

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 17 September 2014 at 7.00pm

Members

A Graham (Mayor)

I Burns
L Davies
C M Jackson
J Laidlow
A Smith

S Coates
P Graham
A Kennon
E Nicholson
C Smith

Apologies: S Standage

Also present: 1 member of the press

58 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 August 2014

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 August 2014 be signed as a correct record.

59 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor Nicholson declared a pecuniary interest in relation to item 7b due to land in his ownership being included in the Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

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

Councillor L Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

60 Mayors Announcements

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

- The Annual Assembly of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize in Ankara

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

- Bernard Bradbury Lecture
- Welcome for the new Lorton Street Minister

61 Attendance by Police

The police report was circulated to member of the Town Council prior to the meeting. Unfortunately a Police Representative was unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Police Commissioner and express our disappointment as the lack of Police attendance and request that a senior level officer attend future meetings.

62 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

63a Planning Applications

The following planning applications were circulated to councillors for comments prior to the meeting as the 21 day consultation period expired prior to the meeting.

2/2014/0562

Replace existing double glazed wooden frame kitchen and bathroom windows with double- glazed UPVC

1 Mackreth Row Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0568

Proposed building for repair, servicing, maintenance and MOT testing of vehicles, quad bike sales and service. Vehicle hire and vehicle jet wash for public use.

Lakeland Livestock Centre, Lakeland Agricultural Centre Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0586

Proposed erection of orangery- Resubmission of 2/2013/0606

12 Dale Close Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0594

Raised decking to rear of property

4 Meadow Bank Close Cockermouth

Recommend Approval

2/2014/0605

Two storey rear extension and erection of summer house (re submission of 14/0104)

The Old Vicarage Lorton Road Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

2/2014/0606

Installation of dormer windows

Fellbeck House, Tweed Mill Lane Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0610

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

Land to the South West of Brigham Road Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0623

New dormer window to front elevation

3 Greyrigg Avenue Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

The following planning applications were considered at the meeting.

2/2014/0637

Replacement of old retaining wall along Tom Rudd Beck and construction of decking

5 Meadow Bank Close Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0638

Erection of a double garage

The Old School House 31 Strawberry How Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0640

Replacement timber windows with vertical sliding sash upvc windows

Wordsworth Court, Sullart Street Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0643

Replacement single glazed sliding sash timber windows with double glazed timber sliding sash windows – resubmission of 2/2014/0397

8 Sullart Street Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0651

Replacement of external lighting scheme to building and grounds

Trout Hotel Crown Street Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0652

Listed building consent for the replacement of external lighting scheme to building and grounds

Trout Hotel Crown Street Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0656

Replace wooded sliding sash window with wooden door to rear elevation

1 Waterloo Street

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0657

Temporary consent of a portacabin to store football equipment for 3 years while funding is raised for a permanent structure

Tarn Close Football Ground, Lorton Road

Recommend – Approval

Resolved – (a) That if required an additional meeting of Cockermouth Town Council be held on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss planning applications requiring comments prior to the usual scheduled meeting held on the third Wednesday of every month.

(b) That this new system be trialled and reviewed after 6 months.

63b Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations

Allerdale Borough Council is in the process of preparing a Site Allocations Development Plan Document that will form Part 2 of the Allerdale Local Plan.

The Site Allocations (DPD) will identify sites necessary to meet the Borough's development needs to 2029.

Following the 'call for sites' conducted at the end of 2013, the Council has now published a site allocations issues and options discussion paper. This document includes the sites and land uses suggested to the Borough Council and presents a range of issues and options for consideration by the local community and other stakeholders.

The responses received from this consultation will inform the preparation of the Council's Site Allocations Preferred Options.

Resolved – (a) That the following sites be deemed not suitable for allocation:-

1/COC/001/M, 1/COC/002/R, 1/COC/004/R, 1/COC/005/R, 1/COC/006/R,
1/COC/007/R, 1/COC/008/R, 1/COC/009/R, 1/COC/010/R, 1/COC/012/R,
1/COC/013M, 1/COC/014R, 1/COC/015/R, 1/COC/016R & 1/COC/017R.

(b) That the site 1/COC/003/E be deemed suitable for allocation.

63c Tree Works

Recommended – That no objection be raised regarding the removal of a lime tree and trimming of rowan tree, Lowther Went, South Street.

63d Tree Works

Recommended – That no objection be raised regarding the removal of dead wood and reduction of overhanging branches of an oak tree, Ok Tree House, 8, The Parklands.

63e Tree Works

Recommended – That no objection be raised regarding the removal of dead wood and branch reduction of T1 and the deadwood removal and branch reduction on T2, 40 Strawberry How.

63f Sale of Fire Head Quarters

Members of the Town Council expressed concern that the land edged in red in the sale details included land that our cenotaph was sited on. They were appalled and opposed to the sale and did not wish to see the cenotaph re-located.

Resolved – That a strongly worded letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council objecting to the inclusion of land surrounding the cenotaph and requesting its removal from the sale.

64 Financial Matters

64a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £8,107.86 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

65 Correspondence

65a CALC Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the September CALC circular were noted.

65b The Right to Challenge Parking Policies

The Government wants to make it easier for local residents and firms to challenge unfair, disproportionate or unreasonable parking policies. This could include the provision of parking, parking charges and the use of yellow lines. The discussion paper invites the Town Council's views on the design of the mechanism that will make this possible.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk circulate a draft response for approval prior to submission.

65c North West Coast Connections

The National Grid owns and manages the electricity transmission network in England and Wales to which different energy sources are connected.

The North West Coast Connections Project (NWCC) is about connecting the electricity generated by new energy projects being built in Cumbria and Lancashire to homes and businesses.

The National Grid has been asked to connect Moorside, the proposed new nuclear power station that will be built near Sellafield as well as an offshore wind farm in the Irish Sea into our existing electricity network.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk writes to the National Grid to request details of what community benefits residents can expect during the upheaval.

66 Clerks Report

Resolved – That the contents of the clerks report be noted.

67 Neighbourhood Development Order

Allerdale Borough Council agreed to adopt the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Development Order on 10 September 2014. Allerdale Borough Council had not as yet issued their decision document. It was expected that the decision notice would be issued prior to the end of September 2014 and that the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Development Order would then become effective.

Resolved – (a) That once the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Development Order comes into effect it be well advertised within the locality.

(b) That all properties directly affected by the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Development Order be informed by letter that the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Development Order has come into effect.

(c) That information packs be prepared that can be distributed to those wishing to undertake schemes under the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Development Order.

(d) That a public meeting be held to publicise the scheme.

Recommended – (a) That Allerdale Borough Council be requested to ring fence any money remaining from the 20K to assist the development of another Neighbourhood Development Order in 3 years time.

68 Employer Discretions

Each Scheme employer must formulate and keep under review their policy concerning the exercise of their functions in awarding additional pension to members and in operating early retirement and flexible retirement provisions including those related to redundancy and compensatory payments.

In addition to these mandatory policy decisions there are many other areas where discretionary policy decisions must be made by employers.

Employers need to review and revised their policies in respect of mandatory requirements as a result of the new pension scheme regulations introduced in April this year.

Resolved – That the draft Employer Discretions – Statement of Policy prepared by the Town Clerk be adopted.

69 CCTV

Those present discussed the provision of CCTV in Cockermouth.

Resolved – (a) That more information be obtained from the Police Commissioner.

(b) That the Town Clerk investigates funding.

(c) That this item be discussed again at the next meeting.

70 Financial Regulations

Financial Regulations were reviewed having regard to recent legislative changes following the repeal of Section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. Town Council were now able to embrace modern banking methods.

Resolved – That the revised financial regulation be adopted.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm