

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 21 November 2013 at 7.00pm

Members

P Graham (Mayor)

I Burns	S Coates
L Davies	A Graham
C M Jackson	A Kennon
J Laidlow	E Nicholson
C Smith	S Standage

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Smith

Also present: 1 press representative & 1 police representative

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

82 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 October 2013.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 September 2013 be signed as a correct record.

83 Declaration of Interest

Councillor L Davies declared an other registrable interest in all matters relating to planning due to being a member of the Development Panel.

84 Mayors Announcements

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

- 30th Anniversary trip to Marvejols
- Fireworks
- Remembrance Sunday
- Switch on Day
- High Sherriff's Civic Service in Carlisle Cathedral

85 Attendance by Police

One police representative attended the meeting.

Twenty four crimes had been committed in within Christchurch Ward since the last meeting. These included a burglary, several thefts, a public order offence, an assault on a licensed premises, a robbery, three section 27 banning orders and 9 incidents of anti-social behaviour. Several arrests had been made.

The statistics in All Saints were slightly better. Crimes included possession of a class A drug with intent to supply, a cannabis warning, criminal damage and 11 incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The shop watch scheme now had good coverage in Town.

86 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

87a Planning Applications

2/2013/0700

Second storey extension above the existing garage and rear single storey to north elevation. The proposal also incorporates an external porch area to the main entrance on the south elevation.

19 Culgarth Avenue

This application was already approved.

2/2013/0704

Single storey extension to bungalow providing an additional bedroom and bathroom.

Ruddale Tweed Mill Lane

This application was already approved.

2/2013/0708

Demolition of petrol filling station and erection of replacement forecourt, canopy, pump islands, sales kiosk and car wash and erection of replacement forecourt, canopy, pump islands, convenience store with ATM, HGV canopy and island, Starbucks Drive Thru' Coffee Shop, associated parking and landscaping.

Oakhurst Service Station, Lamplugh Road

This application was withdrawn.

2/2013/0724

Change of use from B1 to D1 to accommodate Lakeland School of Dance and Performing Arts

Unit 1, Lakeland Business Park, Lamplugh Road

Recommend - Approval

2/2013/0737

Proposed new dwelling.

Land adjacent (garden of) 46, Fitz Road

This application had already been approved.

2/2013/0755

Extension over garage

30 Marvejols Park

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0761

Remove existing timber sliding sash windows on rear of property and replace with white PVC sliding sash windows in same design

21 Derwentside Gardens

Recommend - Approval

2/2013/0760

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

1 Victoria Road

Recommended – Refusal due to the fact that the proposed development would interfere with the free flow of traffic with consequent danger to highway users by virtue of its proximity to existing junction and the proposed development does not make adequate provision for the manoeuvring of vehicles within the site and would therefore be likely to result in vehicles reversing onto or manoeuvring on the highway with consequent risk of additional danger to all users of the road.

2/2013/0763

Alterations to include new pitched roof, renewal/removal of windows, external decking and new boundary fence (retrospective)

13 Victoria Road

Recommended - Approval

2/2013/0767

Variation of condition 4 on planning consent 2/2010/0062

Cockermouth Cottage Hospital, Isel Road

Recommended - Approval

87b TPO No. 4 2012

Agreed – That the confirmation of the order on 4 November 2013 be noted.

88 Financial Matters

88a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £22,279.17 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

88b Internal Auditor Report

Agreed – That it be noted that the Town Council is fully compliant with the regulations.

88c Requests for Financial Support

The Town Council considered requests for financial supports from CADS, the Europe Prize Scholarship Fund, the Christmas Festival at All Saints Church and Rape Crisis.

Resolved – (a) That CADS be awarded a grant of £300 towards their panto.

(b) That the EPSF be awarded £400 towards student bursaries.

(c) That the Christmas Festival at All Saints Church be awarded £50.

(d) That no funding be given to Rape Crisis at the present time.

89 Correspondence

89a Allerdale Local Plan (Part One) Submission to the Secretary of State for Public Examination

Allerdale Borough Council has submitted the Allerdale Local Plan (part one) to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 23 October 2013 for independent examination.

Agreed – That the submission of the Allerdale Local Plan (Part One) to the Secretary

of State be noted.

89b Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Resolved – (a) That due to location and accessibility issues at Grassmoor Sports Centre an alternative polling station be investigated.

(b) That Highfield Community Centre be considered as an alternative polling station to All Saints School.

89c Cumbria County Council – Budget Consultation

Cumbria County Council has seen its funding reduced significantly and has already delivered saving of £88 million (2011/12 to 2013/14). Reductions in Government funding mean further savings of almost £80 million over the next 3 years (2014/15 to 2016/17).

The main purpose of this consultation was to ask for comments/feedback on proposals to deliver £24.415 million in savings between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015.

Resolved – (a) That a strong object to proposition 29, the introduction of targeted on-street parking charges be sent to Cumbria County Council due to the negative economic effect this would have on trade in the Town. Cumbria County Council to be encouraged to review how street management is administered instead.

(b) That a strong objection to proposition 24, cease to subsidise bus services and instead work with communities to find community transport solutions be sent to Cumbria County Council due to the effect this would have on our town.

89d Notification of Bus Service Withdrawal

The County Council has been advised by Reays Coaches that they are withdrawing services, 34, 35, 36 & 57m with effect from 9th December 2013. These services are not subsidised by Cumbria County Council and this decision made by Reays Coaches has been made on an entirely commercial basis. Cumbria County Council was considering the implications of these service withdrawals.

Councillor Nicholson informed those present that this service was being re-tendered and that two operators were interested in taking over the service although the times may be tweaked.

Agreed – That the withdrawal of services 34, 35, 36 & 57m by Reays Coaches be noted.

89e Consultation of the site selection process for a Geological Disposal Facility

The current consultation is about revising the siting process prior to the Government considering expressions of interest again from local bodies for an area

to host a geological disposal facility – MRWS 2. Under MRWS 2, local bodies in Cumbria would have the same right to put forward areas for consideration as other parts of England and Wales.

To assist Local Councils, CALC's Executive Committee has considered the issues and agreed a draft consultation paper. CALC are encouraging us to submit our own response and let CALC have any views on its proposed response.

The deadline date for comments is 5 December 2013.

Resolved – That Cockermouth Town Council supports CALC's response.

89f Calc Circular

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

89g Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Agreed – That the minutes of the AGM of Cumbria Association of Local Councils Allerdale District held on 26 September 2013 be noted.

89h Notes on Neighbourhood Planning

Agreed – That the contents of edition 7 be noted.

89i Great North Air Ambulance

Agreed – That the letter of thanks be noted.

89j Cockermouth Post Office

Agreed – That it be noted that the modernisation works will be carried out on Saturday 30 November 2013.

89k Hames Hall Care Home

Those present considered a request from the Lakeland Care Group to supply a Christmas tree to Hames Hall Residential Care Home.

Resolved – That this issue be revisited when the Christmas Lights tender is re-tendered.

89l A66 Trunk Road – Lamplugh Roundabout Footway

EM Highway Services Limited are to carry out improvements to the verge areas at Lamplugh Roundabout, where existing footway provision will be upgraded.

The works will consist of the construction of new footways in the west and north verges and the construction of crossing points on the appropriate refuge islands.

Also included will be some minor drainage works.

Works will commence on 25 November 2013 and last 2 weeks.

Agreed – That the works be noted.

90 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That the CAB Outreach Sessions be welcomed on terms agreed by the Town Clerk.

(c) That the offices close at 12.30 pm on 24 December 2013 and re-open on 6 January 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm