

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 15 February 2012 at 7.15pm

Members

I Burns (Deputy Mayor)

S Coates  
A Kennon  
J Laidlow  
A Smith

P Graham  
A R Graham  
E Nicholson

Apologies: C Smith, C M Jackson, L Davies & S Standage

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

**150 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 19 January 2012 be signed as a correct record.

**151 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in any item related to Allerdale Borough Council due to being the Council Leader.

**152 Mayors Announcements**

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

**153 Attendance by Police**

The following points were raised:-

- Fuel and diesel thefts were a major concern
- Plans were progressing regarding the relocation of the Police Station
- Incidents of anti-social behaviour was reducing significantly

**154 Public Participation**

A petition opposing the removal any trees found to be diseased as part of the Main Street Improvement Scheme without the Council being able to prove that they were in fact diseased was handed to the Deputy Mayor.

## **155a Planning Applications**

### **2/2012/0022**

Upgrade of existing flood alleviation measures comprising of new earth embankments, new flood walls, raising of existing flood walls, new flood gates flood proofing properties and associated works.

Sites along River Cocker and River Derwent, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval.

### **2/2012/0043**

Erection of wooden shed to provide storage facility for two mobility scooters

Land at Derwent Mills, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

Due to time constraints, comments on the following applications were forwarded to the planning authority prior to the meeting following consultation.

### **2/2010/0542**

Outline consent for a residential development for 221 dwellings including 79 affordable dwelling and associated access and landscaping

Land adjacent to the Fitz Park, Low Road Cockermouth

Amendment to indicative master plan to show the proposed dedication of an existing area of woodland as public open space and indicative footpath routes linking the development to existing neighboring areas of public open space.

Recommended – No objections

### **2/2012/0009**

Extension/alteration to 2 no. existing dwellings to replace extant planning permission 2/2008/0970

20/22 South Street Cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

**2/2012/0017**- Advertisement consent for free standing signage  
Lakeland Livestock Centre, Lakeland Agricultural Centre, Cockermouth.

Recommended – No objections

**2/2012/0019**- Variation of condition 6 of planning approval 2/2009/0141 to change the balcony infill to glass with a square profile fascia. Site at Gote Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

**2/2012/0020**- Replacement of timber single glazed sliding sash front elevation windows with timber double glazed sliding sash windows  
Hillcrest 61 Kirkgate, Cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

**2/2011/0897**- Variation of condition 3 of planning approval 2/2007/1109 to allow car repairs and MOT testing (B2) use to unit 14.  
Unit 14 Derwent Mills Commercial Park, Cockermouth

Amendment – Noise Assessment

Recommended – No objections

#### **155b Land adjacent to Fitz Park**

Agreed – That it be noted that the appeal by Lakeland Leisure regarding planning applications 2/2010/0542 & 2/2010/0739 will be held at The Wave, Maryport between 22 – 24 February 2012.

#### **155c Castlegate House**

Agreed – That it be noted that the appeal by Chris Wadsworth regarding planning application 2/2009/0812 will be held via written representations.

#### **155d Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework**

Following a repeated consultation last October to December, the County Council is now resubmitting their site allocations and proposals map to the Secretary of State for examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

Agreed – That the re-submission be noted.

#### **156 Highway Matters**

Resolved – That the following issues be reported:-

- Large pothole on Wakefield Road near entrance to St Leonards Close
- An unlit street light on Kittyson Lane near the Registrars

#### **157 Financial Matters**

#### **158 Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £81,210.42 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

## **159 Correspondence**

### **159a Closing Order Number 450**

Agreed – That it be noted that in consequence of the Malcolm Wilson Rally on Saturday 3 March 2012, the west bound carriageway of Main Street, Cockermouth shall be closed to all vehicular traffic except access for emergency vehicles.

### **159b Highways Hotline**

Cumbria County Council has made changes to its Highways Hotline to make it quicker, more resilient in an emergency and more cost effective.

Agreed – That the changes be noted and welcomed.

### **159c Bus Stop Infrastructure Information**

Agreed – That the letter of introduction be noted.

### **159d Castlegate Drive**

Resolved – That should a new bus shelter be erected in association with the planned development of Cockermouth Hospital on Castlegate Drive, the Town Council agrees in principle to insure and maintain the shelter in the future.

### **159e Town Trail**

Part of the town trail from the end of Low Sands Lane to the back of Waterloo Street will be closed from Tuesday 7 February 2012 for approximately 15 weeks to construct temporary flood defences. Harris footbridge will not be affected by the works and will remain open.

Agreed – That the closure of part of the town trail for flood defence works be noted.

### **159f Royal Garden Party 2012**

Agreed – That it be noted that our Mayor, Christine Smith has been chosen to represent NALC at the Royal Garden Party 2012.

### **159g CALC Circular**

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

### **160h Information Board near the Kirkgate Centre**

Resolved – That the Civic Trust be appointed to act as our agent in the upgrading and replacement of our information board near the Kirkgate Centre.

**160i Use of Memorial Gardens**

Resolved - That the Cockermouth Georgian Fair Organising Group be allowed to use the Memorial Gardens between 10am and 5pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**160j Christmas Lights**

Agreed – That the letter of thanks from Fairfield Infant School Eco Group regarding the reduction of the length of time our lights are switched on be noted.

**161 Structural alterations to the entrance on the ground floor**

Resolved – That draft plans be considered at the next meeting.

**162 Old Folks Tour of the Lights**

Resolved – That due to dwindling attendance and access problems on and off the bus and into Victoria Hall, the Old Folks Tour of the Lights be discontinued.

**163 Geological Disposal of Radioactive Waste in West Cumbria**

Resolved – That the siting of a repository for the geological disposal of radioactive waste in Allerdale be not supported and not taken to the next stage.

**164 Draft Programme for this years Festival**

Agreed – That the draft programme for this year's festival be noted.

**165 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That it be noted that Mark Elliot Photography did not wish to proceed with the long term rental of Victoria Hall. Town Clerk to seek an alternative.

(c) That the urgent installation of two new radiators be noted.

(d) That the Town Council assist the Festival Group, Chamber of Trade and the Rotary in the organisation of a bring your own picnic in Market Place on Sunday 3 June 2012 for the Jubilee and that the tables/chairs from Victoria Hall be used for the event.

(e) That the Town Council co-ordinates an event on Main Street involving local schools and local sports groups to celebrate the relay of the Olympic Torch on the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

- (f) That a star be made for the top of the large Main Street Christmas Tree.
- (g) That it be noted that the Town Clerk passed her Certificate in Local Council Administration (Cilca) on 2 February 2012. As a consequence she can now progress up her pay grade.
- (h) That councillors A Kennon and P Graham be appointed on to the stakeholder group for the flood prevention works.  
  
That a community organiser be invited to the next meeting of the Town Council to discuss the results of their community listenings.
- (j) That Allerdale Borough Council be asked if they wish to transfer the ownership of Tarn Close to the Town Council.
- (k) That the Town Clerk contacts P Rabbits to discuss the design of the free ride bike park and potential funding.

#### **166 Town Centre Flood Recovery Co-ordinator**

Members were very pleased to note the Government announcement regarding the approval of £3.3 million in financial support towards the £4.4 million required to complete the defences. The gap is being addressed through support from the Town Council, Community Foundation, Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and the Chamber of Trade. Planning permission is being sought and works along the south river bank have commenced this will include the creation of a DDA complaint ramp from Bridge Street.

Agreed – That the content of Dr Tickner’s report be noted.

The meeting closed 8.50pm