maint	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£831.66	£168.34
2030 Town Hall- rates	£12,500.00	£12,500.00	£0.00	£13,473.00	-£973.00
2040 Town Hall- Utilities	£10,000.00	£15,000.00	£0.00	£13,090.77	£1,909.23
2050 Town Hall- Phone,net, frank	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,652.34	-£152.34
2060 Town Hall- window, bins,sanitary, fire	£610.00	£450.00	£0.00	£462.69	-£12.69
2080 Town Hall- Refreshments	£50.00	£40.00	£0.00	£32.30	£7.70
2090 Town Hall- Cleaners wage	£0.00	£2,064.00	£0.00	£981.13	£1,082.87
2100 Town Hall- cleaning products	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00	£137.26	£112.74
2110 Town Hall - Wedding Exp	£500.00	£375.00	£0.00	£375.00	£0.00
2120 Town Hall - Cleaning contract	£4,000.00	£1,536.00	£0.00	£1,536.00	£0.00
Total Town Hall	£34,910.00	£39,215.00	£0.00	£36,890.49	£2,324.51
Open Spaces					
11000 Open Spaces-Fishing stationery	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
11010 Open Spaces- war memorials	£2,500.00	£525.00	£0.00	£525.00	£0.00
11020 Open Spaces-Public Clocks	£270.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
11030 Open Spaces -flower baskets	£2,800.00	£2,799.88	£0.00	£3,028.88	-£229.00
11060 Open Spaces - Bus Shelter	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00	£515.00	£85.00
11080 Open Spaces - clever sid	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

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Total Open Spaces	£6,270.00	£3,924.88	£0.00	£4,068.88	-£144.00
Projects					
10200 10K Town Centre	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10300 1212 trees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Properties					
12010 Other Properties-Victoria Hall exp	£1,000.00	£300.00	£0.00	£259.07	£40.93
12020 Other Properties-Tarn Close Sports Ground misc exp	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
12030 Other Properties-3/4 insp/grass swings	£2,800.00	£2,800.00	£0.00	£2,949.44	-£149.44
Total Other Properties	£3,800.00	£3,100.00	£0.00	£3,208.51	-£108.51
Balances					
13000 Balances - From Exp	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Balances	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT Refunds					
15000 VAT Due to C/E	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total VAT Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Public Toilets					
14000 Public Toilets- Gen Costs	£2,850.00	£2,350.00	£0.00	£2,595.88	-£245.88
14010 Public Toilets - Cleaning Products	£750.00	£400.00	£0.00	£428.01	-£28.01
14020 Public Toilets- Cleaners Wage	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
14030 Public Toilets- Utilities/ Rates	£1,000.00	£1,800.00	£0.00	£2,014.63	-£214.63
14040 Toilet - Cleaning contract	£12,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£6,939.02	£3,060.98

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Total Public Toilets	£16,600.00	£14,550.00	£0.00	£11,977.54	£2,572.46
CCTV					
16000 CCTV	£1,800.00	£1,800.00	£0.00	£635.48	£1,164.52
Total CCTV	£1,800.00	£1,800.00	£0.00	£635.48	£1,164.52
Green Issues					
17000 Green Issues	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Total Green Issues	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Greyrigg Footpath					
18000 Greyrigg Footpath	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Greyrigg Footpath	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Chamber of Trade					
19000 Chamber of Trade	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Chamber of Trade	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bus Service					
20000 Bus Service Subsidy	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Bus Service	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£345,522.00	£347,819.21	£0.00	£269,731.18	£78,088.03
Total Income	£345,522.00	£348,699.68	£0.00	£361,864.35	£13,164.67
Total Expenditure	£345,522.00	£347,819.21	£0.00	£269,731.18	£78,088.03
Total Net Balance	£0.00	£880.47		£92,133.17	

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ACTING CLERK'S REPORT

Town Hall

Cumberland Council Lakes to Sea Community Panel has awarded us £670 towards Main Street Planters. This will allow us to purchase 2 new planters. I am in discussions with Geviews.

Library/TIC

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Public Toilets

Nothing to report.

Play Areas

Nothing to report.

Tourism and Publicity/Library

Nothing to report.

Memorial Gardens

Nothing to report.

SWOD

The stage, sound & light tech, first aid cover, and various entertainment has all been booked for our 2024 event which will be held on Sunday 17th November. Stall holder invites will be sent out in due course.

Fireworks

Our 2024 Firework Display, will be held on Sunday 3rd November 2024

Weddings

January, we have 3 weddings.

Cockermouth Town Council Christmas Competitions

The winners of the Christmas Competitions are –

Window Spotting – Toby Willis

Drawing - Oliver Tyson

Wordsearch – Laila, Eddy and Justine Baldwin

Christmas Eve Carols around the tree

This was a great turn out and great feedback received. The collection raised £410.40 this has been split 50/50 between the Mayors Charity and Cockermouth Mechanics Band who performed on the evening.

Date	Day	On Duty	TIC Visitors	TIC Phone	TIC Email	TIC Post	Library Visitors	Library Phone	Library Email	Library Post	Library PC	Allerdal
27/11/2023	Mon											
28/11/2023	Tue											
29/11/2023	Wed											
30/11/2023	Thu											
01/12/2023	Fri	Emmie&AM	2	0	0	0	100	2	0	0	3	0
02/12/2023	Sat	Pamela&Emmie	2	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	1	0
03/12/2023	Sun	Closed										
04/12/2023	Mon	AM&Pamela	2	0	0	0	103	2	0	0	7	0
05/12/2023	Tue	Pamela&AM	2	0	0	0	82	2	0	0	3	0
06/12/2023	Wed	Emmie&AM	3	0	0	0	95	2	0	0	4	0
07/12/2023	Thu	Emmie&AM	2	1	0	0	87	2	0	0	4	0
08/12/2023	Fri	Emmie & AM	1	0	0	0	90	2	0	0	3	0
09/12/2023	Sat	Pamela&Emmie	1	0	2	0	95	2	0	0	2	0
10/12/2023	Sun	Closed										
11/12/2023	Mon	AM&Pamela	0	0	0	0	134	0	0	0	4	1
12/12/2023	Tues	Pamela&AM	0	0	0	0	85	2	0	0	5	1
13/12/2023	Wed	Pamela&AM	2	0	0	0	101	4	0	0	4	0
14/12/2023	Thu	AM	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	3	1
15/12/2023	Fri	Emmie & AM	0	1	0	0	84	1	0	0	0	1
16/12/2023	Sat	Pamela & Emmie	1	0	0	0	118	0	0	0	4	0
17/12/2023	Sun	Closed										
18/12/2023	Mon	AM&Pamela	6	0	0	1	105	4	0	0	4	0
19/12/2023	Tue	Pamela&AM	0	0	0	0	114	4	0	0	4	0

20/12/2023	Wed	Pamela&AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	1	1
21/12/2023	Thu	AM & Emmie	0	0	0	0	0	90	1	0	0	0	3	0
22/12/2023	Fri	Emmie & AM	2	0	0	0	0	110	4	0	0	0	3	0
23/12/2023	Sat	Pamela&Emmie	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	1	0	0	0
24/12/2023	Sun	Closed												
25/12/2023	Mon	Closed												
26/12/2023	Tue	Closed												
27/12/2023	Wed	Closed												
28/12/2023	Thu	Closed												
29/12/2023	Fri	Closed												
30/12/2023	Sat	Closed												
31/12/2023	Sun	Closed												
01/01/2024	Mon													
02/01/2024	Tue													
03/01/2024	Wed													
04/01/2024	Thu													
05/01/2024	Fri													
06/01/2024	Sat													
07/01/2024	Sun	Closed												
Monthly Totals			26	2	2	2	1	1,936	35	0	1	62	5	
TIC Remote Enquiries														5