

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 17 July 2012 at 7.15pm

Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates
A Graham
J Laidlow
A Smith

L Davies
A Kennon
E Nicholson
C Smith

Apologies: C M Jackson, P Graham & S Standage

Also present: 1 press representative, 2 police representatives, Mary Houston from Cumbria Tourism, David Campbell from DEFRA, Nick Lawler, Chair of the Taste Cumbria Working Group, Paul Dennis from C N Group and 1 member of the public.

25 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2012

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2012 be signed as a correct record.

29 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Davies declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel. Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in matters relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader of Allerdale Borough Council. Councillor J Laidlow declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7c, she left the room whilst the appeal was discussed.

30 Mayors Announcements

Agreed – That it be noted that the Mayor & Deputy Mayor had attended the following engagements since the last meeting:-

- Castlegate Singers, Christchurch
- Civic Service, All Saints

31 Attendance by Police

During June 12 offences had been committed in Christchurch ward 9 in and 9 offences in All Saints Ward. Councillor Davies thanked the police for their crackdown on speeding within the Town. Councillor A Smith requested that illegal parking and obstruction of the highway in Market Place be enforced.

32 Public Participation

There was no public participation at this meeting.

33a Planning Applications

2/2012/0264

Listed Building consent for formation of window and door openings, construction of car park and external works, construction of external bin store, conversion of ground floor to form residents lock- up stores conversion first to fourth floors to form 16 no 2 & 3 bedroom apartments including demolition of outbuilding

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2/2012/0265

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2/2012/0404

Variation of conditions 6,15 & 16 to planning approval 2/2010/0036 to amend foul and surface water disposal methods

Former Highways/Gas Depot Sullart Street, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2012/0415

Remove timber sliding sash windows and front door and replace with pvc sliding sash windows and pvc front door

14 The Fallows, New Street Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2012/0432

Erection of covered muck midin

Land North of Low Road Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2012/0453

Minor amendments to planning application 2/2009/0141 to amend floor plans and elevations

Site at Gote Road, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2012/0459

Replacement of existing timber door with new timber look composite door

4 South Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2012/0463

Installation of 2 composite doors

The Stable, Sullart Street Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2012/0469

Proposed new dual pitch roof

19 Parkside Avenue Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2012/0470

Two Storey side extension to dwelling- Resubmission of 2/2012/0223

6 Melbreak Avenue Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

33b Consultation about the content of the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Cumbria County Council is about to commence work on preparing the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

The Local Plan will be based on the Mineral and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) documents that the town council has already been consulted upon.

Resolved – That no further representations be made.

33c 18 Crown Street

Agreed – That it be noted that an appeal against Allerdale Borough Council's refusal of the replacement of wooden windows with rosewood upvc windows at 18 Crown Street has been withdrawn.

33d Tree works at Harris Park, rear of 8 Fern Bank

Resolved – That the thinning of the crowns of T1 and T2 and removal of dead wood/crossing limbs be supported.

33e Tree Works, Friends Meeting House, Kirkgate

Resolved – That the removal of a branch from an unidentified conifer be supported to relieve threat to wall.

34 Highway Matters

The Town Clerk was asked to report the following issues:-

- Write regarding branches overhanging Church Walk
- Write to Fairfield School regarding overhanging branches

35 Financial Matters

35a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £15,672.47 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

36 Correspondence

36a Cumbria County Council's Travel Strategy

Cumbria County Council's Integrated Transport Team is preparing a Travel Strategy which will set out the County Council's approach to addressing travel needs within Cumbria and the related issues and opportunities now and in the future.

Resolved – That a half hour hospital service around the Town be requested.

36b Road Closure Order

Resolved – That the road closure order in respect of Brewery Lane from 11.00 hours on Saturday 29 September 2012 until 18.00 hours on Sunday 30 September 2012 be noted and no objection raised.

36c Road Closure Order

Resolved – That the road closure order in respect of Brewery Lane between 09.00 hours and 18.00 hours on Saturday 8th September 2012 be noted and no objection raised.

36d Emergency Prohibition of All Traffic Notice

Agreed – That the closure of the U2357, St Leonard's Close from 28 June 2012 for a period of up to 21 days be noted.

36e Relocation of bus stops, Castlegate Drive

The plan outlined on page 46 of the agenda had been subsequently revised to take into account representations received from nearby residents.

Agreed – That the revised proposal be supported.

36f Hames Hall Project

Resolved – That 2 unused seats be donated to this worthwhile project. Spadework/Riversmeet to obtain the necessary permission regarding their siting and maintain the two seats in future.

36g CALC Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the July/August circular be noted.

37 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – (a) That the circuit board be replaced in the water heater at a cost of approximately £110.00 excluding vat.

(b) That the urgent replacement of 3 broken tiles on the roof of the toilet extension be supported.

(c) That the Allotment and Private Garden Competition be held on Thursday 13 September 2012 in the Town Hall.

- (d) That the funding for the Market Traders exchange be welcomed.
- (e) That the receipt of £2917.20 in respect of rental of Double Mills Youth Hostel be noted.

38 Memorial Gardens

Resolved – That the Town Clerk explore the options/costings of reinstating the banking.

39 Code of Conduct

Resolved – (a) That the revised code of conduct for members and co-opted Members as per appendix 1 of the report with effect from 17 July 2012 be agreed.

- (b) That the disclosable pecuniary interests as detailed in the appendix to the revised code of conduct be noted.
- (c) That other interests that should be treated as registrable interests as provided for in the revised Code of Conduct be agreed and that the requirements for completion be noted.
- (d) That it be noted that the District Council's Monitoring Officer will prepare and maintain a new Register of Members interests to take effect from 1 July 2012 to comply with the requirements of the Act and of the Council's Code of Conduct, once adopted to ensure that it is available for inspected as required by the Act.
- (e) That the register of interests be published on this Council's website as soon as practicable.
- (f) That it be agreed that Members should be required to leave the room where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- (g) That it be noted that the District Council's Monitoring Officer will arrange training for parish/town clerks initially on the new arrangements.

40 Power of General Competence

Resolved – That it be confirmed that Cokermonth Town Council meets both criteria for eligibility for the use of the General Power of Competence as set out in a statutory instrument known as the Parish Council's (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 which came into force in April 2012.

41 Memorial Gardens

Resolved – That CN Group be allowed to use the Memorial Gardens between 27 September 2012 and 2 October 2012 for the Food Festival subject to all activities Being provided free of charge.

42 Quality Parish Status

Resolved – That the Town Clerk begins to gather together supporting material to make an application for Quality Parish Status.

43 Redundant Finger posts within Cockermouth

Resolved – That the redundant finger posts in respect of the former Printing Museum and former Toy Museum be removed and/or painted over as soon as practicable.

44 Speed Indication Device

Resolved – (a) That Embleton Parish Council be allowed to use our speed Indication device subject to the necessary insurance/permissions/licences being sought.

(b) That in future, a donation be sought towards running expenses.

45 Toilet Roof, Town Hall

Resolved – That the toilet roof be painted with anti-vandal paint to stop youths sitting on it and causing further damage. Town Clerk to also install an appropriate warning sign.

46 CCTV in Cockermouth

The monitoring of CCTV in Cockermouth ceased at the end of June 2012. There are no plans to relocate this stand alone system to the new Police Station.

Resolved – That due to there being no plans in place to relocate the existing CCTV system in the new Police Station, CCTV be not financially supported by the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm