

Cartmel Fell Community Trust - Committee Meeting at the Cartmel Fell Parish Hall - 15th of January 2026

Minutes

- 1) Apologies for absence: M Littlewood, J Viney, J Longden
- 2) Minutes of meeting 20th November 2025: approved
- 3) Matters Arising:
 - a) Land Registry – M Scovell reported that he is liaising with the Land Registry to identify and hopefully acquire title documentation for the Hodge Hill Allotment and the Parish Hall or, if that documentation isn't available, agree a course of action to acquire possessory title and start the process to full title recognition.
 - b) Cleaning rota - calendar for the year agreed, reminders to be sent out monthly.
 - c) Music Licence – J Balshaw to enquire.
 - d) Defibrillator Sponsorship - sponsor information to be placed in Parish Magazine next month, M Smith to ask the Parish Council if any sponsorship, F Salberter to find out what has to be replaced in the defibrillator, if and when it is used.
 - e) Co-opted committee members – M Scovell to check in the CFCT constitution about what rules are involved in co-opting committee members.
- 4) Treasurer's Report – J Balshaw provided the financial report to 29th December 2025 and commented that the financial situation was looking favourable, remarking that car park donations were positive. The 100 club now has 58 members, but needs pushing to get towards 100 members. It was suggested that, with falling interest rates it may be a good idea to look at alternative savings products for the NatWest savings account.
- 5) Fund Raising:
 - a) Sunday Lunch - February the 8th consisting of, a welcome drink, roast turkey or gammon, vegetables, trimmings etc. Cauliflower cheese steak for vegetarian option. Choice of two sweets, coffee and mints. A raffle will be held, the prizes being two hampers of items donated by Committee Members. Diners can bring their own wine/beer. Soft drinks will be for sale. No drinks licence will be applied for, for this event. Committee members to provide loan of salt and pepper and serving dishes. Various cooking and organisational duties were discussed and allocated to Committee Members. Lunch will be 12:30 for 1:00 pm on Sunday February 8th. Setting up will take place on the afternoon of Saturday the 7th of February from 1:00 pm.
 - b) Quiz Night – Saturday February 21st at 7.00 pm (set up from 5.30 pm) - M Littlewood is preparing the questions. Pies to be acquired from Stuart Smith's in Milnthorpe, M Smith to collect, H Todd to supply mushy peas, J Balshaw to acquire drinks licence. Puddings to be provided by Committee Members. Quiz prizes to be purchased by the committee J Balshaw to arrange. Existing stock of beetroot and red cabbage to be used with the pies.
 - c) Cakes & Company - next date Friday the 6th March. The pricing and signage of the 'bring and buy' cakes will be monitored.
 - d) Spring Show - date agreed as Saturday the 23rd of May. Format will largely be as per the successful 2025 Show. A recipe book was discussed and it was felt that it may be too big a logistical challenge to be available by the 23rd of May,

but the event would be used to ask for suggestions and to assess whether a recipe book would be popular with the local community.

6) Buildings Maintenance and Future Plans –

a) J Longden reported (in absentia) that Sam Crompton now has prices for plastic windows and is awaiting prices for coatings for wooden windows, but that this latter option would likely to cost at least twice the price of plastic windows.

b) F Salberter reported that she had received quotes for insulating and plastering the ceilings in the Parish Hall from M Elliott, with estimates ranging between £9,500 and £10,000 to do the work depending on the thickness of insulated plaster board selected. M Elliott has also supplied a quotation to repair the Peat House roof of £1,388. It was noted the Cartmel Fell Volunteers are keen to be involved in refurbishing the Peat House, courtyard etc.

c) F Salberter also reported about the availability of grants suggesting that the Cumbria Foundation was known to provide grants between £500 and £10,000. The National Lottery Heritage Fund was discussed but it was felt that Carmel Fell does not fit into the correct geographical /demographic area to be included. J Balshaw suggested the Freda Scott Trust and other more local sources of grant funding were possibly more feasible and it was agreed that J Balshaw and F Salberter will pool their ideas regarding grant opportunities. F Salberter suggested setting up a working party to look at grants and to assess expertise for a programme of works for the hall . Further, it was agreed that we need to get costs for paint and scaffolding for decorating the hall.)

7) ACRE documents - M Scovell noted that some of the Declaration Forms 5B had yet to be received. J Balshaw and F Salberter completed these forms during the meeting leaving only two awaited from M Littlewood and J Viney. The meeting attendees were also asked to complete signing of the Trustee Eligibility Declaration form and all attendees did so, with M Littlewood, J Longden and J Viney yet to sign.

8) Any other business –

a) It was agreed that the meeting will officially minute that J Wood is no longer a committee member nor is he any longer a signatory of the Furness Building Society Account for the Cartmel Fell Community Trust.

b) M Scovell reported that the Bluetooth connection for the speaker in the hall have been acquired and that instructions are with it.

c) It was agreed that the Carmel Fell Volunteers would commence with wood clearance work, starting around the Parish Hall and that local contractor, James Park would be engaged for a day of tree felling at a cost of around £220, with that cost being covered by offering logs in exchange for donations to members of the local community.

10) Date of Next Meeting - Thursday the 5th of March at 7:30 PM at the Parish Hall.