

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 18 March 2015 at 7.00pm

Members

A Graham (Mayor)

I Burns	S Coates
L Davies	P Graham
C M Jackson	J Laidlow
A Kennon	C Smith
A Smith	

Apologies for absence were received from councillors E Nicholson & S Standage

Also Present: Lizzy Shaw, Cumbria County Council, J Broomfield, Allerdale Borough Council, 1 member of the press, 1 member of the public.

138 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Last meeting held on 18 February 2015

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2015 be signed as a correct record.

139 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in all planning applications due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

Councillor A Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader.

Councillor J Laidlow declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 2/2015/0105 due to being the applicant, Councillor Laidlow left the room whilst the application was discussed.

Councillor Laidlow declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Chamber of Trade due to being a member.

Councillor Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

140 Mayors Announcements

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

- A production of Sweeney Todd
- Allerdale Borough Council's Civic Dinner
- Cockermouth Town Council's Civic Dinner

- WW1 Commemorative Event
- Young Speakers
- Visit to Lorton School

141 Police

PC Lyndsay Tuck attended the meeting. A copy of the usual police report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Unusually, a vehicle had been broken into whilst parked on Main Street and a hand bag stolen. The window was smashed to gain entry. The Police were advising drivers not to leave valuables on view when leaving a vehicle unattended.

Councillor A Smith stated that parking on the zig zags on Main Street was a problem currently. He asked the Police to monitor the situation.

142 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

143 Planning Matters

143a Planning Applications

2/2015/0091

Advertisement consent for hoarding sign along Low Road

Land adj. to Fitz Park, Low Road

Recommended – Refusal on due to the detrimental effect on visual amenity on a key entrance to Cockermouth and highway safety grounds.

2/2015/0094

Application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 2/2014/0465 to allow minor design revisions

Holmewood Residential Home, Lamplugh Road

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0105

Cut out below window and installation of new pvcu French doors and Juliet balcony to rear

18 Crown Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0111

Single storey rear Kitchen extension

1 Stanley Villas, South Street

Recommended - Approval

Comments were sent in respect of the following planning applications prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

2/2015/0058

Alterations to existing building and erection of a new building for repairs, servicing, maintenance and mot testing, quadbike sales and service, vehicle hire and jet wash for public use

Goodfellows Agricultural Services, Lakeland Agricultural Centre

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0061

Proposed advertisement consent

The Brown Cow, 37 Main Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0071

Listed building consent for business advertisement

Brown Cow, Main Street

Recommend – Approval

2/2015/0077

Proposed extension over garage

4 Swinside Close

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0080

Single Storey Extension

15 Skiddaw View

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0084

Put a conventional wooden garden shed in rear garden

17 Derwentside Gardens

Recommended - Approval

143b Tree Works

Recommended – That the various tree management works in Harris Park be supported.

144 Finance

144a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £1,121.32 be formally approved for payment.

145 Correspondence

145a Lease on Victoria Hall

Resolved – That the lease on Victoria Hall be extended for a further 12 months until 31 March 2016.

145b Bring Sites

Allerdale Borough Council were carrying out a review of bring sites and were asking for comments regarding the sites in Cockermouth.

Recommended – (a) That an extension of the purple bag and garden waste scheme in Cockermouth be welcomed.

(b) That the Sullart Street bring site which is well used and well maintained retained.

145c CALC Circular

Agreed – That the content of the March 2015 circular be noted.

145d Memorial Gardens

Those present considered a request from Churches Together to use the Memorial Gardens on Good Friday and Easter Sunday for their Easter Procession.

Resolved – That the request be granted subject to the ground being made good upon removal of the cross.

145e TPO, 2 South Lodge

Agreed – That the contents of a letter from Mr Bush, 2 South Lodge regarding his appeal following Allerdale Borough Council's refusal of the removal of two mature trees be noted.

145f Policy for the use of Speed Indication Devices in Cumbria

Resolved – That Cockermouth Town Council's Speed Indication Device be not donated to the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership and that the contents of Cumbria Road Safety Partnership's new policy for the use of speed indicator devices in Cumbria be noted.

146 Clerks Report

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

(b) That Cockermouth Town Council acts as the accountable body for the pollarding of 8 lime trees on Kirkbank.

147 Changes to Registration Service

Lizzy Shaw, Area Manager for Allerdale explained why the Registry Service was relocated from Fairfield House, Cockermouth to Whitehaven.

Those present explained the impact that travelling to Whitehaven was having on our elderly and disabled residents. The rural nature of the area and recent cuts to public transport were exacerbating the problem.

Lizzy Shaw was asked to consider the following:-

- a) Introducing a mobile registry office
- b) Introducing provision in Cockermouth one day per week
- c) Better advertisement via Cumbria County Council's website of the availability in certain circumstances of home visits
- d) Better awareness amongst undertakers of the availability in certain circumstances of home visits

Agreed – That Lizzy Shaw be thanked for her attendance.

148 Market Place

Councillor A Smith announced that Allerdale Borough Council would be launching a public consultation exercise regarding the future siting, type and frequency of Cockermouth Market as part of the renewal of the current market contract.

Agreed – That this news be welcomed.

149 Town Centre Manager

An order had been placed to replace the broken planter. Once received, the new planter and the five additional planters from Wigton would be placed in situ on Main Street.

Joe had ordered 6 stainless steel bike racks and was awaiting an installation cost from Cumbria County Council.

The remaining balance from Allerdale's 10k budget had been transferred to the Town Council to be used to install the bike racks and carry out improvements to the toilets on Main Street.

Members were asked to consider schemes which could be undertaken using the 10k in Allerdale's 2015/16 budget.

Kirkbank has been cleared, planting is due to take place next week.

The Banner Competition was now live.

The recent announcement that the third leg of the Tour of Britain would set off from Cockermouth was very exciting.

150 July 2015 Meeting

Resolved – That the July 2015 Town Council meeting be now held on 8 July 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm