

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 16 January 2014 at 7.00pm

#### Members

P Graham (Mayor)

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| I Burns     | S Coates  |
| L Davies    | A Graham  |
| C M Jackson | J Laidlow |
| E Nicholson | A Smith   |
| C Smith     |           |

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kennon & Standage.

Also present: 2 Police representatives.

**105 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 December 2013.**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 December 2013 be signed as a correct record.

**106 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.

**107 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Carols round the tree on Christmas Eve

**108 Attendance by Police**

Two officers attended the meeting.

There had been 26 offences committed in Christchurch and All Saints Ward since the last meeting. The offences included 3 shop lifting offences, 1 theft of a wax jacket, three assaults, two damaged vehicles and 11 incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Jackson asked the two officers about the CCTV roll out in Cumbria and in particular what was happening in Cockermouth as the Police Commissioner had announced funding towards CCTV in Workington, Whitehaven & Maryport.

Councillor Nicholson requested that the Town Clerk write to the Police Commissioner to request funding for Cockermouth. Councillor Smith also agreed to

raise this issue when he meets Mr Rhodes next week.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk writes to the Police Commissioner requesting funding towards CCTV citing our good night time economy as justification for consideration.

## **109 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

## **110 Planning Applications**

### **2/2013/0863**

Covering of muck midden

Land at the Stables, Low Road

Recommend - Approval

### **2/2013/0870**

Change of use to leisure facility D2

Unit 4, Lorton Street

Recommend - Approval

### **2/2013/0891**

Proposed extension to rear of dwelling

45 Mayo Park, Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

## **111 Financial Matters**

### **111a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £20,110.65 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

## **112 Correspondence**

### **112a Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2014**

Agreed – That Councillor P Graham's name be put forward for inclusion in the County quota to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 2014.

**112b Heritage Boxing Day Bus Service**

Those present were pleased to note that 73 passengers had used the Cockermouth to Workington on Boxing Day.

Agreed – That the letter of thanks be noted.

**112c Tree Works, Market Place, Main Street & Crown Street**

Agreed – That the acknowledgement of receipt of our application for tree works be noted.

**113c Parish Funding 2014/15**

Councillor Smith assured the Town Clerk that we would not lose our remaining 50% concurrent grant until 2014/15.

Agreed – That the letter from Andrew Seekings, Corporate Director Resources be noted.

**113d Application for tree works, Holmewood Residential Home**

Resolved – That no objection be raised to the removal of 25 of the existing trees and some bushes and the replacement planting of 25 trees and shrubs.

**114 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That a request from the Manager of our Tourist Information Centre to reduce her hours from 65 hours per month to 48 hours per month as of 1 January 2014 be granted.

**115 Memorial Garden Annual Playground Inspection Report**

Resolved – (a) That the content of the annual playground inspection report for Wakefield Road be noted.

(b) That the remedial works to the Agility-Multi Play with slide, repairs to the wet pour, reduction to fence line to create 12mm gap around gate and spring adjustment to ensure the gate closes at the correct speed be carried out as soon as practicable.

## 116 Adoption & Future Maintenance Of Two Bus Shelters On Main Street

Those present considered a request from Cumbria County Council to adopt and Maintain two Adshel 'Brilliance' bus shelters proposed for Main Street, Cockermouth.

Members spoke at length regarding:-

- The need for shelters on Main Street
- The siting of the shelters on Main Street
- The design of the shelters proposed
- Vandalism
- Cleaning
- Future maintenance costs
- Objections received from Cockermouth Civic Trust and Chamber of Trade regarding the design proposed

Councillor Nicholson requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The results of the recorded vote were as follows:-

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|------------------------|---------|
| Councillor Jackson     | For     |
| Councillor Coates      | Abstain |
| Councillor Burns       | For     |
| Councillor A Smith     | For     |
| Councillor C Smith     | For     |
| Councillor L Davis     | For     |
| Councillor A Graham    | For     |
| Councillor J Laidlow   | For     |
| Councillor E Nicholson | For     |
| Councillor P Graham    | For     |

Councillor A Smith expressed his reservations regarding unknown future maintenance costs and stated that should these become unbearable the shelters would have to be removed by Cumbria County Council.

Resolved – That Cockermouth Town Council adopt and maintain two adshel 'brilliance' bus shelters on Main Street, Cockermouth subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Cumbria County Council removing the shelters should the future cost of maintenance become unbearable
- (b) The design being revised to include a stainless steel bar half way down the glass panel to strengthen the structure and reduce the size of the panes of glass
- (c) Anti-graffiti film being applied to the shelters to reduce the cost of maintenance/cleaning (if practicable)

## **117 Draft Budget & Precept for 2014/15**

Resolved – That a precept of £192,084.27 and concurrent grant of £13,796 be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm