

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 17 October 2012 at 7.00pm

Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates
A Graham
C M Jackson
J Laidlow
A Smith
S Standage

L Davies
P Graham
A Kennon
E Nicholson
C Smith

Also present: 1 press representative, 1 member of the public and Kirsten Mawby, Allerdale Borough Council

73 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 September 2012

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 September 2012 be signed as a correct record.

74 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 pecuniary interest in item 10 due to being the contractor for the Christmas lights.

75 Mayors Announcements

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

- Civic Service, Allerdale Borough Council
- Soroptomists Dinner
- Bernard Bradbury Talk

76 Attendance by Police

The Police were not in attendance, their report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Inspector at

Workington and Chief Superintendent at Carlton Hall and request the presence of a senior police official at Town Council meetings in future.

77 Public Participation

The following question has been received from Vanessa Graham:-

Can you ask the Town Council when the snagging list for market place is to be started and completed, is that going to be done before Main Street, is it being done at the same time or after and there was money retained to cover this work, I presume Allerdale hold it, has it been ring fenced and when will it be released?

The answer to this question is as follows:-

The Market Place scheme was signed off as substantially complete with a list of remedial works to be undertaken within the defects liability period. These works were not completed by the Contractor who went into Administration in the intervening period.

The extent of the remedial work has been agreed.

Each element now needs priced so that the remedial works bring the project up to an adoptable standard.

The financing of the scheme as I understand it is somewhat complicated but be rest assured that Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council are working together to ensure completion as soon as practicable.

78a Planning Applications

2/2012/0672

Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 2/2012/1022 for the substitution of plan 5105838/106 Rev D and Rev E an amendment to the alignment of a section of floodwall

Sites along River Cocker and River Derwent Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval.

2/2012/0681

First floor extension over existing garage and kitchen

2 Lowscapes Drive, Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2012/0685

Rear extension to provide additional accommodation

12 Henry Street, Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2012/0695

Listed building consent to substitute alternative stair lobby glazed screen

The Town Hall, Market Street, Cockermouth

This is our own application.

2/2012/0696

Two storey extension to side elevation- Resubmission

3 Kirkfell Avenue, Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

2/2012/0728

To provide outdoor cover by means of erecting a shelter to an existing play area.

West House Resource Centre, Unit 18A Strawberry How Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

78b 4 South Street

Resolved – That the approval of the householder appeal at 4, South Street, Cockermouth by the Secretary of State be noted.

78c Land at Brigham Road, Cockermouth

Agreed – That the contents of Tree Preservation Order Number 4 2012 be noted.

79 Highway Matters

Resolved – That the Town Clerk reports the following matters:-

- County sign to the right hand side of Castlegate Drive requires cleaning.

80 Financial Matters

80a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £11,025.23 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

80b Audit for the Year ended 31 March 2012

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

(b) That financial regulations and standing orders be update prior to 31 March 2013.

80c Financial Budget Comparison

Agreed – That the half yearly comparison be noted.

81 Correspondence

81a Derwent Owners' Association Meeting

Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2012 be noted.

81b Cockermouth After School Scheme

Agreed – That the letter of thanks be noted.

81c Rotary Club

Agreed – That the letter of thanks or our support be noted.

81d CALC Circular

Resolved – (a) That the contents of the October CALC circular be noted.

(b) That the setting of the precept be delayed until the Secretary of State's announcement on the 2 December 2012.

81e Land at Greyrigg Avenue

Resolved – That the title of the play area at Greyrigg Avenue be transferred to the Town Council subject to the special terms contained within the document.

81f War Memorial

Resolved – That Cockermouth Rotary be allowed to adopt the four flower tubs adjacent to the Cenotaph.

81g 'Spirit of Christmas'

Resolved – That the tree lights on Main Street and Market Street be turned on for the 'Spirit of Christmas' Initiative between 5.30pm and 8.00pm subject to the cost being reimbursed by the Town Centre Manager.

81h PARCS 2012

Agreed – That the contents of the letter from the Sport Development Officer be noted.

81i Various Plumbing Works

Resolved – That the quote given by Engineering Pipework Services in the sum of £1250.00 plus vat to install 2 refurbished cast iron radiators and the installation of a radiator in the toilet on the first floor be accepted.

68 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – That:-

- (a) That the Town Clerk seeks sponsorship for Allotment and Private Gardens Awards Evening.
- (b) That requests from The Purple Lunch Box and Dinky Donuts to attend switch on day be refused due to the unprecedented number of stalls wishing to attend.
- (c) That a small plough be obtained to plough 3 furrows along the verge of Castlegate Drive and the bulbs be planted by councillors.
- (d) That Cockermouth School be congratulated on winning the Cumberland Newspapers Golden Apples Award for the Secondary School of the Year 2012.
- (e) That a civic reception be held to celebrate their success.

69 Flower bed savings

ISS Waterers have been asked to make 15% work of savings on the price of their contract with Allerdale Borough Council. They have suggested that the removal of some of the flower and shrub beds within the Town could be a way of achieving the savings.

Resolved – That the Parks and Open Spaces Officer provides the Town Council with detailed costs for the planting and maintenance of flower and shrub beds within Cockermouth so that the Council can consider further reducing their budget by 15%.

70 Ward Surgeries

Resolved – (a) That councillors be encouraged to hold regular surgeries for local residents.

(b) That those surgeries be held free of charge in the Town Hall and advertised in

our Parish Council Newsletter.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm