

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 18 September 2013 at 7.00pm

#### Members

P Graham (Mayor)

S Coates	A Graham
A Kennon	J Laidlow
E Nicholson	A Smith
S Standage	

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C M Jackson, L Davies, I Burns & C Smith

Also present: 1 press representative & 1 police representative

There were also several members of the public in attendance.

#### **58 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 August 2013.**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 August 2013 be signed as a correct record.

#### **59 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Standage 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.

#### **60 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Private Garden & Allotments Awards Evening
- Civic Service in Wigton
- Tour of Britain

#### **61 Attendance by Police**

One police representatives attended the meeting.

The first meeting of Shop Watch was held in the Town Hall earlier in the day. It was hoped that the scheme would be launched on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. Inspector Kelly to be asked to provide costs of a new digital CCTV system in the town.

There had been 15 offences committed in Christchurch Ward and 12 offences committed in All Saints Ward since the last meeting.

## **62 Public Participation**

Mr Coley presented a petition to the Mayor regarding planning application 2/2013/0603. The petition had been signed by over 90 residents.

Although the applicants had attempted to address some of the residents' concerns from the previous application, 5 areas of opposition remained. These were:-

- Technical
- Safety
- Character
- Visual
- Ethical

## **63a Planning Applications**

### **2/2013/0479**

Flood Risk Assessment, exception test & site plan

Cockermouth Police Station

Recommended – Approval

### **2/2013/0574**

Extension to communal lounge and change of use of existing office outbuilding to form a residential flat

Abbeyfield Society, Abbeyfield House, Lorton Road

Recommended – This application was approved on 16 September 2013.

### **2/2013/0565**

Proposed utility room extension

Amendment – Sections through garden

1 Victoria Road Cockermouth

Recommended – Deferral, insufficient information provided regarding access/egress.

### **2/2013/0593**

Listed building consent to fit wrought iron handrail to front exterior

24, Strawberry How

Recommended – Approval

**2/2013/0594**

Erection of a 1.6m high wooden fence to front boundary of garden

58 Windmill Lane

Recommended – Approval

**2/2013/0603 (re-submission)**

Construction of 2 detached residential dwellings

Land off Towers Lane

Recommended – Refusal due to massing, un-neighbourly, sewerage issues

**2/2013/0606**

Erection of a conservatory

12 Dale Close

Recommended – Approval

**2/2013/0620**

Alterations to provide external flue and new chimney stack

8 Low Road Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

**2/2013/0627**

Advertisement consent for various banners (Rugby World Cup)

Various sites at Maryport, Workington and Cockermouth

Recommended – There were no banners situated within Cockermouth.

**63b Tree Works**

Recommended – That the 20% crown lift of a yew tree in the garden of South Lodge, Simonscales Lane be approved.

## **64 Financial Matters**

### **64a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £22,581.09 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

### **64b Boxing Day Cockermouth Bus Service**

Those present considered a grant request from Workington Transport Heritage Trust.

The modest £50 grant would assist with fuel, insurance and publicity costs of the service.

Resolved – That a £50 grant be given.

## **65 Correspondence**

### **65a Road Closure, Jennings Family Fun Day**

Agreed - That the approval of the road closure of Brewery Lane on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013 for the Jennings Charity Family Fun Day be noted.

### **65b Fireworks**

Agreed – That the consultation of the road closure in respect of the Fireworks in the Memorial Gardens be noted.

### **65c CALC Circular**

Agreed – That the contents of the September 2013 CALC circular be noted.

### **65d War Grave Memorial**

Resolved – That Leslie Launder be commemorated on our war memorial on Station Hill subject to the engraving being carried out by a fully qualified monumental mason at no cost to the Town Council.

### **65e Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize**

Agreed – That the contents of the letter regarding the success of the 2013 General Assembly in Wurzburg and arrangements for the 2014 General Assembly in Ankara be noted.

### **66e Various Issues raised by Papcastle Parish Council**

Those present considered three highway issues raised by Papcastle Parish Council just within our boundary.

Resolved – That Papcastle Parish Council be informed that the hedge opposite Walkers Factory has been cut back, that Members were unaware of nuisance parking on the exit from the village and that Bob Muscat would be contacted regarding undergrowth on Spittal Ing Lane.

#### **67 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That one no alcohol sign be purchased and situated on the toilet block in the Memorial Gardens.

#### **68 Towers Lane**

Resolved – That Mr Coley be given permission to remove the sycamore tree that is currently growing in the hedge which borders his property subject to him bearing the cost of the removal and the costs of replanting with hawthorn whips.

#### **69 Cockermouth School Exam Results**

Agreed - That this issue be deferred pending Councillor Davies being present.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm