

Sedgwick PC Councillors report 10.5.23

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COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The new Westmorland and Furness Council went live on April 1st and most of the work for councillors since then has been setting up the legal parameters of the various committees that will be making decisions and their decision making capabilities.

Council officers have been working to ensure that there has been as little disruption as possible to the delivery of services as possible as the three District Councils aggregate their services and the County Council provision is disaggregated where possible or 'hosted' by one of the two new unitary councils where that is not the best outcome for successful delivery. The latter of these choices is not aimed at being a long term solution for the majority put into that bracket at Vesting Day of April the first.

Today, Wednesday 10th, is the first meeting of the South Lakeland Locality Board, with the aim of making decision making as localised as possible. That first meeting is why I cannot be there for the parish council meeting. Each of the three former District Council areas have their own Locality Boards. Whilst most service delivery decisions are made by various (localised) service based committees and officers, the aim is to also give a significant ability to each area to make local decisions. Whilst this will be based on a comparatively limited budget compared with the overall council-wide one it is aimed at enabling localised decision making.

The next report from your councillors will be able to give more information on progress once things have bedded down.

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Coronation weekend and I'd like to thank Sedgwick for the Sunday service and lunch in the hall.

And lastly can I wish Sylvia all the very best and thanks for all she's done in my two or three years reporting to Sedgwick Parish Council and I'm sorry I can't be there to say goodbye.

Many thanks,
Cllr. Doug Rathbone

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