

The Wave opening hours, cashless facility and the wind turbine

The Wave is open 7 days a week, Clip n Climb is available 7 days a week during the holidays and 5 days a week through term time. Opening times vary across each activity and day of the week, opening at 8am each day closing at either 8pm, 6pm or 4pm. All of this can be found on the timetable on their website.

GLL is predominantly a cashless organisation since COVID, however, all Allerdale sites do still take cash, especially for things like the 10p swim, tuck shops etc.

I think you are aware of the situation regarding the wind turbine from the discussions in the Core Group and the reasons it's not in operation is that it was costing more to operate and maintain than the energy it generated, and it was noisy and could be heard by local residents.

Maryport Town Hall

On request from the Leader, the Project Manager, Joe Broomfield has engaged with both a Structural Engineer and our Building Control Team on this issue and it has been agreed to widen the door at the Maryport Town Hall by 90mm to 750mm, which will comply with Part M of the Building Regulations in respect of disabled access for an existing building.

Allerdale Housing Company

Council Owned Housing Company

In January 2020, the Executive approved the establishment of a Council owned Housing Company.

The Allerdale Housing Company was incorporated shortly afterwards and work commenced on the development of the company.

However, within a few months, the resources needed to run the programme became stretched as work increased on the Maryport and Workington Regeneration programmes. In addition to this, the lead officer for the Housing Company project was required to focus on the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was therefore considered prudent to limit unnecessary administrative work and the expenditure associated with formally reporting on an inactive enterprise by dissolving the company's registration. This was agreed in consultation with the portfolio holder and executive members.

The wording on page 10 of the Quarter 4 (21/22) Performance Report is slightly misleading as it states that *'the housing company has been dissolved.'* More accurately, it is simply the company's registration that was cancelled in order to avoid unnecessary administrative work and costs in relation to a dormant company.

Despite the shortage of resources, some of the work associated with the project has continued. Members will be aware that the redundant toilets on High Street, Maryport, have been developed into flats and are being let. More recently, an empty commercial building in Otley Road, Keswick, has been converted into four flats for affordable rent and will soon be available to let. These two schemes are not of a sufficient scale, however, to warrant using a separate housing company.

In relation to Otley Road, the Executive agreed in July to lease the property to an affordable housing provider for a period of five years. Paragraph 3.2 of the report makes detailed reference to the Housing Company, the delays that have been experienced and the potential to further develop this option for the new Cumberland Authority. The report can be viewed via the following link:

<https://democracy.allerdale.gov.uk/documents/s129571/Exec%2020%20July%202022%20Otley%20Road%20Keswick%20Housing%20Options.pdf>

The concept of delivering projects through a Housing Company remains a viable proposition and it is an option that the Unitary Authority will be able to take into consideration. Officers from Allerdale, Copeland and Carlisle are currently researching the benefits of establishing a Housing Company for Cumberland.

Although the 'registration' of the Allerdale Housing Company has been dissolved, a similar company could be acquired and re-named within days if and when it is appropriate to do so. Much of the groundwork has been prepared by Allerdale Borough Council should the new Unitary Authority wish to proceed with this option.