

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 15 October 2014 at 7.00pm

Members

A Graham (Mayor)

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

Apologies: Police Representative

Also Present: A Press Representative 2 members of the public & Joe Broomfield.

73 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 17 September and 1 October 2014

Resolved – That the minutes of the meetings held on 17 September 2014 & 1 October 2014 be signed as a correct record.

74 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Nicholson declared a prejudicial interest in item 13 due to the deed of easement being granted to him and his brother. He left the room whilst the item was considered.

Councillor Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 2/2014/0610 due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillor Standage declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 2/2014/0610 due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillor Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 2/2014/0610 due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

Councillor A Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in any item relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader.

Councillor J Laidlow declared a non-pecuniary interest in any item relating to Cockermouth Chamber of Trade.

75 Mayors Announcements

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

- Kirkgate fundraising Auction
- Opening of Taste Cumbria

76 Police

Councillor A Smith expressed his disappointment at the lack of Police presence for the second Town Council meeting in a row.

Councillor Nicholson expressed his disappointment at Cumbria Constabulary's change in policy regarding their role in lost property. Our area was the first in the Country to adopt this stance. Leaflets were to be produced explaining what do you should do if you have lost property and what you should do if you have found lost property.

77 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

78a Planning Matters

2/2014/0610 (amendment)(affordable housing statement)

Residential development for 15 no. dwellings including 3 no. affordable dwellings plus associated infrastructure and landscaping

Land to the South West of Brigham Road, Cockermouth

Recommend – Refusal. Application does not comply with Policy S8 Affordable Housing, which states that within Principal and Key Service Centres housing developments of 10 dwellings or more will be required to make provision for affordable housing. Developments of 10 dwellings or more in Cockermouth must make provision for 40% affordable housing i.e. 6 units.

2/2014/0658 (as amended)(highway details)

Erection of a new dwelling

Land adjacent to 57 Henry Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0688

Retrospective application to fit security roller shutter to nursery entrance Strawberry How Nursery, Strawberry How

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0706

Single Storey front extension

12 Deer Orchard Close

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0717

Demolition of existing extension and erection of a new extension

77 St Helens Street, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

78b Tree Works

Agreed – That the approval of tree works at Oak Tree House, 8 The Parklands be noted.

78c Tree Works

Agreed – That the approval of tree works at Lowther Went, South Street be noted.

78d Tree Works

Agreed – That the approval of tree works at 40 Strawberry How be noted.

78e Tree Works

Resolved – (a) That Mr & Mrs South be given permission to crown reduce two sycamores to the rear of 23 Derwentside Gardens by 30%.

(b) That Mr & Mrs South also be given permission to uplift both sycamores by a maximum of 5 metres, together with a reduction in the long limbs to reshape the trees and put them into balance.

(c) Consent must still be obtained from Allerdale Borough Council as the trees are situated within a conservation area.

79 Financial Matters

79a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £45,285.48 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

79b Allerdale Credit Union

Resolved – That £250 be given to the Allerdale Credit Union to continue and improve their service.

79c Cockermouth Music Society

Resolved – That a grant of £50 be given to Cockermouth Music Society towards their February workshop.

79d Audit for the year ended 31 March 2014

Resolved – (a) That the successful completion of the 2013/14 audit be noted.

(b) That the annual return be approved and accepted.

(c) That the minor error be noted.

(d) That the annual return and notice of conclusion of audit be displayed in a conspicuous place for 14 days as soon as practicable.

80 Correspondence

80a Sale of the former Fire Headquarters, Cockermouth

Resolved – (a) That the letter dated 29 September 2014 from Diane Wood, Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council confirming that the boundary of the site for sale has been withdrawn as requested be welcomed and noted.

(b) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Chief Executive to ask if Cumbria County Council would be willing to transfer the land Cockermouth Town Council.

80b Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the October Calc Circular be noted.

81 Clerks Report

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

(b) That Allerdale's agreement to let us use up to 50% of the Towers Lane Play Area for allotments be noted.

(c) That the Town Council float be scrapped as it is no longer roadworthy.

82 CCTV

Those present discussed the provision of CCTV in Cockermouth.

Resolved – (a) That BT be invited to meet Town Councillors to discuss the specification of the new CCTV cameras.

(b) That it be agreed in principle to use 5k of the 10k Town Centre monies towards CCTV provision.

(c) That it be agreed in principle to vire 5k from our Harris Park Extension budget towards CCTV provision.

83 Risk Assessment

Resolved – That the contents of the 2014/14 Risk Assessment be noted.

84 Cenotaph

English Heritage are encouraging volunteers and members of the public to put in applications to list their free standing local war memorials during the centenary of the first World War.

Listing will provide legal protection for a war memorial and mean that in order to make any changes to it owners must first be granted listed building consent.

Resolved – That statutory listing be deferred whilst the Town Clerk discusses the implications with Allerdale Borough Councils Planning Department.

Resolved –

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

85 Tarn Close Sports Ground

Resolved – That a deed of easement (as amended) be granted to E. W. Nicholson & R. S. Nicholson.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm