# MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH

**16th May 2023 at 16:30 in Underskiddaw Church Room**

**Present:** Joe Saxton, David Horsburgh, Jan Boniface, Jana Lambert, Ellen Barker, (2 member of the public), Jill Perry (Cumberland Council)

**Apologies**: Diane Griffiths (Work Commitments)

## Welcome & Introductions

Joe Saxton welcomed those present to the meeting.

## Apologies

As above

## The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2022

 Were agreed as a correct record by all present.

## Report from the Chairman (1st April 2022-31st March 2023)

Cllr J Saxton gave a chairs report “In organisational terms, the last year has been dominated by changes in the structure of local government. In particular the creation of a new Unitary authority for our region – Cumberland Council. This has involved a huge amount of work on behalf of many people in the old Allerdale District Council and Cumbria County Council.

It isn’t yet clear what impact the reorganisation will have on Underskiddaw Parish Council, but it can only be hoped that it will give Parish Councils more freedom to look after their own communities.

On the Lake District National Park side there are also rumoured to be changes in how the Members of the Park Authority are chosen. For now, though it appears that the new Member for the Northern area will be chosen by the Parish Councils.

We’d like to thank all those elected Councillors and members on Allerdale, Cumbria Country Council and the National Park Authority who toiled away so hard, and so invisibly on our behalf.”

## Questions and Open Discussion

Meeting closed at 16:37