

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

#### Members

A Graham (Mayor)

I Burns

L Davies

E Nicholson

J Laidlow

C Smith

S Coates

A Kennon

P Graham

A Smith

Apologies: S Standage, C M Jackson

Also Present: 1 member of the press

#### **101 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meetings held on 5 November, 20 November & 3 December 2014**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meetings held on 5 November, 20 November and 3 December 2014 be signed as a correct record.

#### **102 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in all planning applications due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

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

#### **103 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Keswick Lights Switch On
- Wigton Lights Switch On
- Cockermouth Lights Switch On
- Defibrillator handover
- Rotary 75<sup>th</sup> Charter Night
- Visit to Penrith Area Committee
- Judging Grand Window Competition
- Opening of Beer Festival
- Opening of new classroom
- Cockermouth by Candlelight
- Mayors Coffee Morning
- Light up a Life

#### **104 Police**

There were 8 crimes reported in the All Saints area in November including an assault on a female at Langdale Drive. A male was arrested.

Eight crimes were also reported in Christchurch Ward for November including nine dvd's being stolen from the Age Concern shop.

Several drivers were spoken to following complaints of vehicle noise at Wakefield Road Car Park.

#### **105 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **106 Planning Matters**

2/2014/0743 (as amended)

Demolition of wall and erection of side fence.

1, Victoria Road

Recommend – Approval

2/2014/0748

Demolition of wall and erection of front fence

1, Victoria Road

Recommend – Refusal on highway safety grounds, the fence was being opened and used as an access.

2/2014/0834

Change of use of the current single glazed sash windows for new double glazed windows

3 The Dairy, South Street

Recommend - Approval

2/2014/0841

Front porch extension including enclosed toilet

32 Kirkfell Avenue

Recommend - Approval

## **107 Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £6193.13 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

## **108 Correspondence**

### **108a Calc Circular**

Agreed – That the contents of the December – January 2015 circular be noted.

### **108b Millcroft Vets**

Resolved – That subject to the relevant permissions Mill Croft Vets be allowed to replace the fence at the back of their property which borders onto the Memorial Gardens with loop top fencing to match that of the playground and footpath to the bridge.

### **108c The Ghyll,Gote Brow**

Resolved – That the Town Clerk be asked to contact the occupier of The Ghyll and request the trimming back of overhanging branches.

### **108d Sale of former Fire Headquarters**

Agreed – That the reply from the Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council regarding the transfer of land be noted.

### **108e Letter of thanks**

Agreed – That the contents of the letter of thanks from Fern McAleavey, Age 8 about the fireworks display be noted.

### **108f Street Names**

Recommended – That the following road names be used on the new housing Development adjacent The Fitz:-

a/e/g	Laureates Lane
b	Ballad Close
c	Sonnets Way
f	Wrens Lane
h	Poets Avenue
j	Williams Grove (members disliked Daffodil Drive)
l	Couplet Close
m	Dove Close

- n Quills Close (members disliked Cuckoos Walk)
- o Bradbury Court

### **108g Public Consultation on North West Coast Connections Project**

Further to minute number 65c (2014/2015), North West Coast Connections had advised the Town Council that community investment will not be considered until the project had received planning consent.

Resolved – That due to the affect the project will have on the environment and local communities, the Town Clerk forwards additional representations to The Trust Partnership which manages sponsorship and charitable donations on behalf of the National Grid.

### **109 Clerks Report**

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

(b) That councillor C Smith be re-elected onto the Cockermouth & Papcastle Recreational Trust.

### **110 Cockermouth Register Office Closure**

From mid December anyone wanting to register a birth, marriage or death will have to go to Whitehaven, Wigton or Carlisle as the Cockermouth Register Office has now closed. One part time member of staff who worked there 2.5 days per week has been transferred to Whitehaven. Remaining staff are unaffected.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council and express the Town Council's abhorrence at this decision and request that the Register Office remain in Cockermouth until the service is wholly on-line. .

The meeting closed at 7.40pm