

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Cocker mouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cocker mouth on 8 December 2011 at 7.15pm.

Members

C Smith (Mayor)

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

Apologies: C M Jackson P Graham

Also Present: 2 representatives from the Environment Agency, Sue Cashmore, 1 member of the public & 1 representative from the press

112 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

113 Flood Prevention Works in the Memorial Gardens

Members discussed at length the detailed topographical plan provided by the Environment Agency which indicated the preferred outline of the proposed grassy embankment. They noted that acceptance of this scheme would mean that 40 trees would need to be removed should the scheme go ahead and that a further 11 trees were also shown to be at risk.

Planning permission would be required as would permission to remove the trees.

Resolved – That permission be given to carry out the works subject to the relevant Permission(s) being obtained and the following conditions:-

- (a) That the Town Council be provided with copies of the tree survey, bat Survey and final landscape plan.
- (b) That the embankment be gently sloped to allow access for mowing vehicles.
- (c) That a pedestrian footway be installed on top of the embankment.
- (d) The future maintenance of the embankment be carried out by the Town Council.
- (e) That the three trees planted in memory of loved ones be relocated nearby.

(f) A written assurance that any trees lost be replanted on a like for like basis elsewhere within the Memorial Gardens. Any new planting should be of a substantial size i.e. no less than a 4" diameter.

(g) That daffodils be planted on the embankment.

(h) That there be no gaps in the trees screening properties on Derwentside Gardens.

(i) That the embankment adjacent to the play area be gently sloped to allow vehicular access.

(k) That the Environment Agency be allowed to submit plans for tree works as soon as practicable but that no trees be felled until permission has been obtained and the funding for the whole of the scheme confirmed.

114 **Flood Prevention Works in Cockermouth**

Members discussed the current proposals in relation to the proposed flood alleviation scheme in Cockermouth.

The Environment Agency were very optimistic that the scheme would progress.

Planning permission would be submitted on 11 January 2012. Other works that did not require planning permission would commence shortly.

It was anticipated that final grant allocations would be announced in February 2012.

Agreed – That the proposed works be noted and that an engineer contact the Town Clerk regarding how the Town Hall will be affected.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm