

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 20 February 2013 at 7.00pm

Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates
E Nicholson
P Graham
A Smith
S Standage

L Davies
A Graham
A Kennon
C Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C M Jackson & J Laidlow.

Also present: 1 press representative, 1 police representative

122 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 January 2013

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 January 2013 be signed as a correct record.

123 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.

Councillor A Kennon declared a registrable interest in item 8d due to the applicant being a personal friend.

124 Mayors Announcements

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

- Town Twinning Meeting
- Opening of Papcastle Dig in the Town Hall
- Panto at the Kirkgate Centre
- Young Speakers
- Visit to Marvejols between 31 January 2013 – 6 February 2013
- Dissemination Meeting regarding the above visit

125 Attendance by Police

A police representative attended the meeting.

He informed those present at PCSO Sarah Brown had been appointed to our area.

There had been 167 reported incidents since the last meeting, 33 of these related to incidents of anti-social behaviour.

A long term solution was being sought regarding anti-social behaviour in Sainsbury's car park late at night.

Parking on double yellow lines had been causing problems in Station Street.

126 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

127a Planning Applications

Resolved – That:-

2/2013/0045 – Demolition of existing conservatory to side of existing building.

6 Cherry Lane, Cockermonth

Recommended – Approval

2/2013/0047 – Proposed 2 bed dwelling with integral garage

Plot 7, Meadow Bank

Recommended – Approval

2/2013/0058

Variation of condition 15 of planning approval 2/2010/0542 to allow option for foul sewer drainage to be connected into the public sewer

Land adjacent to Fitz Park

Recommended – Deferral, further advice to be sought regarding future capacity of Cockermonth Waste Water Treatment Works

Advertisement Consent for new fascia sign and hanging sign

62, Main Street, Cockermonth

Recommend – Approval

The applications below were circulated prior to the meeting with no objections

2/2013/0017

Installation of seven air – conditioning units wall mounted in a rear yard

HSBC Main Street

2/2013/0020

Listed building consent for proposed internal alterations to form additional trading area ground floor level and internal and external amendments to approved scheme
2/2011/0189

Globe Hotel Main Street

2/2012/0805

Proposal – Variation of condition 2,3 &5 of planning approval 2/2010/0523 to all relocation of plant room and substation and inclusion of external light details and landscaping scheme.

Land to North West of Castlegate Drive Cockermouth

AMENDMENT- Email and proposed site plan Part B

2/2012/0805

Proposal – Variation of condition 2,3 &5 of planning approval 2/2010/0523 to all location of plant room and substation and inclusion of external light details and landscaping scheme.

Land to North West of Castlegate Drive Cockermouth

AMENDMENT- Email, Park design Lighting Brochure and Exterior Layout Plan.

2/2012/0265

Proposal – Formation of window and door openings, construction of car park and external works, construction of external bin store, conversion of group floor to form residents lock up stores, conversion of first to fourth floor to form 16 no 2 & 3 bedroom apartments, including demolition of outbuilding

AMENDMENT – Letter and Car Parking Areas Site Plan

The Maltings Castle Brewery, Brewery Lane Cockermouth

2/2012/0911 Amendment – proposed access details

Proposed new bungalow

AMENDMENT – proposed access details

6 Lonsdale Terrace, Mayo Street

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

AMENDMENT – Email, Design, Access and Heritage statement, proposed site

The next application was circulated prior to the meeting with objections

2/2012/0956

Proposed new dwelling Land at 14 Lorton Road

Reasons for these objections are – not in keeping with the area, over development and un neighbourly.

128 Financial Matters

128a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £41,899.16 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

128b Path Improvements, James Walker Factory & Wakefield Road

Resolved – That Cockermouth Town Council becomes the Project Sponsor for a £1898.88 scheme to upgrade the path between the James Walker Factory and Wakefield Road, Cockermouth.

128c Concurrent Grant 2013/14

Agreed – That it be noted that Allerdale Borough Council's budget proposal's will be considered by Full Council on 6 March 2013.

129 Correspondence

129a Cockermouth Fur and Feather Society Centenary Show

Resolved – (a) That permission be given to allow the Town Crest to be

incorporated on the centenary mug.

(b) That a grant of £200 be given towards the purchase of 150 bespoke mugs to commemorate the 100th show with a view to presenting each exhibitor with a mug.

129b English Bluebells in the Memorial Gardens

Resolved – That Mr Bowen’s kind offer of a donation towards the planting of English bluebells in Memorial Gardens be taken up.

129c PARCS Scheme

Resolved – That the Town Council sponsors two additional play sessions at a cost of £150.00.

129d Council Tax Setting

Agreed – That advice from Brandon Lewis MP regarding councillors not requiring a dispensation in order to participate in discussions or votes on decisions in the council tax setting process or local arrangements for council tax support be noted.

129e Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team

Agreed – That the invitation to the Mountain Rescue Base on Saturday 23 February 2013 to celebrate 60 years of service be noted.

129f Rural Safety Group

Councillor Nicholson to relocate the plate on the Windmill Lane post to the other side of the post.

Agreed – That the contents of the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 January 2013 be agreed.

130 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That the Town Council be represented at the Annual Assembly of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize in Wurzburg, Germany between 2-5 May 2013.

(c) That the Town Council acts as the accountable body for the joint road closure.

(d) That the person in charge of the flood improvements be invited to the next meeting of the Town Council to discuss the reduction of the bund.

(e) That the Titans be allowed to continue to use Tarn Close until end June 2013 subject to the following conditions:-

- The payment of rent
- Keeping the site secure
- The Titans being responsible for all grass cutting, pitch marking costs during this period

(f) That the Clerk be authorised to enter into negotiations with Cockermouth Football Club regarding the use of Tarn Close from 1st July 2013 until the future of the site is discussed and secured.

Resolved –

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to staffing issues being discussed.

131 Outsourced Human Resources

Resolved – That Outsourced HR be appointed to act as our Employment Law and Human Resource Advisor from 1st April 2013 for a 12 month period at a cost of £120 per month.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm