

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 16 November 2011 at 7.15pm

Members

C Smith (Mayor)

I Burns
E Nicholson
A Kennon
J Laidlow

L Davies
P Graham
A R Graham
A Smith

Apologies: S Coates, C M Jackson & S Standage

Also present: 1 press representative, 2 police representative & 10 members of the public.

100 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2011 be signed as a correct record.

101 Declaration of Interest

L Davies declared a personal interest regarding item 7 due to being a member of the Development Panel. Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in any item related to Allerdale Borough Council due to being the Council Leader.

102 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor had attended the following events:-

- Fireworks
- Remembrance Sunday

103 Attendance by Police

The main issues arising from the policing report were:-

- Increasing high visibility police patrols in relevant areas and dealing with youths who behave in an anti-social manner
- 13 offences were committed in Christchurch Ward
- 7 offences were committed in All Saints Ward
- Home owners to be advised to take precautions to ensure that all buildings are properly secured
- Police to liaise with David Bell from Highways regarding the enforcement of parking in the middle of Main Street

104 Public Participation

The Mayor received an anti proposals to changes to the Main Street petition.

105a Planning Applications

2/2011/0535 (as amended)

Listed building consent for demolition of mess room & provision boundary wall (retrospective application)
Castle Brewery, Brewery Lane, Cockermouth
Recommend – Approval

2/2010/0542 (as amended)

Outline consent for residential development for 221 dwellings in 79 affordable dwellings and associated access and landscaping land Adjacent to Fitz Park, Low Road Cockermouth
Recommend – Approval

2/2011/0723

Listed building consent for the replacement and repair of existing shop front, including replacement fascia sign, removal of 3 No existing lights and replacement with recessed LED spots to underside of cornice
7 Market Place, Cockermouth
Recommend - Approval

2/2011/0754

Replace existing timber windows and door to front elevation with UPVC window and composite door
14 Rubby Banks Road, Cockermouth
Recommend – Approval

2/2011/0755

Removal of conditions 2,3,4 & 5 on planning 2/2007/0946 for use of residential flat
The South Loft, 4 Station Street, Cockermouth
Recommend – Approval

2/2011/0769

Single storey conservatory to the side of the dwelling
16 Dale View, Cockermouth
Recommend – Approval

2/2011/0801

Replace 4 wooden casement windows with 3 pvc-u sliding sash windows to the front elevation and 1 casement pvc-u window to the rear
6 Rubby Banks Road, Cockermouth
Recommend – Approval

2/2011/0802

Resubmission of application 2/2010/0647 to relocate existing tennis courts and car park to provide improve sports facilities and construction of 24 dwellings including new vehicular access on to Lorton Road
Land Adjacent to Cockermouth RUFC Lorton Road Cockermouth
Recommend – Refusal due to concern over the speed vehicles travel down Lorton Road and dangerous exit on to Lorton Road - an up to date traffic speed count is required. The Town Council were very disappointed that the development no longer provided an element of affordable housing

2/2011/0816

Change of use of ground floor office space to community resource centre. Demolition of the existing boundary wall. External alterations to replace existing windows, doors and rainwater goods. Clad and render building. Installation of 3no sun pipes to rear roof and re-arrangement of existing access and window.
3 Market Place Cockermouth
Recommend – Approval

105b Tree Works, land at Victoria Court

Recommended – That an objection be raised to the removal of the 2 healthy trees and that no objection be raised to the removal of the dead tree subject to it being replaced.

105c Tree Works, Cockermouth Cemetery

Recommended – That no objection be raised to the tree works proposed.

105d Tree Works, land at 30a South Street

Agreed – That it be noted that permission had been obtained to fell the sycamore tree on land at 30a South Street.

106 Highway Matters

Resolved – That the following issues be reported:-

- Clerk to find out if the 2 no entry bollards at the bottom of Low Sand Lane can be replaced.

107 Financial Matters**107a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £20,446.82 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

107b External Auditors Report

Resolved – (a) That the 2011 Annual Return be approved and accepted.

(b) That the issues raised in the annual report be noted.

108 Schedule of correspondence, notices and publications

108a Draft Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Cumbria County Council

The Commission is proposing a council size of 84, the same as at present.

The Commission is further proposing to alter the allocation of county councillors in some of Cumbria's districts but Allerdale will retain its current allocation.

Agreed – That the draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Cumbria County Council be noted.

108b Connecting Cumbria

Agreed – That the content of the November 2011 newsletter be noted.

108c Community Infrastructure Levy

The community infrastructure levy allow principal councils to choose to charge a Levy on new development in order to raise funds to meet the associated demands placed on the area and to enable growth. The new system applies to most new buildings and charges are based on the size and type of the new development. Charging authorities may spend receipts themselves or pass funds to other bodies. Clause 103 of the Localism Bill will enable a meaningful proportion of receipts from development to the parishes where development takes place.

Agreed – That the consultation be noted.

108d Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Agreed – That the minutes of the AGM held on 5/10/11 be noted.

108e CALC Circular

Agreed – That the content of the November 2011 circular be noted.

108f Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Recommended – That no objection be made to the inclusion of an area of search for sand and gravel in the M12 Roosecote Quarry Extension near Barrow in Furness.

108g Proposed termination of the Cumbria Control Function

Resolved – That a letter opposing the cuts be sent to Cumbria County Council.

108h Local news and views

Agreed – That the content of the Autumn 2011 edition be noted.

108i Parcs Scheme

Resolved – That two additional play sessions at a cost of £80.00 each be agreed for next year subject to the scheme being better advertised.

108j Colne to Skipton missing rail link

Resolved – That a letter of support be sent to Tony Cunningham M.P.

108k Cockermouth Town Guide Working Group

Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2011 be noted.

108l Front Runners Steering Group

Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2011 be noted.

108m Main Street Heritage Improvements Group

Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 October 2011 be noted.

108n Cockermouth Flood Risk Management

Agreed – That the content of the November 2011 newsletter be noted.

109 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That options for Victoria Hall and Tourism and Publicity be considered at a future meeting of the Town Council.

(c) That Brown and Armstrong's quote in sandstone for the new main entrance be accepted in the sum of £10,797.36. This was subject to an inspection of the sandstone being undertaken prior to works commencing and if the £3,000 funding shortfall can not be found from grants it was agreed that the monies be taken from balances.

110 Town Centre Flood Recovery Co-ordinator

Draft Main Street Improvement designs were discussed at some length. Public consultation will take place on 24/25/26 November in the former Bryson's shop on Main Street.

A list of repairs for Market Place have been agreed and are currently being priced up.

A new Town Guide is being mocked up, the guide will be self-financing and should produce a return that can be used to update it and for a website presence. The guide should be available for distribution at the end of January 2012.

Agreed – That the content of Dr Tickner's report be noted.

111 Provision of a free ride bike park in Cockermouth

Agreed – That it be noted that the site visit will take place on Saturday 26 November 2011 at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm