

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 19 April 2012 at 7.15pm

Members

C Smith (Mayor)

L Davis
P Graham
A Kennon
J Laidlow
S Standage

S Coates
A Graham

E Nicholson

Apologies: A Smith, C M Jackson

Also present: 1 press representative, 1 police representatives & 2 members of the public

184 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meetings held on 21 March 2012 be signed as a correct record.

185 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Davis declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to Being a member of the Development Panel.

186 Mayors Announcements

Agreed – That the list of events attended since the March 2012 meeting be noted.

187 Attendance by Police

The following points were raised:-

- The priority at the moment was to reduce acquisitive crimes preventing bike and garden equipment thefts in and around the area
- 10 offences were committed in Christchurch Ward
- 9 offences were committee in All Saints Ward
- The Police are cracking down on dog fouling and issuing fixed penalty notices

188 Public Participation

There was no public participation at this meeting.

189a Planning Applications

2/2012/0193

Siting of 3 shipping containers temporarily in the car park of the former changing rooms, The Evolution Centre, Highfield Road, Cockermouth (as amended).

Recommend – Refusal due to visual impact on a residential area.

The following applications were circulated prior to the meeting.

2/2012/0177

Erection of 3 ancillary domestic buildings to include garages , stores and wood store

Oakhurst Lamplugh Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

2/2012/0178

Conservation area consent for the demolition of an existing domestic garage/store

Oakhurst Lamplugh Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

2/2012/0193

Siting of two shipping containers temporarily in the car park

Former Changing Rooms, The Evolution Centre, Highfield Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

190 Highway Matters

The Town Clerk was asked to report the following issues:-

- Potholes near the recycling facilities on Sullart Street Car Park
- A tree obscuring a street light opposite the Castle

191 Financial Matters

191a Schedule of Payments

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

191b Grants to other Organisations

Resolved – That the following payments be made:-

Great North Air Ambulance	£200.00
Citizens Advice Allerdale	Defer pending further information
Europe Prize Scholarship	£400.00
Cockermouth Georgian Fair	£100.00
Cockermouth Swimming Club	£200.00

192 Correspondence

192a Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the April 2012 circular be noted.

192b Legal Notes on changes to the Standards Regime introduced by the Localism Act 2011

The current implementation date is 1st July 2012.

One of the requirements is that every town and parish council must adopt a code of conduct consistent with the 2011 Act. Since all relevant authorities are required to adopt a broadly similar code, NALC is working with the LGA and other bodies to produce a draft template code that can be adopted by all authorities with some minor local variation if necessary. The new code cannot be finalised until the Secretary of State has defined in the regulations what will be regarded as 'disclosable pecuniary interests.'

The second briefing note covers the thorny issue of pre-determination. Section 25 of the Localism Act provides a degree of protection to Council's and councillors against a legal challenge that councillors may have had a closed mind in voting on an issue.

Agreed – That the contents of the briefing notes be noted.

192c Fairtrade Status

Resolved – That a letter be sent showing our support and commitment to Fairtrade in Cockermouth.

192d Closure of Police Stations

Resolved – That the anonymous letter be not considered.

192e Superfast Broadband

Resolved – That David Blaylock be appointed our broadband champion.

193 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That one of the Town Council's 5 free parking days be allocated for the Georgian Fair.

(c) That due to the Annual Assembly of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize in Poland being held on the same date as the Olympic Torch coming to Cockermouth the Town be not represented this year.

The meeting closed at ?? pm