

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

Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates
J Laidlow
A Graham
A Kennon
C Smith

L Davies
E Nicholson
P Graham
A Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C M Jackson & Mr S Standage.

Also present: 1 press representative & 1 police representative

146 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 March 2013

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 March 2013 be signed as a correct record.

147 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 E Nicholson declared a prejudicial interest in item 7b due to land in his ownership being included in the SHLAA and a prejudicial interest regarding the Christmas lights due to being our current contractor.

Councillors A Graham and S Coates declared a prejudicial interest in item 7b due to their homes being included in one of the Neighbourhood Development Orders.

148 Mayors Announcements

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

- Lunch launch of Carlin's Bar
- Our Civic Dinner
- Hospice at Home
- A meeting of the Europe Prize Scholarship Fund
- Workington Town Council's Civic Dinner
- Town Meeting

149 Attendance by Police

A police representative attended the meeting.

He outlined the offences which had occurred since the last meeting in both Christchurch and All Saints Wards. Offences were down overall on last year and he was optimistic that further improvement could be made this year.

Every PCSO in West Cumbria was to be trained in crime prevention techniques.

Ten banning orders had been issued in March in an attempt to assist the night time economy.

150 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

151a Planning Applications

Resolved – That:-

2/2013/0170

Outline application for the erection of 3 dwellings and associated infrastructure – Resubmission

The Rectory, Lorton Road Cockermouth

Recommended – Refusal due to overdevelopment of the site.

2/2013/0182

Proposed new dwelling in garden

46 Fitz Road Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0185

Variation of condition 4 on planning approval 2/2010/0062 to extend temporary consent

Cockermouth Cottage Hospital, Isel Road Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0188

Demolition of existing garage and toilet, erection of double garage, toilet and utility

15 Willow Lane Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0199

Variation of condition 3 of planning approval 2/2011/0095 to allow extended temporary period

Methodist Church Lorton Street Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0202

Proposed extension to form enlarged bedroom, bathroom and additional living space ground floor (resubmission to 2/2012/0795)

59 Bellbrigg Lonning Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0204 & 205

Change of use of workshop/office to funeral parlour including external alterations /refurbishment and demolition of 3 existing garages to create on-site parking

Former Lomas and Wilson Ltd Bridge Street Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0206

Proposed two storey extension

27 Henry Street Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0209

Proposed two storey extension to side and rear above the existing garage

37 Towers Lane Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0213

Listed building consent for removal of sub-floor timbers and floor boards and replacement with solid floor in dining room and entrance hallway- retrospective

13 St Helens Street Cockermouth

Recommended – Refusal sub floor timbers and floor boards should have been replaced.

2/2013/0216

Erection of extension and alterations

1 Morland Place Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

151b SHLAA Final Report

Those present considered the final revisions to Allerdale's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and amended 'Discarded Sites' document.

Agreed – That the content be noted.

152 Financial Matters

152a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £17,670.43 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

152b Cockermouth Swimming Club

Resolved - That Cockermouth Swimming Club be encouraged to submit an application for funding to the Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreational Trust.

152c 44 trees on Main Street, Crown Street and Market Place

Resolved – That Cockermouth Town Council agrees to be the project sponsor for the pollarding of 44 trees on Main Street, Crown Street and Market Place in Cockermouth.

153 Correspondence

153a Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the April 2013 circular be noted.

153b The Police and Crime Plan for Cumbria for 2013 - 2017

Agreed – That the contents of the Police and Crime Plan for Cumbria for 2013 – 2017 be noted.

153c Public Footpath, Deer Orchard

Those present agreed that Mr Swanson's suggestion to upgrade Deer Orchard footpath to a reasonable standard allowing residents off the Highfield Estate to walk safely to the new hospital had some merit and should be explored further.

Resolved – That the issue be referred to B Muscat, the Parks and Open Spaces Officer from Cumbria County Council.

154 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That the number of bed nights at Double Mills Youth Hostel be noted.

(c) That different multi coloured bulbs be used to highlight the Main Street Christmas tree.

155 Front Runners Project

Steve Robinson gave an update on the project.

He reported that his meeting with the Police regarding the drink ban, its effect on the NDO and the possibility of lifting the drink ban in Market Place under certain controlled conditions had gone better than anticipated and that the Police would not object to licence applications for the consumption of non-alcoholic beverages subject to a set of standard conditions being imposed.

Members also discussed the possibility of installing lockable barriers in the loading bay outside Carlins.

Due to the fairly unique features of the doors and windows on Mountain View and Skiddaw View it was felt that allowing these features to be replaced under an NDO would not be appropriate and an alternative area was chosen.

Resolved – (a) That NDO in respect of Market Place be left as it is.

(b) That a set of standard conditions be attached to any licensing application for the consumption of non-alcoholic beverages.

(c) That Officers explore the feasibility of the provision of lockable barriers on the loading bay outside Carlins Bar.

- (d) That the NDO in relation to Mountain View and Skiddaw View be not pursued as upon closer inspection the properties had retained the majority of their features and that these features were relatively unique.
- (e) That a NDO allowing the insertion of timber double glazed windows and timber doors be introduced incorporating Horseman Street, Derwent Street and New Street.

156 Main Street Improvement Scheme

Shamus Giles and Victoria Foster outlined the guaranteed phase 1 works.

The tender documentation for phase 1 had been sent out to four contractors. The tender was likely to be awarded at the end of May 2013.

Works were due to start at the end of August and be completed by the beginning of April 2014.

Those present requested that an information session be held for members of the public once the timings/phasing were known.

Agreed – That the contents of the presentation be noted.

157 Future Meeting Dates

Resolved – That the dates set out in the schedule be endorsed.

158 Special Meeting

Resolved – That a special town council meeting be held on 9 May 2014 at 7pm to discuss a potential housing development in Cockermouth.

159 Naming of a new housing estate in Cockermouth

Resolved – That the name 'Woodville Park' be rejected due to the lack of historical importance to the Town.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm