

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 20 August 2014 at 7.00pm

Members

J Laidlow (Deputy Mayor)

I Burns

L Davies

A Kennon

A Smith

S Coates

C M Jackson

E Nicholson

S Standage

Apologies: A Graham, P Graham & C Smith

Also present: 2 Police Representatives & 1 member of the public

45 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 July 2014

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 July 2014 be signed as a correct record.

46 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 3 July 2014

Resolved – That the minutes of the special meeting held on 14 July 2014 be signed as a correct record.

47 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor Nicholson declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to planning application 2/2014/0546 due to owning land in the near vicinity and agenda item 8c due to land in his ownership being included in the Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

Councillor L Davis declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8a due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

48 Deputy Mayors Announcements

The Deputy Mayor had attended the following engagement since the last meeting:-

- Opening of the new hospital

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Inspector Kelly to his last meeting of the Town Council, Inspector Kelly was leaving the Police Force, she wished him well in his

future endeavours.

49 Attendance by Police

Two police representatives attended the meeting.

There had been 9 offences committed in All Saints Ward and 12 offences committed in Christchurch Ward since the last meeting.

The Police and Crime Commissioner had informed Councillor A Smith that British Telecom had developed a plug and play wireless camera costing £5,000 per camera. If purchased prior to 1 April 2015 monitoring costs would be free.

50 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

51a Planning Applications

2/2014/0415

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Amendment – email and plans

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2/2014/0452

Proposed garage extension to existing B1 office building

Hearthstone Homes Ltd, Orchard Close, Strawberry How Cockermouth

This application had been approved.

2/2014/0453

Consent to replace existing timber sliding sash/mock sliding sash casement windows with UPVC

33 Derwentside Gardens, Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval subject to the use of heritage sliding sash upvc windows.

2/2014/0454

Realignment works to existing Beck to improve the condition of the stream enhance its ecological value and protect the risk of flooding or erosion. Also creating a culvert so access can be gained over the beck.

Proposed Residential Development at the Fitz Low Road Cockermouth

This application had been approved.

2/2014/0455

Erection of rear extension

4 Linstock Avenue Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0462

Erection of an extension to provide an additional 15 bedrooms

Holmewood Residential Home, Lamplugh Road Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0465

Erection of three detached dwellings

Holmewood Residential Home, Lamplugh Road Cockermouth

Recommend – Refusal, over development of the site. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of turning provision on site for a 9m length rigid vehicle. The use of 4 vehicle parking spaces was not deemed acceptable.

2/2014/0472

Erection of side extension

19 Helvellyn Close Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0475

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extensions

25 Beech Lane Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0480

Proposed detached bungalow

Former Scout Hut, Tweed Mill Lane Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0485

Erection of 5 Advertisement signs along Low Road

Land adjacent to Fitz Park Low Road Cockermouth

Recommend – Refusal, cumulatively, the Town Council feels that these 5 large Advertisement signs along Low Road will have a detrimental impact upon visual amenity and highway safety.

The Town Council would support one or two advertisement signs at the entrance to The Fitz as long as they were within the curtilage of the site.

2/2014/0524

Demolition of existing shed and erection of detached garage including new access

87 St Helens Street Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

2/2014/0545

Installation of wrought iron Georgian style hand rail at front door

Comraich, 8 Rubby Banks Road Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

2/2014/0546

Outline application for 5 detached self-build houses and new vehicular access –
Re-submission 2/2014/0276

Land adjacent to Cockermouth RUFC Lorton Road Cockermouth

Recommend – Refusal, development of this site for 5 detached self build houses is out of character with the wider site and surrounding area, concern was expressed regarding the access onto Lorton Road.

51b Tree Works

Recommended – That the crown lifting of an ash and an alder, to the rear of 4, Meadow Bank Close be approved.

51c Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations

Allerdale Borough Council is in the process of preparing a Site Allocations Development Plan Document that will form Part 2 of the Allerdale Local Plan.

The Site Allocations (DPD) will identify sites necessary to meet the Borough's development needs to 2029.

Following the 'call for sites' conducted at the end of 2013, the Council has now published a site allocations issues and options discussion paper. This document included the sites and land uses suggested to the Borough Council and presents a range of issues and options for consideration by the local community and other stakeholders.

The responses received from this consultation will inform the preparation of the Council's Site Allocations Preferred Options.

Agreed – That the commencement of consultation be noted.

51d Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations

Agreed – That it be noted that the Policy Team will be able to meet the parish and town councils on a locality basis in early September 2014.

51e Tree Works

Agreed – That the approval to fell an ash tree at 2, Meadow Bank Close, Cockermouth be noted.

51f Adoption of Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1)

Allerdale Borough Council adopted the Allerdale Local Plan (part 1) DPD and accompanying amendments to the Proposals Map on 16 July 2014 following receipt of the Inspectors report concluding that the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound subject to the Inspectors recommended modifications.

The Local Plan (Part 1) now forms a key element of the development plan for the area of Allerdale outside the National Park. The Local Plan contains policies which will guide development until 2029 and covers important topics such as housing, employment, transport as well as the natural and built environment.

Agreed – That the adoption of Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) be noted.

52 Financial Matters

52a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £19,618.91 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

52b Financial Budget Comparison

Agreed – That the contents of the financial budget comparison between 1 April 2014 – 31 July 2014 be noted.

53 Correspondence

53a Refurbishment of DLDM 33kv Tower Lane – Stainburn - Embleton

Electricity North West Ltd has identified that the Stainburn to Embleton overhead line requires refurbishment works.

It is anticipated that the work will commence in January 2015 and should be completed by May 2015.

Agreed – That the works be noted.

53b Rotary Club Defibrillator

The Rotary Club of Cockermouth in conjunction with the District 1190 Governors appeal have raised funds to purchase a Public Access Defibrillator.

The Rotary Club wishes to donate this to the town of Cockermouth.

The Town Council would be required to be responsible for the connection to the power supply, the consumption, insurance and future maintenance of the CPAD scheme if agreement was given.

Resolved – That subject to the Rotary Club of Cockermouth being responsible for the connection to the power supply the Town Council will be responsible for future consumption, insurance and future maintenance of the CPAD.

53c The Bribery Act 2010 – Impact on Local Councils

Agreed – That the contents of the legal briefing noted updated on 30 July 2014 be noted.

53d Practitioners' Guide 2014

Agreed – That the financial briefing outlining the principle changes to the guide since the previous edition be noted.

53e Allerdale Speed Limit Review – Consultation

Cumbria County Council have undertaken a comprehensive review of speed limits on A and B classified roads throughout Allerdale, along with a number of other areas of road network. The result of the review is the proposition of 15 amendments to speed limits, two of which affect Gote Brow and Low Road in Cockermouth.

Recommended – (a) That a 40mph transition speed limit be introduced from the Belle Vue Roundabout to the proposed 30mph speed limit at the bottom of Gote Brow.

(b) That a 40mph transition speed limit be introduced from Fitz Roundabout to the proposed 30mph speed limit on Low Road in Cockermouth due to the development of housing at The Fitz.

53f Consent of Natural England

Natural England gives members of the Derwent Owners Association consent to carry out, cause or permit to be carried out various operations on the River Derwent & Tributaries which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Agreed – That the revisions to section 28(E) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) be noted.

53g Withdrawal of Support for some Scheduled Bus Services

Following Cumbria County Council's decision on 13 February 2014 to withdraw support for scheduled bus services, subsidy for some services will be withdrawn with effect from 7 September 2014.

Agreed – That the withdrawal of subsidy for some scheduled bus services be noted and monitored closely.

53h Overhanging Trees, Towers Lane

Members noted the content of a letter from several residents of Towers Lane regarding overhanging trees. The Town Clerk had been assured that Kerry McCartney, Allerdale Borough Council would contact County Highways and the landowners to discuss the matter further as a matter of urgency.

Agreed – That the contents of the letter be noted.

53i Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Agreed – that the minutes of the General meeting held on 19 June 2014 be noted.

54 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the successful result of the Neighbourhood Development Poll be noted.

(c) That the unsuccessful result of the WW1 Heritage Lottery Fund be noted.

(d) That Cockermouth Junior Football Club be given permission to site a second hand portacabin 10m x 3m x 3m on Tarn Close subject to the following conditions:-

- The portacabin should be painted green before it arrives on site
- The portacabin should be in situ for no longer than 3 years
- If Cockermouth Junior Football Club wish the portacabin to be in situ longer than 3 years, town councillors will inspect the portacabin and if it is not deemed to be in good enough condition it must be removed
- Planning permission is obtained

(e) That Cockermouth Junior Football be given permission to site small, temporary signs regarding no smoking, no dogs and removing litter on the main gate and entrance to the pitch at Tarn Close, to remind parents ,players and visitors of some simple site rules subject to obtaining the necessary advertisement consent (if required).

55 Meeting Dates for 2015

Resolved – That the meeting dates for 2015 be agreed.

56 Protocol on the recording and filming of Council and Committee Meetings

Resolved – That the protocol on the recording and filming of Town Council and Town Council Committee Meetings be adopted subject to the protocol making it clear that filming or recording can only take place from our designated public viewing area.

Resolved –

That under the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to commercially sensitive tender information being provided'

57 Tenders for the quarterly cleaning of 3 new bus shelters

Resolved – That the tender for the quarterly cleaning of 3 new bus shelters in Cockermouth be given to J A Lee in the sum of £210.00 per annum.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm