

ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE on MONDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:00PM

PRESENT

Councillors Sir J Graham (Chair), G Routledge (Vice Chair), C Johanssen, E Jeffrey, M Gunson, P Milnes, W Errington, J Jefferson, R Graham, V Luckley and Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk and RFO
5 members of the Public

APOLOGIES

Councillors C Adams and Lady K Nelligan

Minute Number	
26/09/073	Apologies for Absence To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence RESOLVED that apologies were received from Councillors C Adams and Lady K Nelligan
26/09/074	Declaration of Interest To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda RESOLVED that a declaration was received from Cllr M Gunson regarding the allotments and Cllr W Errington regarding agenda item 17
26/09/075	New Parish Councillor To welcome a new Parish Councillor RESOLVED that Vanessa Luckley was welcomed
26/09/076	Resignation of Parish Councillor RESOLVED that the resignation of Parish Councillor M Irving was noted
26/09/077	Public Participation To receive representation from members of the public on issues relating to items on this agenda. <i>Members of the public are permitted to speak for up to 15 minutes and are not permitted to speak at any other time during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chair</i> An email had been received from a concerned resident regarding speeding on the A6071 and forwarded to Councillors. The Clerk had also sent this on to Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone for comment. The 30mph zone is being moved further out of town past the Fawns Wood entrance

	- There was a suggestion of mirrors being used on the railing on Albert Street, however these are not allowed anymore due to potential of being blinded by lighting Member of the Public No 2 wanted to raise the issue of the footpath on the Netherby Road out to the Peth again. It is still overgrown with hedging and grass - Cllr Sir J Graham agreed to meet with the member of the public to discuss this issue 3 members of the public were present to observe
26/09/078	Minutes To authorise the Chair to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 6th July 2026 RESOLVED to authorise the Chair to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 6th July 2026
26/09/079	Cumberland Councillor Report To receive a report from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone (<i>copy herewith</i>) RESOLVED that the attached report was received and noted RESOLVED that, if the Parish Council agreed, a couple more Councillors could join the Town Team along with Cllr C Johanssen and M Gunson who are already on this team
26/09/080	To receive a report from representatives on other bodies (if applicable) Longtown Community Centre Board of Trustees – Cllr Sir JFS Graham - The AGM is being held on the 14th September 2026 - There are events being held every day - There is lots of activity Allotment Committee – Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams - Everyone is preparing their plots for Winter - New tenants have been signed up - There was a presentation for Best Kept Allotment at the Annual Flower Show Village Veg / Bobbin Mill – Cllrs E Jeffrey and J Jefferson - A report for the Village Veg was received and noted (<i>copy herewith</i>) - A report for Bobbin Mill was received and noted (<i>copy herewith</i>) - Decorations for Halloween and Remembrance Day are in the pipeline Borderlands Project – Cllr M Gunson and Cllr C Johanssen - This was covered in Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone’s report
26/09/081	Tour De France To receive a report from the working group RESOLVED that a report from Cllr P Milnes was received (<i>copy herewith</i>) RESOLVED that a permanent sculpture to commemorate the Tour De France would be a good idea and that Cllr P Milnes would look into obtaining prices

	RESOLVED that Cllr C Johanssen brought a report regarding the Tour De France/Tour De Longtown to the meeting (<i>copy herewith</i>)
26/09/082	Signage for Longtown To receive an update from the Clerk RESOLVED that the Clerk had contacted Highways regarding adding ‘Last Town in England’ to the exiting signs on the A7 and A6071 RESOLVED that Highways had responded saying that a new sign would need to be manufactured as they do not add to existing ones RESOLVED that the Clerk to contact Kirkandrews to see if they also want new signage for ‘First Town in England’ and to work together
26/09/083	Play Area – Cllr W Errington To receive a report regarding The Square play area Cllr W Errington raised the issue of residents feeling left out and that work seems to stop once you are past Lochinvar. They would like better facilities at the play area. RESOLVED that they are not forgotten about and this will be looked into RESOLVED that the Parish Council only lease the area that the current equipment is on Cllr C Johanssen then requested the following • Budgeted action plan for all play areas • Financial reserves earmarked for play areas • Budget and schedule for repairs RESOLVED that the Chair agreed to the above
26/09/084	Zurich Insurance Premium RESOLVED that the Premium was received, and it was agreed to renew the policy at a cost of £4,077.26
26/09/085	Deed of Easement To receive and agree to the updated wording of the signature page of the deed of easement regarding pipework across Lochinvar big field RESOLVED that this was received and agreed to RESOLVED that the Clerk is to return the signed paperwork to Bendles LLP
26/09/086	Access to Council Meeting Room – Cllr P Milnes To receive a request from Cllr P Milnes regarding access to the Council Meeting Room RESOLVED that Councillors to inform the Clerk and RFO of any planned meetings and that they will ensure the meeting room is open
26/09/087	North Cumbria Parish Council Alliance To receive an update from the meeting on the 20th August 2026

	Cllr G Routledge informed the Council that the Alliance are opposing Option A. There is a protest at the Civic Centre on the 8th September 2026. Minutes have been sent to the Clerk to forward to all Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk forward the minutes from the meeting on the 20th August 2026 RESOLVED that a report from Cllr Routledge is attached to the minutes (<i>copy herewith</i>)
26/09/088	Reports To receive a report from the Clerk detailing what has been worked on in July and August 2026 (<i>copy herewith</i>) RESOLVED that the report was received and noted
26/09/089	Planning (<i>circulated prior to meeting</i>) To consider the following planning applications App Ref: 26/0462 Proposal: Replacement of existing timber frame windows and doors with UPVC windows and doors Location: 35-45 (odds) Albert Street and 28-50 (evens) Burn Street, Longtown, Carlisle NO OBSERVATIONS
26/09/090	Planning – Notification of Decision App Ref: 26/0379 Proposal: Erection Of 2no. Substations And Associated Works (Revised Application) Location: Units A and B, Woodlands, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5TR GRANT PERMISSION App Ref: 26/0329 Proposal: Remedial Works To Existing Garage Including Replacement Pitched Roof With New Flat Roof & Replacement Garage Door Location: 53 Esk Street, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5PU GRANT PERMISSION RESOLVED that the above were noted

PART B

26/09/091	Response to Concerns from a Resident To review and agree to the response for the concerns from a resident <i>(to follow)</i> RESOLVED that the response was received and that Councillors will have until the 11th September to query any responses, at which time the response will be sent Cllr Johanssen asked that it be noted in the minutes that any suggestion in the residents' letter that she had acted without authority was completely unfounded RESOLVED that the Chairman agreed to this
26/09/092	2026/2027 National Salary Scales To review and agree to the 2026/2027 National Salary Scales from CALC <i>(copy herewith)</i> RESOLVED that this was reviewed and agreed to
26/09/093	Caretaker Roles To review the 7 hour caretaker role for end of the probation period RESOLVED that there were no significant issues with the work being carried out and that the probation period had been completed successfully To note issues with the 10 hour role and decide on way forward RESOLVED that the Clerk is to re-advertise this role

Report to Arthuret Parish Council – September 2026

Councillor Tim Pickstone, Cumberland Councillor for Longtown Ward

Borderlands and the Community Centre

The first part of the Borderlands investment in Longtown – the interior refurbishment of the Community Centre – is in the final stages of being signed off by the Borderlands Board. Once that approval is confirmed, the project will move into its final design, contract and build stage, with completion hopefully in 2027.

Attention now turns to the second phase of the Borderlands investment: work to improve the A7 corridor through the town. A meeting of the Borderlands Town Team steering group is taking place on 24 September 2026 to begin this process. We are hoping to widen the group slightly, in particular to bring in some of the businesses along the A7. If the Parish Council would like to strengthen its own representation, or to suggest other people who should be involved, please do not hesitate to let the team know.

Longtown Extended Services Group

Both the Longtown Business Group and the Longtown Extended Services Group meet on Monday 7 September 2026. We will be reviewing the successful summer's 'Esk Vibe' event and looking forward to events next summer, including the Tour de France. Esk Vibe, held on 1 August 2026, was very well attended and a great example of collaboration between local businesses, the councils and community organisations.

Pavement – Gretna Road

Not in Arthuret, but of interest - the Council has secured some funding to renew pavements where there is a need. One project that has been identified is to restore the pavement on the north side of the Gretna Road, between the A7 and Green Mill Road. Hopefully this will improve access along this very fast section of road. During the consultation I asked whether it could also accommodate cyclists as shared space.

A7 Resurfacing – Road Closure

Residents should be aware that the A7 at Longtown is due to be resurfaced by Balfour Beatty, with a full overnight closure expected from 13 September 2026, over a period of around five days. The closure runs on the A7 from its junction with the A6071, extending approximately 870 metres to the south-east. A signed diversion will be in place via the A7, A689, C1022, C1015 and A6071 (temporary order reference TTROC/19534). As always, access for residents and the emergency services will be maintained wherever it is safe to do so, and I will share any updates as the works are confirmed.

Rural Carlisle Speed Review

The informal consultation on the North Cumberland Speed Limit Review is now live. It covers 22 proposed Traffic Regulation Order changes across North Cumberland and runs until 14 September 2026. The proposals and supporting plans can be viewed at www.cumberland.gov.uk/proposedtros, and comments can be sent by email to TROresponses@cumberland.gov.uk, quoting the relevant proposal number and location.

None of the proposals falls specifically within Arthuret Parish. This is largely because the main speeding concern locally – on the Brampton Road – is being addressed through a separate process, as the speed limit changes there will be funded by the housing developer as part of the estate conditions.

Hespin Wood Landfill

Members will be aware that Hespin Wood has been operating under a temporary stop on accepting new waste to the landfill, with the exception of soil. There have recently been some concerns that this may no longer be the case. I am looking into this and will report back to the Council once I have clarity.

Polling Stations Review

Cumberland Council has launched a review of its polling districts and polling places, to make sure that polling stations are well located, accessible and fit for purpose ahead of the May 2027 elections, when the whole council will be elected under its new ward boundaries, alongside the first election for the new Mayor of Cumbria and existing parish council elections. As Longtown Ward's boundaries are unchanged, local arrangements are unlikely to alter significantly, but this is a good opportunity to raise any concerns about the accessibility or suitability of our local polling stations. Comments can be submitted until Friday 2 October 2026, and the Parish Council is itself a formal consultee.

Other Local Issues

There are a few other issues which I am continuing to pursue locally. These include the need for some sort of speed survey on the Carlisle Road immediately south of the Community Centre, the need for Cumberland to provide more street litter bins in the town and some recently raised concerns about the public toilets. Highways issues being pursued include the surfaces of St Michael's Drive and also a number of road and pavement surface issues in the Lochinvar Close and Moor Road areas.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are issues I can help with.

Report on Village Veggers

The raised beds have been a success this year.

We planted tomatoes, onions, leeks, beans, melon cucumber and potatoes. We replanted/relocated the strawberries.

The potatoes were a triumph as the first planting was a good harvest so we planted a second batch which are already well grown and are on their way to another crop.

Residents have helped themselves to onions, melon cucumber, potatoes and strawberries. The leeks are continuing to grow along with the tomatoes and beans.

We are constantly complemented on the raised beds and what we are achieving for the Community. Because of this we have had the donations of tomatoes, onions and the melon cucumber.

This is an asset to the Parish Council which sits on the Bobbin Mill Community Area.

Myself and Jacky are delighted with its success and are taken aback with all the positivity of this project from residents who are walking by and also by vehicles that stop and thank us for what we are doing. Unfortunately we do not feel that The Parish Councillors understand or fully support the success of these raised beds and the pleasurable, peaceful area that they are located.

Elizabeth and Jackie

Bobbin Mill Community Area

This area which was a neglected piece of ground is now a community asset and something that Myself and Jackie are proud of and the Parish Council should see that it is also an asset to the Arthuret Parish Council.

Residents and visitors use this area to sit and enjoy its peaceful aura even though it is situated on a road junction.

The bird boxes and the bird feeders have been a success which have brought wildlife to the area.

The benches are well used by the residents and visitors. Some residents are using them, as was intended, as a respite from the long walk from the new estates to the doctors, school, library and even when visiting friends and family. Some residents from the flats adjacent are using the benches and have stated their appreciation of somewhere, outside their flat to sit and enjoy the days. The benches are used regularly by a resident who walks to the Community Centre who often eats his lunch there.

We need to have the remaining bench put in situ as soon as possible for the use of the residents and of course for the Tour de France. One complaint does not warrant this upset and disruption of this delightful area.

There has been a vast improvement of the grassed area of the Bobbin Mill. There is now no dog fouling and no litter. Another success which shows if a place is cared for it gets respect from its residents.

There was never any anti-social behaviour and it has been proved. There have been ornaments hung on trees, railings and trellis and these are still in place being appreciated by the residents. There are also bird boxes and bird feeders which have never been touched, except by the birds.

We fully intend to upkeep this area and improve on it.

The improvements we intend to complete are to re-establish the existing beds on the perimeter of the grassed area and also to create a circular bed around the middle oak tree. These will be planted with bulbs and flowers, hopefully yellow flowers for the Tour De France.

With your assistance and acceptance Jacky and myself are intending to make this area a visitors and residents green place to wait, enjoy, eat, meet and chat for Longtown residents but also for all the visitors we are going to have during the Tour De France and after.

Elizabeth and Jackie

Tour De France Report

I attended a meeting regarding the above only to be told about plans for the Tour de Longtown.

I have carried out some forward planning on my own with the help of two other councillors, who like myself agree that the above event should take priority over anything else. As this is the biggest thing that's happened to Longtown, and I believe we should showcase the town.

Actions I have carried out,

1. bid for funds

With help I have put together a bid as follows

Flowers/ Tree maintenance. £4.500

Bunting. 400

Banners. 500

Bus shelters painted. EST. 200

Road signs & fixtures. EST. 1..500

Fence and railing. Repaired. Highways. .?

This has been past to the office to fill in the blanks and apply ASAP

2. Spoken to the Auction market regarding overflow car park.

3. sent emails to local Tim Regarding the bigger picture from the council plans

4. spoken to Lorraine Davis regarding looking into finding out whom maintains the public toilets.

5. I have spoken to the clerk regarding the tender for flowers and tree maintenance. This has already been sent out for next year. Whomever is successful in the bid needs to be aware that there will be an addition to this as a one off for extra work needed in making the A7 route through our town memorial.

6. As a suggestion I have spoken to a sculptor regarding getting a permanent reminder of the event placed in the town, if the council are happy with this.

It would be a man on a bike on a plinth in the flower bed outside the chip shop. This is the only flower bed without railing.

I have also made enquiries regarding getting a grant from the lottery arts grant.

I believe there is a lot to do regarding the event as a parish council going forward

Tour-De-France/Tour-De-Longtown

- Report on actions taken and work in progress by Arthuret Parish Council.
- Report to be given/handed out at the Graham Arms business breakfast meeting on Monday 7th Sep 2026 8:00am, and Will Also:
- Form the basis of an update at the Parish Council meeting on the evening of the same date at 7:00pm under agenda item 9.
- The Tour-De-Longtown refers to a completely separate community (CURTAIN RAISER EVENT) we are planning to hold approximately late May early June 2027 before the main event and intended to compliment the Tour-De -France 2nd July 2027 event and get the community interested and involved.
 - We have been in touch with the local Primary School, Daan and Son at BIKE7 regarding the community event which will be something in the form of a School and Community fun cycling active event for the School children all within the safety of the school grounds. Possibly, short cycle run, decorated bike competition, children and adults colourfully dressed, and some road safety instructions. Also a fun scenic cycle ride for adults of the Parish and possibly Kirkandrews Parish of between 7/ 10 miles scenic on public roads. These matters are being looked into and discussion taking place on safety issues before a final decision is made.
- For the Tour De France the Parish Council will work with other organisations involved wherever we can and will take guidance from Cumberland Council where we fit in and how we can assist the community to get the maximum benefit for the town it's businesses and for the aims of the Cumberland Council.

Here are some details of what has been discussed by Arthuret Parish Council and should help to explain where we are at this present time:

1. 11th May 2026 min- 26/05/024 Tour De France to receive a report from Cllr C. Johanssen – RESOLVED that Cllr Johanssen would like to form a working group for a Tour De Longtown event. RESOLVED That the Parish Council agreed to this and the members are Cllrs- C Johanssen, R. Graham and M. Gunson- Resolved , that the working group wanted this event to be held earlier in the year Approximately, (late May/early June2027) to compliment the Tour De France 2nd July 2027 event.
- 2.1st June 2026 – min 26/06/040 – The extended services meeting –Arthuret Parish Council (RFO) included the following : RESOLVED – that concerns had been raised regarding road

closures, school access for the tour de France. Resolved- that the school wish to be involved in the planning arrangements.

3. 1st June 2026 Tim Pickstone report to APC Tour De France. As the Parish Council will know, the men's Tour De France race will be coming through Longtown on the 2nd July 2027. Meetings with Parish Council staff continue and I have also met separately with the owners of BIKE7 who is understandably very keen to make the most of the event.

- There is plenty still to plan, but some things for the Parish Council to consider now: How Longtown should be decorated, and how to fund this. It has been made clear that towns should seek their own funding wherever possible, so the Parish Council may wish to consider a bid to one or both of the local windfarms.

- One popular approach for the Tour is for individual businesses and community groups to put up or sponsor their own 'yellow bikes' through the town.

- Road closures will be very significant until the race has passed through.

- The impact on services such as the Primary School, buses to William Howard , care homes and other essential services will need careful thought.

- The welcome signage to Longtown – given the number of visitors and level of media attention , this might be a good moment to consider whether it needs updating.

- Monday 6th July 2026 agenda- min 26/07/055- Tour De France . To form a working group and liaise with Town Teams. – RESOLVED – that the members of the working group are Cllrs M. Gunson, C. Johanssen, R. Graham, G. Routledge and P. Milnes.

- Same meeting as above min 26/07/055 to receive ideas regarding the planting of the flower beds. –RESOLVED, that the flower beds are to be planted with a theme and possibly yellow flowers.

- RESOLVED- That a plaque to commemorate the event be erected afterwards.

- Min 26/07/061- Tour De Longtown. To receive an update from the working group – RESOLVED- that the working group had started conversations with the school to hold an event for the children on school grounds. RESOLVED- That the working group is also looking at the possibility of scenic circular route cycling fun ride for the community/ adults.

- 8th July 2026 Email from Scott Thorney (Parish Support Officer) sent out by Parish Clerk to all Arthuret Parish Councillors (countdown to the grand depart -2027) with video including Cumberland Council Leader Mark Fryer and web-site details.

- 22nd July 2026 letter to Parish Clerk sent on to Cumberland Council Cllr Tim Pickstone, request to clean stone work on Esk Bridge.

- 27th July 2026 – email from Arthuret Parish Clerk , to all Arthuret Parish Councillor's . – Update from A. Tyler local business and organisation update.

Arthuret Parish Council will discuss submitting a bid for decorations for the main street once more information is received . It will be discussed under agenda item 9 at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th September 7:00pm 2026.

All are welcome

Thank you

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Notes from Cllr G Routledge – North PC Alliance

Cllr M Gunson attended an earlier meeting at Blackford but was unable to attend the Alliance Inaugural Meeting so Christine and I went at short notice.

As the minutes have now been received and distributed to all Councillors, I just intend to note a few points: -

1. The Alliance is a collective voice of Parish Councillors to oppose the National Grids Cross Border Connection
2. The M.O.U. (Memorandum of Understanding) was read, agreed and signed
3. Allan Harty of (NCAPS) has joined the group and spoke at the meeting
4. NCAPS is North Carlisle/Cumbria Against Pylons and Substation
5. He has offered to attend Parish Council meetings if required
6. Would like to hold a public meeting in Longtown
7. We said a drop-in session may be possible in the Parish Council meeting room but not large enough to hold a public meeting for large numbers (community centre or school)?
8. We agreed to send out flyers if the group provide a standard one for all Parish Councils and to utilise our Facebook page, website and newsletter
9. The group is opposed to Option A
10. There is to be a Council Office demonstration at Carlisle Civic Centre tomorrow 8 September at 11:00 should anyone decide to attend – there is a WhatsApp group co-ordinating the protest

Clerks Report – July & August 2026

Correspondence from Parishioners

Numerous emails & phone calls have been dealt with

Dealing with....

- On boarding the 2 caretakers
- Cumbria waste and Direct 365 for general waste and pet waste bin collections
- Electrician and plumber regarding problem with new water heater
- Booked the Xmas entertainment
- The Rotary Club are booked for Xmas
- The Sycamore Tree have been booked for the lunch
- Advertised the tenders
- Legionella risk assessment and sampling complete – awaiting results
- Fire Risk Assessment and extinguisher service complete – awaiting results on assessment
- Looking for replacement Christmas lighting and nativity figurines
- Cleared out the meeting room of redundant 'stuff' – waiting for Councillors to finish going through it
- Clearing out old paperwork
- Dealing with one of the caretakers not showing up for work – no longer employed with us

Issues reported to various organisations

Weeds and grass overgrown	Esk Street, A7, Netherby Street, Burn Street, Swan Street, Bank Street, outside public toilets	17/06/2026	30/06/2026	Enquiry reference: EI/305039
Fallen Leaves and moss growth	Esk Street, A7, Netherby Street, Burn Street, Swan Street, Bank Street, outside public toilets	17/06/2026	30/06/2026	Reference: NH20275
Overgrown trees	Juntion of Dukeswood Road, Stackbraes and Moor Place	03/07/2026		EI/306995
Flytipping of Settee	Burn Street, in the burn	27/06/2026	29/09/2026	
Overflowing bin	Bottom of Esk Bank	11/08/2026		Reference: NH24910
Blocked drains	Outside 36 Swan Street	01/09/2026		EI/314152
Overgrown trees	Along the beck at the side of Murrays	01/09/2026		EI/314155

The following documents have also been circulated: -

Jacobs - Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot Study – invitation to respond to questionnaire

Planning Policy - Cumberland Local Plan timetable updated following new government guidance

CALC - FW: Cumberland Local Plan

CALC - FW: CALC Partner Bulletin July 2026

CALC - RE: Reminder: CLNRS Workbook Follow-Up Session – 14 July

CALC - FW: Weekly Bulletin - 1 July 2026

CALC - FW: Thriving Communities Information Share

CALC - FW: Pioneer Park Public Engagement

CALC - FW: Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News

CALC - FW: Upcoming Digital Skills Training from CloudyIT – Ready to Share

CALC - FW: One year to go to the Grand Départ 2027!

CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 8 July 2026

NALC events

NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 2 July 2026

CALC - FW: Please promote Home Office Martyn's Law Webinar to all member councils in your patch - 14:30 - 15:30, 20 July, by Teams

NALC - NALC events
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 9 July 2026
 Cumberland Highways - North Cumberland Speed Limit Review - Draft Proposals for Member Review
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 15 July 2026
 CALC - CALC Governance, Transparency and AGAR Checklists
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 16 July 2026
 CALC - FW: Martyn's Law update from the SIA – Materials to share with your networks
 CALC - FW: NALC Time off for public duties survey - please ask working age (18+) councillors on your councils/in your areas to complete survey by 23:45 on 30/7
 CALC - FW: 10p swims for kids this summer, celebrity chef at Taste Cumbria Maryport, Lloyds Tour of Britain Women 2026 funding, and more
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 22 July 2026
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 23 July 2026
 CALC - Did You Know? Staying Up to Date with CALC
 NALC - FW: Legal bulletin - 27 July 2026
 CALC - CALC News – May & June 2026 Edition Available
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 29 July 2026
 CALC - Expression of Interest – RPII Operational Inspector & Maintenance Training
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 30 July 2026
 Cumberland Council - Planned Temporary Road Closure - A7 Longtown
 CALC - Press release New Chief Officer for CALC Dr. Sian Thornthwaite
 Cumberland Council - FW: New Event App Process - Information for External Event Management Partners
 CALC - FW: CALC Partner Bulletin Aug 2026
 CALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 6 August 2026
 Cumbria Police - Neighbourhood Policing Update: Carlisle & Rural
 NALC - NALC events
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 12 August 2026
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 13 August 2026
 North Cumbria Parish Council Alliance – Meeting Thursday 27 August
 NALC – NALC Events
 NALC - Star Council Awards 2026/27 – Council of the Year
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 19 August 2026
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 20 August 2026
 Cumberland Council - Brampton / Longtown - Voluntary Social Car Scheme
 Cumbria Community Foundation August newsletter
 CALC - FW: Invitation to webinars in August and September
 CALC - FW: Workington Road Plans
 CALC - FW: The Tour of Britain comes to Cumberland, Harraby South ward by-election result and more

Planning Notices – x 1

Notification of Decision Planning Application – x2
(emailed to Councillors)

Kelly, Rachael E < Rachael.Kelly@cumbria.gov.uk >

Tue, 25 Aug 2026 9:42:08 AM +0100

To "Cumbria Association, of Local Councils"<calc@cumberland.gov.uk>

Dear Clerks and Chairs,

Please find attached the **2026/27 National Salary Scales**, which have now been agreed.

The increase is to be **backdated to 1 April 2026**, and councils should ensure that any salary adjustments and associated back pay are calculated from this date.

The pay award represents an increase of approximately **3.3%** to the value of each SCP. Councils should apply the new salary scales accordingly and make the necessary backdated payment to **1 April 2026**.

The adoption of the new salary scales should be considered and agreed by your council at the next available council meeting, in accordance with your council's usual procedures.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of the pay award, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards

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1 Attachment(s)

Pay Settlement 2026-27.pdf

165.3 KB

24 August 2026

2026-27 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2026-27 to be implemented from 1 April 2026. Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.

Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2026. If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers should pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2026 to the employee's last day of employment.

The attached Annex lists the new pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract including SCPs 50 and above. These should be retrospectively applied from 1 April 2026.

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ANNEX 1

	1 April 2025	1 April 2026			Scale Ranges
SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
1	Deleted w e f 1st April 2023				Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
2	£24,413	£12.65	Deleted w e f 1st April 2026		
3	£24,796	£12.85	£25,614	£13.28	
4	£25,185	£13.05	£26,016	£13.48	
5	£25,583	£13.26	£26,427	£13.70	
5	£25,583	£13.26	£26,427	£13.70	LC1 (5-6) (below substantive range)
6	£25,989	£13.47	£26,847	£13.92	
7	£26,403	£13.69	£27,274	£14.14	LC1 (7-12) (substantive benchmark range)
8	£26,824	£13.90	£27,709	£14.36	
9	£27,254	£14.13	£28,153	£14.59	
10	£27,694	£14.35	£28,608	£14.83	
11	£28,142	£14.59	£29,071	£15.07	
12	£28,598	£14.82	£29,542	£15.31	

SCP	1 April 2025	1 April 2026			Scale Ranges
	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
13	£29,064	£15.06	£30,023	£15.56	LC1 (13-17) (above substantive range)
14	£29,540	£15.31	£30,515	£15.82	
15	£30,024	£15.56	£31,015	£16.08	
16	£30,518	£15.82	£31,525	£16.34	
17	£31,022	£16.08	£32,046	£16.61	
18	£31,537	£16.35	£32,578	£16.89	LC2 (18-23) (below substantive range)
19	£32,061	£16.62	£33,119	£17.17	
20	£32,597	£16.90	£33,673	£17.45	
21	£33,143	£17.18	£34,237	£17.75	
22	£33,699	£17.47	£34,811	£18.04	
23	£34,434	£17.85	£35,570	£18.44	LC2 (24-28) (substantive benchmark range)
24	£35,412	£18.35	£36,581	£18.96	
25	£36,363	£18.85	£37,563	£19.47	
26	£37,280	£19.32	£38,510	£19.96	
27	£38,220	£19.81	£39,481	£20.46	
28	£39,152	£20.29	£40,444	£20.96	LC2 (29-32) (above substantive benchmark range)
29	£39,862	£20.66	£41,177	£21.34	
30	£40,777	£21.14	£42,123	£21.83	
31	£41,771	£21.65	£43,149	£22.37	
32	£42,839	£22.20	£44,253	£22.94	
33	£44,075	£22.85	£45,529	£23.60	LC3 (33-36) (below substantive range)
34	£45,091	£23.37	£46,579	£24.14	
35	£46,142	£23.92	£47,665	£24.71	
36	£47,181	£24.46	£48,738	£25.26	
37	£48,226	£25.00	£49,817	£25.82	
38	£49,282	£25.54	£50,908	£26.39	LC3 (37-41) (substantive benchmark range)
39	£50,269	£26.06	£51,928	£26.92	
40	£51,356	£26.62	£53,051	£27.50	
41	£52,413	£27.17	£54,143	£28.06	
42	£53,460	£27.71	£55,224	£28.62	
43	£54,495	£28.25	£56,293	£29.18	LC3 (42-45) (above substantive benchmark range)
44	£55,801	£28.92	£57,642	£29.88	

	1 April 2025	1 April 2026			Scale Ranges
SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
45	£57,139	£29.62	£59,025	£30.59	
46	£58,523	£30.33	£60,454	£31.33	LC4 (46-49) (below substantive range)
47	£59,922	£31.06	£61,899	£32.08	
48	£61,198	£31.72	£63,218	£32.77	
49	£62,852	£32.58	£64,926	£33.65	
50	£64,373	£33.37	£66,497	£34.47	LC4 (50-54) (substantive benchmark range)
51	£65,925	£34.17	£68,101	£35.30	
52	£68,053	£35.27	£70,299	£36.44	
53	£70,176	£36.37	£72,492	£37.57	
54	£72,307	£37.48	£74,693	£38.72	LC4 (55-62) (above substantive benchmark range)
55	£74,454	£38.59	£76,911	£39.86	
56	£76,572	£39.69	£79,099	£41.00	
57	£78,718	£40.80	£81,316	£42.15	
58	£80,821	£41.89	£83,488	£43.27	
59	£82,815	£42.93	£85,548	£44.34	
60	£84,852	£43.98	£87,652	£45.43	
61	£86,939	£45.06	£89,808	£46.55	
62	£89,081	£46.17	£92,021	£47.70	

* Hourly Rates

As per the NJC agreement, hourly rates are calculated by dividing annual salary by 52.143 weeks and then by 37 hours. Please note that these hourly rates do not now differ from those published by NJC for Principal Authorities as the calculation bases are in agreement.

Please also note that NJC resolved to delete SCP 1 w.e.f. 1st April 2023

Please also note that NJC have resolved to delete SCP 2 w.e.f. 1st April 2026