

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

Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates	L Davies
C M Jackson	J Laidlow
E Nicholson	A Graham
P Graham	A Kennon
A Smith	C Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Standage.

Also present: 1 press representative, 1 police representative

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

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

133 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 Jackson 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.

134 Mayors Announcements

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

- Allerdale Borough Council's Civic Dinner
- Malcolm Wilson Rally
- Round Table Dinner

135 Attendance by Police

A police representative attended the meeting.

116 incidents had been reported to the Police since the last meeting, 29 of these were classed as anti-social behaviour.

There was a road traffic collision at the bottom of Sullart Street during this period. Two males decamped from the vehicle and made off on foot. Two males were arrested shortly afterwards for driving offences. Further investigation led to a third arrest for the theft of a motor vehicle.

136 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

137a Planning Applications

Resolved – That:-

2/2013/0058

Variation of condition 15 of planning approval 2/2010/0542 to allow option for foul sewer drainage to be continued to public sewer.

Land adjacent to Fitz Park Low Road Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0101

Removal of conditions 6,7,8 and 9 on planning approval 2/2007/0816 regarding restriction to holiday occupancy

36 – 38 Kirkgate Cockermouth

Recommended- Approval

2/2013/0102

To demolish rear porch and build rear single storey extension

57 Fitz Road Cockermouth

Recommended- Approval

2/2013/0105

Erection of conservatory to rear of existing garage

49 Towers Lane Cockermouth

Recommended- Approval

2/2013/0114

Proposed conservatory to side of dwelling

29 Beech Lane Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0117

Proposed single storey rear extension

74 The Parklands Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0118

Replace first floor side wall bedroom window

11 Victoria Road Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0122

Variation of conditions 2, 3 & 4 of planning approval 2/2010/0578 to allow amended windows and door details

Brash House Challoner Street Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0123

Replacement of existing wooden single glazed windows with double glazed single casement PVC

34 Fell View Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0131

Full renovation and extension to side and rear

1 Albermarle Street Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2013/0147

Single storey extension to rear of property

21 Beech Lane Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

138 Financial Matters

138a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £19,733.20 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

139 Correspondence

139a Churches Together

For many years, Churches Together in Cockermouth have organised a Procession of the Cross around the Town on Good Friday, followed by the 'planting' of the Cross in a strategic/visible location. Churches Together wish to plant the cross during a short and simple service on Good Friday and then re-assemble on Easter Sunday for another short and simple service. The these events the cross will be removed and the hole filled in.

Resolved – That Churches Together in Cockermouth be allowed to use the Memorial Gardens over Easter as requested subject to the hole in the ground being made safe and the ground being made good following the removal of the cross.

139b English Bluebells

Agreed – That the receipt of £180 from Mr Bowen towards the planting of English Bluebells in the Memorial Gardens be noted with thanks.

139c Tarn Close Sports Ground

Resolved – That Cockermouth Football Club be offered a 1 year licence to use Tarn Close Sports Ground as of 1 July 2013 subject to the site being secure at all times, payment of rental and taking over maintenance responsibilities.

139d The Kirkgate Centre

Agreed – That the report outlining how our £1400 support grant for 2012/13 has been spent be noted.

139e Town Trail notice board adjacent to the Kirkgate Centre

Agreed – That the contents of the email from Wigton Motor Club regarding access

to the new notice board be noted and enquiries made regarding land ownership.

139f Footway Lighting within the Borough

Further to the implementation of a new policy by Energy North West (ENW) regarding pole mounted units, ENW are no longer able to attach any new lighting units to their poles. This will lead to the loss of footway lighting throughout the Borough where poles are being replaced by ENW or where existing pole brackets become beyond repair and need replaced.

Resolved – That the letter from C Rolle, Business and Property Manger, Allerdale Borough Council be noted and the situation closely monitored..

139g New Housing Estate

Recommended – That the new housing estate off Sullart Street be named either Mickle Brows View or Bradbury Park

139h CALC Circular

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

139i Partnership working between Councils at an Area level in Allerdale District

Concern was expressed regarding buy in from Parish & Town Councils.

Resolved – That the contents of the draft paper be noted.

139j Notes on Neighbourhood Planning

Agreed – That the content of edition four of DCLG's Notes on Neighbourhood Planning be noted.

139k Banner Poles on Main Street

Agreed – That it be noted that our banner poles will be replaced by lighting columns that have banner and hanging basket brackets built in as part of the banner design as part of the Main Street Improvement Scheme.

139l Trees on boundary between Memorial Gardens and Millcroft Veterinary Group

Resolved – That subject to obtaining the requisite tree works permissions, Millcroft Veterinary Group be given permission to trim back any overgrown branches encroaching their boundary.

140 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That Daniel Dutton be employed as a casual member of staff in the tourist information centre as of 1 April 2013.

141 Risk Assessment

Resolved – That the contents of the risk assessment be noted.

142 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved – That the 2013 Parish Meeting be held on Monday 15 April 2013 in the Town Hall, Cockermouth.

143 Financial Regulations

Resolved – That the contents of the revised financial regulations be endorsed.

144 Standing Orders

Resolved – That the contents of revised standing orders be endorsed.

145 Fair Trade

Members were pleased to note that Cockermouth's Fairtrade status had been renewed.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm