

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 21 November 2012 at 7.00pm

Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates  
P Graham  
J Laidlow  
A Smith  
S Standage

L Davies  
A Kennon  
E Nicholson  
C Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C M Jackson & A Graham.

Also present: 1 press representative, 1 member of the public, Kirsten Mawby, Allerdale Borough Council & Joe Broomfield, Allerdale Borough Council.

**85 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 October 2012**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 October 2012 be signed as a correct record.

**86 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 S Standage declared an other registrable interest in relation to the following planning applications 2/2012/0741 & 0745 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 E Nicholson declared an interest in item 10 due to being the contractor for the Christmas lights.

**87 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Civic Reception to welcome the Marvejolais
- 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
- Daffodil Planting at the Cenotaph
- Remembrance Sunday
- Fireworks

- Switch on Day

## **88 Attendance by Police**

Two officers attended the meeting. Inspector Kelly was pleased to announce that we now had the lowest recorded crime rates in our area. He promised to investigate parking difficulties on Market Place and the obstruction of the path leading to All Saints Church.

## **89 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

## **90a Planning Applications**

### **2/2012/0729**

Replacement of existing timber door with new timber look composite door – resubmission to 2/2012/0459

4 South Street, Cockermouth

This application was withdrawn.

### **2/2012/0738**

Retrospective consent to install extract duct to rear elevation/ conservation Area Consent for part demolition of west and east gables (resubmission of 2/12/0128)

35 Station Street, Cockermouth

Amendment – Additional information relating to ventilation solutions, grease filters and sound absorbers BDER.

Recommended - Approval

### **2/2012/0741**

New residential housing development for 8 dwellings

Former Gas Holder Site, New Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

### **2/2012/0745**

Reserved matters application for proposed residential development approved under 2/2010/0036

Former Highways Depot Sullart Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

**2/2012/0745 (as amended)**

Reserved matters application for proposed residential development approved under 2/2010/0036 conservation area consent for part demolition of west and east gables (resubmission of 2/12/0128)

Former Highways Depot Sullart Street, Cockermouth

Amendment – Proposed site plan, block plan, type K house and section 106 plan

Recommended - Approval

**2/2012/0795**

Proposed two storey extension to form enlarged bedroom, bathroom and additional living space to ground floor

59 Bellbrigg Lonning, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

**2/2012/0779**

Replacement of front door – retrospective

19 South Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

**2/2012/0799**

Outline application for a residential dwelling

Land adjacent to Strawberry How Cattery, Strawberry How, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

**2/2012/0805**

Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 2/2010/0523 to allow relocation of plant room and substation and inclusion of external lighting details and landscaping scheme.

Land to North West of Castlegate Drive Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

**2/2012/0819**

Proposed two storey extension

43 Castlegate Drive, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

**The following applications were circulated prior to the meeting with no objections**

**2/2012/0733**

Change of use of first floor office to two self contained flats

64 Main Street, Cockermouth

**2/2012/0737**

Installation of window to west elevation

The Barn, Strickett Court, Cockermouth

**2/2012/0738**

Retrospective consent to install extract duct to rear elevation

35 Station Street Cockermouth

**2/2012/0739**

Variation of condition 7 relating to visibility splays of planning approval 2/2010/0036

Former Highways Depot, Sullart Street Cockermouth

**2/2012/0758**

Listed building consent for the demolition of 5 no derelict outhouses and reduction of rear wall height to 1.4 m

Rear of 15, 17 and 19 Gote Road

**2/2012/0766**

Demolish existing garage and erect new garage and sunroom extension to side

Lynwell Lamplugh Road, Cockermouth

## **90b Tree Works**

Recommended – (a) That no objection be raised to tree works being carried out in All Saints Churchyard, Riverview Car Park and Park behind the Kirkgate Centre as per the tree survey.

(b) That no objection be raised to tree works being carried out at Millfield Veterinary Group.

## **91 Highway Matters**

Resolved – That in future members report highway matters directly to the Highway Hotline.

## **92 Financial Matters**

### **92a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £15,497.57 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

### **92b Internal Audit**

Resolved – That the internal auditors report for the period between 1 April 2012 and 30 September 2012 be noted. The Clerk was thanked for her efforts.

### **92c Cockermouth Music Society Piano Appeal**

Resolved – That £100 be given to the Cockermouth Music Society Piano Appeal.

### **92c Allerdale Disability Society**

Resolved – That £250 be given to Allerdale Disability Association to cover the running costs.

### **92d Europe Prize Scholarship**

Resolved – That no contribution be made at the present time due to a donation already having been given this financial year.

## **93 Correspondence**

### **93a Dog Control Orders**

Resolved – That the whole of the Memorial Gardens and not just the playground side as suggested be included in the dog control order.

**93b Switching on the Tree Lights until the end of February 2013**

Those present considered a request from the Chamber of Trade to keep the tree lights on until the end of February 2013.

Resolved – That the Town Centre Manager and Chamber of Trade be informed that the Town Council had no objection to the tree lights being kept on until the end of February 2012 provided that all electricity costs, all maintenance costs and all contractor costs were met by a third party on a separate contract.

**93c North West Revised Proposals Summary**

The Boundary Commission were conducting a review of new rules laid down by Parliament. These rules involve a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (533 to 502) resulting in the number of constituencies in the North West reducing by seven to 68. Their initial proposals include substantial revisions to Cumbria.

All Saints and Christchurch may form part of a new Penrith & Solway constituency.

Resolved – That individual comments be sent to the Boundary Commission.

**93d Proposed Amalgamation of Fairfield Infant and Fairfield Junior Schools**

Resolved – That that the amalgamation of Fairfield Infant and Fairfield Junior Schools be supported.

**93e CALC**

Agreed – That the contents of the calc circular be noted.

**93f Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

Agreed – (a) That the minutes of the AGM held on 25 October 2012 be noted.

(b) That the contents of the draft paper outlining how partnership working between Councils at an Area level in Allerdale District be supported.

(c) That councillor Julie Laidlow be nominated to represent Cockermouth Town Council on the Cockermouth Joint Area Working Group.

(d) That councillor Julie Laidlow attend the first meeting of the Cockermouth Joint Area Working Group on 29 November 2012.

(e) That councillor Phil Graham be appointed her named substitute.

**93g Electricity North West**

Resolved – That councillors respond individually to the consultation.

**93h Mineral Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part Three)**

Resolved – That no comment be made on the extra consultation.

**93i A Flag for Cumberland**

The Historic Counties Trust is seeking support for the inclusion in the UK Flag Registry of a flag for the historic county of Cumberland.

Resolved – That the Historic Counties Trust application in respect of the inclusion in the UK Flag Registry of a Cumberland flag be not supported.

**93j A Flag for Cockermouth**

The Cockermouth Civic Trust has been working with Phillip Tibbs, MA, designing a flag for Cockermouth.

The Town Council preferred the use of our coat of arms.

Resolved – That the design proposed by the Civic Trust be not supported.

**93k Cockermouth Midsummer Festival 2012**

Agreed – That the report on the 2012 Festival be noted.

**94k Inner Wheel Club of Cockermouth**

Agreed – That the letter of thanks be noted.

**95 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – That:-

- (a) The content of the report be noted.
- (b) The office closure from 4pm on Christmas Eve to 9.00am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 be noted.
- (c) A mix of blackthorn, hawthorn, crab apple and elder saplings be planted along the far fence (opposite the gate) in the Towers Lane Play Area.

**96 Flower bed savings**

ISS Waterers have been asked to make 15% work of savings on the price of their contract with Allerdale Borough Council. They have suggested that the removal of some of the flower and shrub beds within the Town could be a way of achieving the savings.

Recommended – That the £927.50 savings required be saved by:-

- (a) Removing Brigham Cemetery shrub beds
- (b) Removing Lamplugh Road flower bed as it is being privately sponsored
- (c) Removing Wakefield Road flower bed as this bed will be taken into the curtilage of the new development
- (d) Planting permanent bedding only in Kirkgate Rockery
- (e) Consulting with the freemasons regarding the flower bed at the Freemans Monument
- (f) Seeking donations from firms in the area
- (g) Should monies not be forthcoming from either the Freemans or private sponsorship.

#### **97 Town Centre Manager**

Joe Broomfield introduced himself and outlined his role as Town Centre Manager to Cockermouth, Keswick, Silloth and Wigton. His main aim was to link everyone together and ensure that the towns prospered.

Agreed – That Joe be thanked for coming.

#### **98 Free Parking in Cockermouth**

Resolved – That free parking be requested on Saturday 8 December, Saturday 15 December and Saturday 22 December 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm