

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 18 December 2013 at 7.00pm

### Members

P Graham (Mayor)

I Burns	S Coates
L Davies	A Graham
A Kennon	J Laidlow
E Nicholson	A Smith
C Smith	

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Standage & Jackson

Also present: 1 press representative & S Robinson, Allerdale Borough Council.

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

#### **91 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 November 2013.**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 November 2013 be signed as a correct record.

#### **92 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Smith declared an other registrable interest in matters relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader of Allerdale Borough Council.

Resolved –

‘That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to commercially sensitive information being provided in confidence’

#### **93 Future of Tarn Close Sports Centre**

Members received presentations from the following sporting organisations:-

- Grassmoor Sports Centre
- Tri Lakeland and other running/sports clubs
- Cockermouth Junior Football Club/Cumberland Football Association

Each organisation outlined their overall vision for Tarn Close Sports Ground, Their business plan and funding sources.

Resolved – (a) That due to time constraints the decision be made at a special meeting of the Town Council on 22 January 2014

The press and public returned to the meeting.

#### **94 Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor had attended the following engagements since the last meeting:-

- Radio Cumbria's 40 year Celebration Breakfast
- Rotary Charter Evening
- Cumbria County Council's Foster Day Fund Raiser
- Castlegate Singers Christmas Concert
- Light up a Life
- Judged Grand Shop Window Competition
- Mayor's Coffee Morning

#### **95 Attendance by Police**

Town Clerk to circulate Police Report to all members.

#### **96 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **97a Planning Applications**

##### **2/2013/0761 (As amended)**

Remove existing timber sliding sash windows on rear of property and replace with white PVC sliding sash windows in same design.

21 Derwentside Gardens

Recommend - Approval

##### **2/2013/0793**

Listed building consent to replace shop sign

12, Main Street

Recommend – This application had already been approved by Allerdale.

##### **2/2013/0798**

Insertion of 2 roof lights to southwest elevations – retrospective.

41, Gote Road

Recommend – This application had already been approved by Allerdale.

**2/2013/0799**

Replacement of existing door with composite (glazed) door

27 South Street

Recommend - Approval

**2/2013/0813**

Demolish single storey garage and erection of two storey extension

13 Briar Bank

Recommend - Approval

**2/2013/0818**

Erection of gated wooden fence 2 metres in height along part of boundary

15 Challoner Street

Recommend – Refusal, fence already in situ, neighbour now prevented from putting Out refuse bin.

**2/2013/0821**

Proposed bat roost

Cockermouth Hospital, Isel Road

Recommend - Approval

**2/2013/0838**

Proposed extension to provide additional accommodation comprising of farm veterinary rooms, consulting rooms, waiting area, operating theatre and extended outbuilding. Demolition of an outbuilding.

Millcroft Veterinary Centre, Wakefield Road

Recommend - Approval

**2/2013/0839**

Alterations to convert existing garage to living room and kitchen

The Bastle House, New Street

Recommend – Approval

#### **97b Tree Works**

Agreed – That the approval of the following tree works be noted:-

- (a) Pruning of an oak tree, 11, The Parklands
- (b) Minor pruning of 3 trees, 5, Meadow Bank
- (c) Crown reduction of 2 sycamores by 10%, 23, Derwentside Gardens

#### **98 Financial Matters**

##### **98 Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £3,471.58 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

#### **99 Correspondence**

##### **99a Calc Circular**

Agreed – That the content of the December – January 2014 circular be noted.

##### **99b Better Highways ‘Meet and Greet’**

Agreed – That the invitation to the meet and greet event on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be noted.

##### **99c Notes on Neighbourhood Planning**

Agreed – That the contents of edition 8 of the Notes on Neighbourhood Planning be noted.

#### **100 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – (a) That the contents of the report be noted.

(b) That the winners of the Grand Window Competition and Window Spotting Competition be noted.

(d) That councillor A Kennon be re-appointed on the Cockermouth & Papcastle Recreational Trust.

(e) The Annual Parish Meeting be held on 19 May 2014.

### **101 Annual Playground Inspection Reports**

Resolved – (a) That the content of the five inspection reports be noted.

(b) That the repairs required to the Multi Play with slide, play surfacing and gate on the Memorial Gardens site be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

### **102 Neighbourhood Plan Health Check and Independent Examination**

Resolved – That Christopher Edward Collison be appointed to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan health check review of our four Neighbourhood Development Orders as soon as practicable.

Resolved –

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### **103 Double Mills Youth Hostel**

Resolved – That the period for operating the notice period break clause in the lease be reduced from 12 months to nine months as requested.

### **104 Progress Report and Expenditure Summary, Free Ride Bike Park**

Those present considered the progress report and expenditure summary relating to the time Groundwork staff had spent on the Free Ride Bike Park project to the end of September 2013.

Resolved – That £500 be offered a payment for works carried out to date.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm