

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 17 July 2013 at 7.00pm

Members

P Graham (Mayor)

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

Also present: 1 press representative & 2 police representatives

There were also two members of the public in attendance.

29 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 June 2013

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 June 2013 be signed as a correct record.

30 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Davies declared an other registrable interest in relation to all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

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

Councillor S Standage declared an other registrable interest in relation to all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillor C M Jackson declared an other registrable interest in relation to all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillor S Coates declared a prejudicial interest in the application for tree works on Crown Street due to living next door.

Councillor E Nicholson declared an other registrable interest in relation to planning application 2/2013/0441 due to living in close proximity.

31 Mayors Announcements

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

- League of Friends at the Castle

- Armed Forces Day
- Mural unveiling in Lowther Went
- Workshop Opening
- Allerdale Borough Council's Civic Service
- An evening with the Castlegate Singers and Yan Tan Folk Group

32 Attendance by Police

Two police representatives attended the meeting.

Inspector Kelly reported that there had been 12 offences in Christchurch ward since the last meeting and 6 offences in All Saints ward.

Investigations into parking issues on Market Place, Cocker Lane and Rubbybanks Road were being monitored. It was hoped that the Police Problem Solving Team could find a solution in which a partnership approach was adopted.

33 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

34a Planning Applications

Recommended – That:-

2/2013/0403

Conversion of chapel into 2 dwellings

Cockermouth Cemetery Chapel Lorton Road

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0404

Listed Building Consent for the conversion of chapel into 2 dwellings

Cockermouth Cemetery Chapel Lorton Road

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0419

Replace three sliding sash windows with Georgian style windows

8 Fletcher Street

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0435

Siting of temporary marketing suite with associated parking

Former Highways Depot, Sullart Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0441

Proposed erection of two dwellings

Land to the South Side of Meadow Grove Cockermouth

Recommended – Refusal due to overdevelopment, concerns over the stability of the bank and the effect the development may have on Tom Rudd Beck.

2/2013/0008

Scoping opinion request for proposed residential development

Land at Strawberry How Cockermouth

Recommended – That Allerdale’s scoping opinion response be supported.

2/2013/0449

Rear extension and replacement of garage to the rear

9 Mayo Street Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0452

Reinstatement of first floor offices re-converted from existing first floor flat.

93, Main Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0454

Listed building consent to demolish existing lean-to and rebuild longer extension

Little Jug, 82 Kirkgate

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0455

Advertisement consent for advertising boards and flag poles

Former Highways Depot, Sullart Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

34b Tree Works

Recommended – That the approval of the following applications for tree works be noted:-

- (i) Crown reduction of walnut tree, 4 South Lodge
- (ii) Felling of 3 trees, land at 24 Fell View
- (iii) Various tree works, Millfields Veterinary Centre

34c Tree Works

Recommended – (a) That no objection be raised regarding the following applications for tree works:-

- (i) Crown reduction of an ash tree, 20 Albemarle Street
- (ii) Various tree works, Friends Meeting House
- (iii) Various tree works, 33 Crown Street

(b) That an objection be raised to the 60% reduction of an oak and the felling of an oak , 1, The Parklands, Cockermouth. Members would agree to the 30% crown reduction of both trees.

34d Planning Appeal, 34 Fell View

Agreed – That the planning appeal against refusal of a householder application , 34 Fell View be noted.

35 Financial Matters

35a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £7,555.15 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

35b Financial Budget Comparison

Agreed – That the contents of the quarterly budget monitoring report be noted.

36 Correspondence

36a Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the July/August 2013 circular be noted.

36b Land near Michael Brows, Hames Hall, Cockermouth

Mr Milbourn was withdrawing his previous consent granted many years ago for the 'permissive' footpath over his land.

Mr Milbourn would like the Town Council to arrange for the stile erected between Mr Milbourn's land and land in the ownership of Leconfield Estates removed within the next 4 weeks. He would also like the Town Council to erect appropriate signs in the Memorial Gardens notifying the public that the route previously used is no longer available for use.

The stile in question belongs to Leconfield Estates. A copy of the letter dated 26 June 2013 has been sent to Alan Porter, Estates Manager at Leconfield Estates.

Resolved – That this matter be deferred pending a response from Leconfield Estates.

36c Memorial Gardens

Members considered the contents of a letter from Mrs Dempsey, 7 Riverside Terrace regarding overgrown/overhanging trees/bushes in the Memorial Gardens.

Resolved – (a) That ISS Waterers be instructed to remove the invasive elderberry at a cost of £150.

(b) That monies for a survey of all the trees in the Memorial Gardens and any associated works be included in next year's budget.

36d Cockermouth Museum Group

Agreed – That the invitation to their summer exhibition be noted.

36e Various Issues St Helen's Street

Members considered the content of Mr Swanson's letter dated 4 July 2013.

Agreed - That the Clerk respond to the issues raised by Mr Swanson.

37 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That the Town Council does not enter into a formal contract agreement with Allerdale Borough Council regarding pest control on both allotment sites but

deals with any rat problem as and when problems arise.

(c) That the private gardens in All Saints Ward be judged as soon as practicable.

(d) That the acquisition of Tarn Close be noted.

38 Deputy Mayor

Resolved – (a) That Councillor Laidlow's resignation of the position of Deputy Mayor be accepted.

(b) That Councillor Andrew Graham be appointed Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the year.

39 Speed Indication Device

Further to minute 23b, those present consider whether or not our speed indication device should be loaned out for use by other parishes.

Resolved – That the speed indication device be not loaned out to other parishes.

40 Free Parking Days in Cockermouth

Members considered an email from Mike Rollo, Parking and CCTV Manager, Allerdale Borough Council regarding future free parking.

Resolved – That free parking in future be linked to events e.g. Switch on Day, Taste Cumbria and Christmas Eve.

41 Date of new hearing

Agreed – That the adjournment of the private prosecution until 24 July 2013 be noted.

42 Reinstatement of Town Bus Service via St Helens Street to Cockermouth Hospital

Resolved – Members were very pleased to note that as of the beginning of September 2013, the 57 bus would run every hour from the town up St Helens Street to the new hospital.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm