

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 19 February 2014 at 7.00pm

Members

P Graham (Mayor)

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

Also present: S Robinson, Allerdale Borough Council & 1 member of the press.

118 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 January 2014.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 January 2014 be signed as a correct record.

119 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Smith declared an other registrable interest in matters relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader of Allerdale Borough Council.

120 Mayors Announcements

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

- Panto at the Kirkgate Centre

The Mayor wished reporter Paul Crute well in his new job in Scunthorpe and presented him with a small gift on behalf of the Town Council.

The Mayor also congratulated Sue Cashmore on the receipt of her British Empire Medal for services to the community, particularly following the 2009 floods.

121 Attendance by Police

Officers were unable to attend the meeting, a copy of their usual police report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

122 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

123a Planning Applications

2/2014/0008

Rear extension with internal alterations

6, Linstock Ave, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0024

Demolition of detached garage. Proposed two storey extension to side elevation

13 Laithwaite Close, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0026

Demolition of existing dining room and utility. Proposed kitchen, enlarged bathroom and enlarged bedroom extension.

8 Evening Hill Drive , Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0029

Renovation, minor internal alterations, rear extension and demolition of existing garage and replacement with new art/music studio as annex to existing dwelling

11 Main Street, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0043

Proposed erection of two storey extension to provide replacement garage & utility

29 Mayo Park, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0048

Variation of condition 4 on Appeal A ref: APP/G0908/E/11/2152403 and variation of conditions 5,8 & 9 on Appeal B ref: APP/G0908/A/11/2151737

Land Adjacent to Fitz Park, Low Road Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

123b Application for Tree Works

Resolved – That no objections be raised to the removal of a cherry tree, 11 Horsman Street, Cockermouth.

123c Application for Tree Works

Resolved – That an objection be raised to the removal of 4 trees, land at Strawberry How, Cockermouth.

124 Financial Matters

124a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £3,991.34 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

125 Correspondence

125a World War One Commemorative Event

Resolved – That the Mayor be nominated to attend Allerdale's World War 1 Commemorative Event on Saturday 10 May 2014.

125b Footway Lighting

Allerdale Borough Council confirmed that should any lights be removed by Energy North West (ENW), Allerdale Borough Council would not fund replacements. ENW was making £250,000 available to replace lost lights, Town and Parish Councils were able to apply for funding. Allerdale Borough Council would project manage the installation of new or replacement lights at the instigation of a Town or Parish Council for a fee, subject to workload.

Agreed – That the contents of the letter from P Shackley be noted.

125c Planning Advisory Service (PAS)

Resolved – That no-one be nominated to attend an improvement peer challenge to assess Allerdale's planning service on 26 February 2014 at 4.30pm in Allerdale House, Workington. Councillors A Smith, S Standage, C M Jackson & L Davis were already taking part in the peer challenge.

125c Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the February 2014 circular be noted.

125d Cockermouth Post Office

Agreed – That the refurbishment of the Post Office in Cockermouth on Tuesday 18 February 2014 be noted.

125e Cockermouth Harmonic Society

Those present considered a request from Cockermouth Harmonic Society who were seeking financial support toward the production of their next choral concert programme in April 2014.

Resolved – That £50 be offered towards the production of their next choral concert programme.

125f Mr Swanson

Members considered the contents of a letter of complaint from Mr Swanson. Mr Swanson was complaining about the condition of the drains and steps in Waste Lane, the re-surfacing and re-painting of the bridge over Bitter Beck and surface water forming on both sides of the road to the Sports Centre.

Resolved – (a) That Mr Swanson be informed that that all the issues raised in his letter dated 6 February 2014 are outside the Town Council's remit.

(b) That Mr Swanson be informed that Councillor Nicholson will speak to officers at Cumbria County Council regarding any outstanding County Council issues.

126g Fluoride in Water Supply

Agreed – That the content of Mr Carr's letter objecting to the use of fluoride in his water supply be noted and that a copy of his letter be forwarded to Cumbria County Council.

127 Review of Fees and Charges and Staff Salaries/Conditions

Resolved – (a) That the fees and charges outlined in the report be agreed.

(b) That the staff salaries and conditions outlined in the report be agreed.

128 Annual Risk Management Assessment

Resolved – That the content of the annual risk management assessment be noted and approved.

129 Effectiveness of Internal Audit

Resolved – That Mrs G D Airey continues to act as our Internal Auditor.

130 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

131 Pre-Examination Review of Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDO'S)

Members considered the contents of the pre-examination report produced by Mr C E Collison and in particular the 13 recommendations made.

Legal advice received as a result of recommendation one had resulted in the four NDO's being combined into one.

Unfortunately, Mr Robinson had been unable to get English Heritage to modify their views in respect of the proposed Article 4 NDO.

Resolved – (a) That Mr Collison's recommendations be accepted in their entirety and his suggested modifications be adopted where applicable.

132 Neighbourhood Development Orders – Examination

Those present considered the details of three examiners referred to us by the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Services (NPIERS)

Resolved – That Mr John Slater be appointed to undertake the examination of our Neighbourhood Development Order. Mr Slater was chosen as he appeared to have the right skill set to undertake the examination, he had also visited Cockermouth on numerous occasions and was familiar with our Town Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm