

Black Combe (Whicham) CIC

Whicham Community Interest Company (CIC) was set up to work on projects identified in the first Whicham Parish Plan, which the Parish Council published in 2012.

The objects of the Company are 'to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular to support the sustainable development of the parish'. All residents of the parish are automatically members of the CIC, and there is a small voluntary team of directors and volunteers who oversee its work.

Black Combe (Whicham) CIC Directors

Robert Morris-Eyton (Chairman)

Alick Nicholson (Treasurer)

Phil Wrigley

Maggie Cumming

Sally Millar

Beach group; Cath Wrigley

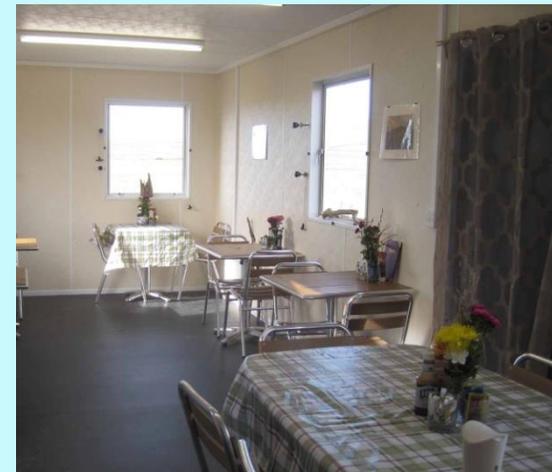
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Copeland Borough Council.

BEACH CAFE PROJECT

Research and consultation for the Parish Plan of 2012 showed that improvement of facilities at Silecroft beach car park was one of the priorities for the community, and the CIC have been working with the Parish Council to achieve this.

Initially, the group tried to secure funding for a permanent cafe, but a lack of data to demonstrate that the cafe would be viable was a concern for potential funders.

In 2017, the group decided to set up a temporary 'pop-up' cafe to assess the potential use of a cafe and gather data to present in future funding bids. A suitable container was obtained and renovated by volunteers, and opened in August 2017, with Sam Burns taking on the operating franchise.



The pop-up cafe has proved very popular, and the data collected has been very encouraging, so the CIC are now in a position to go for funding for a permanent cafe.

A possible source of funding has been identified, but to stand a good chance of securing it, we need to make a decision NOW on the type of building we want. There are two building options which would enable us to complete the build within the timescale of the fund concerned, a modular timber construction or a more traditional slate roof stone/render wall option.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES - WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHICH STYLE YOU PREFER.

Please let us know if you like the look of a modular building, or prefer the traditional approach. You can contact us at

 'Silecroft Pop-up Beach Cafe', OR via the displays at Silecroft Village Hall or the cafe itself, OR email 'cafe@bootsandboards.co.uk'.

MODULAR BUILDING



TRADITIONAL STYLE

