

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 17 January 2013 at 7.00pm

## Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates  
A Graham  
C M Jackson  
J Laidlow  
C Smith

L Davies  
P Graham  
A Kennon  
A Smith  
S Standage

An Apology for absence were received from Councillor E Nicholson.

Also present: 1 press representative, 2 police representatives.

### **113 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 December 2012**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 December 2012 be signed as a correct record.

### **114 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Davies declared an other registrable interest in relation to all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

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

Councillor Standage declared an other registrable interest in relation to all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel

### **115 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Visit to all Cockermouth Care Homes and Cottage Hospital on Christmas Eve
- Carols round the tree on Christmas Eve
- Attendance at the Lions Charter lunch on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

### **116 Attendance by Police**

Six offences had been committed in Christchurch Ward and 2 offences had been committed in All Saints during December. There had also been 20 offences of anti-

social behaviour.

Two PCSO's, Philippa Meunzberg and Lynn Postlethwaite were leaving Cockermouth to complete their training as Police Constables. Both posts had been re-filled.

Mike Rollo will assist local Police to enforce dangerous parking within the Town. This was to be reinforced with a joint media initiative.

Police were asked to monitor cars which were congregating in Sainsbury's Car Park and causing disruption to nearby residents.

Resolved – That letters of congratulations be sent to both PCSO's.

Councillor A Smith left the room at this point to move his car so that the Police Representatives could get their vehicle out of our car park.

## **117 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **118a Planning Applications**

**Resolved – That:-**

#### **2/2012/0951**

Demolition of two warehouses and erection of two pairs of semi detached dwellings with associated access road to rear parking area

Bay 3 & 4 Lorton Street Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

#### **2/2012/0953**

Conservation area consent for demolition of two warehouses and erection of two pairs of semi detached dwellings with associated access road to rear parking area

Bay 3 & 4 Lorton Street Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

The following applications were circulated due to time constraints prior to the meeting, no objections were received:-

#### **2/2012/0903**

Provision of entrance canopy to revised entrance, associated access ramp, ramp wall

and proposed decking to outdoor activity area

Unit 18b Strawberry How, Cockermouth

**2/2012/0904**

Listed building consent for the partial relocation of rubble relating to the Grade II listed windmill and partial demolition and reconstruction of a boundary wall.

Jennings Brewery, Castle Brewery, Cockermouth

**2/2012/0911**

Proposed new bungalow

6 Lonsdale Terrace, Mayo Street, Cockermouth

**Tree works – Grid Reference 312152 530817** Land adjacent to Jennings Brewery, Brewery Lane Cockermouth

**2/12/9017**

Unit 5C Lakeland Business Park, Lamplugh Road

Change of use from B1 to B1 and D1 Law Court

Councillor A Smith returned to the meeting.

**118b Kirkgate Centre Appeal**

Agreed – That it be noted that an appeal has been made by The Kirkgate Centre against the refusal to grant planning permission in respect of planning application 2/2012/0127.

**119 Financial Matters**

**119a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £21,101.20 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

**119b Local Support for Council Tax**

Council Tax Benefit will be abolished from April 2013. Local Support for Council Tax (LSCT) and the Business Rates Retention Scheme will both be introduced with effect from the 1 April 2013.

The impact on individual parishes will vary. If a parish has relatively few council tax payers in receipt of council tax benefit and high numbers of second homes/empty

properties, it may be better off in net terms.

The DCLG will provide direct funding to Billing Authorities and major preceptors to help offset any loss of council tax income with the introduction of LSCT Scheme.

If our precept remains the same as last year and Allerdale awards us £12,618.42 (as indicated), the council tax for a Band D property will increase by £0.19 or 0.29% from 2012/13.

Agreed – That the implications of the LSCT scheme be noted.

#### **119c Draft Budget and Council Tax Base 2013/14**

Resolved – That a precept of £194,647 and concurrent grant of £13,796 be agreed.

#### **120 Correspondence**

##### **120a Allerdale Disability Association**

Agreed – That that the letter of thanks be noted.

##### **120b Fairfield Eco-Committee**

Resolved – That councillor S Standage be nominated to represent the Town Council on the Eco Committee of Fairfield School.

#### **121 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Agreed – That the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm