

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 18 June 2014 at 7.00pm

Members

A Graham (Mayor)

S Coates
P Graham
E Nicholson
A Smith

L Davies
A Kennon
J Laidlow

Apologies: I Burns, C M Jackson, S Standage & C Smith

Also present: 1 Police Representative, Joe Broomfield & 3 members of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a site visit to the Memorial Gardens to view the trees outside 39, Derwentside Gardens.

17 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 May 2014.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 May 2014 be signed as a correct record.

18 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.

Councillor Laidlow declared an other registrable interest in matters relating to Cockermouth Chamber of Trade due to being a member.

19 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor congratulated Catherine Parry who received an M.B.E. for services to the Kirkgate Centre.

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

- Wigton Open Art Festival
- The Opening of Highfield Community Centre
- A 100th birthday party
- Civic Reception for 10 Chernobyl Children

20 Attendance by Police

During May 2014, 3 crimes were reported in All Saints Ward and 10 crimes were reported in Christchurch Ward. 90% of all crimes had been dealt with positively.

Councillor A Smith requested details of bookings made to vehicles misusing the one way system on Market Place.

21 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

22a Planning Applications

2/2014/0160 (as amended)

Demolition of petrol filling station , car workshop and house. Erection of replacement forecourt canopy, pump islands, underground tanks and convenience store with built in subway and ATM, Starbucks drive thru' coffee shop, 3 car washes, parking and landscaping

Oakhurst Service Station, Lamplugh Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0311

Addition of a 1.3m wooden fence at the front boundary of the garden adjacent the pavement (resubmission of 2/2013/0594)

58 Windmill Lane, Cockermouth

Allerdale Borough Council had already approved this application.

2/2014/0312

Replacement windows

40 South Street Cockermouth

Allerdale Borough Council had already refused this application.

2/2014/0343

Proposed new access to highway to provide car parking space within site boundary – resubmission

1 Victoria Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – That this application be refused on highway safety grounds.

2/2014/0344

Demolition of conservatory and detached single flat roofed garage and erection of

proposed single storey sunroom, bedroom, ensuite and store to rear and erection of a front porch

51 Towers Lane Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2014/0349

Bedroom extension above existing garage, single storey extension to increase kitchen/dining area front porch – resubmission of approved application 2/2013/0700
19 Culgarth Ave, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2014/0361

First floor extension over garage

2 Harrot Hill Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2014/0379

Extension of driveway and associated drainage works

48 Dale View

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0392

Alterations and extension

43 Sullart Street

Recommended - Approval

Resolved – That that Story Homes hybrid application be considered at a special meeting at a date to be confirmed during the first week of July 2014.

22b Tree Preservation Order No 3 2014

Agreed – That the contents of Tree Preservation Order No 3 2014, land to the rear of 32, Parklands be noted.

22c Tree Preservation Order TPO/4/2004

Agreed – That the approval of tree works, 10 Strawberry How be noted.

22d Application for Tree Works

Agreed – That it be noted that an application for the removal of trees B, C & H and removal of 3 limbs on tree G, 3 Meadow Bank Close had been approved.

22e Application for Tree Works

Recommended – That the removal of an ash tree, 2 Meadow Bank Close be approved.

22f Application for Tree Works

Resolved – That it be noted that an application for the removal of alder trees at Becksides, Meadow Bank Close had been approved.

23 Financial Matters

23a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £6,149.84 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

23b Report by our Internal Auditor

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

(b) That we increase our fidelity guarantee insurance as recommended.

23c Accounts for the year ending March 2014

Resolved – That the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 be agreed and accepted subject to audit.

23d Audit Commission Return for the Year ended 31 March 2014

Resolved – (a) That Section 1 of the annual return relating to the Statement of accounts be formally certified and the accounts approved and duly signed by the Clerk/RFO and the Chairman.

(b) That Section 2 of the Annual Return relating to the annual governance statement be also formally approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

(c) That it be noted that Section 4 of the Annual Return has been duly completed by our internal auditor.

(d) That it be noted that the required notice concerning the appointment of date for the exercise of electors rights had been displayed.

(e) That it be noted that the Clerk would send the documentation required by the external auditor as soon as practicable.

23e Cockermouth Live 2013

Resolved – (a) That the financial report regarding last year's festival be noted.

(b) That £500 of funding be release for Cockermouth Live 2014.

24 Correspondence

24a Energy Performance Requirements

Resolved – That the Town Clerk investigates whether or not the Town Hall is exempt from displaying an energy certificate due to being a Grade II Listed Building. If we are required to display an energy certificate, the Clerk was authorised to spend £45.00 to obtain one.

24b CALC June 2014 Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the CALC June 2014 circular be noted.

25 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the Gardening Competition be held on Thursday 11 September 2014 at 6.45pm and that arrangements be made to judge the allotments and private gardens as soon as practicable.

(c) That Allerdale be requested to post out the explanatory leaflet about our Neighbourhood Development Order to electors prior to the referendum.

26 Town Centre Funding

Allerdale Borough Council is making £10,000 of funding available for each of the seven town centres in Allerdale. The funding must be spent in line with the Council's funding priorities and within the 2014/15 financial year.

Recommended – (a) That Joe Broomfield obtain prices for moveable planters for the Main Street.

27 Local Government Transparency Code 2014

This code is recommended practice for local councils with an annual income or expenditure over £200,000. As a Council we need to consider to what extent we can reasonably comply with the Secretary of State's request to publish the specified information.

Resolved – That due to the burden of compliance, we do not comply with the revised code unless it becomes mandatory.

28 New Bus Shelter opposite the New Hospital

Resolved – (a) That Mrs Diana Johnson's generous offer to donate £3,199.00 towards the cost of a new bus shelter be accepted gratefully.

(b) That the Town Council makes arrangements to install a concrete plinth as specified, insure, clean and licence the new shelter as soon as practicable.

(c) That the Mayor be authorised to sign Memorandum of Agreement with Cumbria County Council with regard to future maintenance.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm