

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 7.00pm

Members

J Laidlow (Mayor)

I Burns

D Malloy

S Nicholson

S Standage

A Tyson

A Kennon

E Nicholson

S Scales

A Smith

Apologies: C M Jackson & L Davies

Also Present: Two Police Representatives & one member of the press

94 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 November 2015

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015 be signed as a correct record.

95 Declaration of Interest

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

96 Mayors Announcements

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

- Switch on Day
- Presentation of two re-furbished benches at Cockermouth Community Hospital
- Rotary's seventy sixth Charter Night
- Judging of Grand Window
- Roundtable Beer Festival
- Mayor's Coffee Morning
- 'Celebration of Christmas' at Christchurch
- Coffee and mince pie afternoon at Kirkland's Care Home

97 Police Report

The police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Our new Inspector introduced himself.

Crime in the area had increased 3%. The number of thefts had increased significantly and officers were carrying out crime prevention visits to those affected

to assist with security.

Councillor Smith requested that parking on the zig zags of the zebra crossing outside the TSB be monitored closely.

98 Public Participation

There was none.

99a Planning Matters

The following planning application was circulated prior to the meeting with no objections to time constraints:-

2/2015/0675

Removal of defective cavity trays above windows and associated remedial work, re-pointing of external walls and masonry repairs. Replacement of existing outer lining with lead lining

1-40 Derwent Mills

Recommend – No objections

The following application for tree works was circulated prior to the meeting with no objections due to time constraints:-

Crown reduction and thinning of a Portuguese laurel and crown lift a sycamore

27 Strawberry How

Recommend – No objections

The following planning applications were considered at the meeting:-

2/2015/0692

17 Gote Road – replaster chimney stack, replace upper and lower front windows, replace rear upper windows, replace rear upper windows, replace front and rear doors

19 Gote Road – strip and re-roof, re-plaster chimney stack and gable end

Recommended – Refusal due to use of upvc windows and composite door.

2/2015/0693

Application for variation of condition 2 on planning approval 2/2014/0753

Strawberry How Cattery, Strawberry How

Recommended – Refusal, site should be retained as an employment site.

2/2015/0696

Replacement timber windows with rehau heritage sliding sash upvc units and replacement of timber mullions and cills with dressed stone (re-submission of 2/2015/0449)

1 Stanley Villas

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0701

Partly demolish existing boundary wall and provide off street parking area

Foundry House, Brewery Lane

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0703 & 0704

Community noticeboard

Lowther Went, Main Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0705

Demolition of Fairfield Garage, Travis Perkins and WCF. Erection of replacement pet and equestrian store alongside a discount food store and associated works

WCF Country Centre, Station Road

Recommended – Approval subject to the following:-

- (i) No zebra crossing on Station Road
- (ii) No zebra crossing at entrance to site
- (iii) Introduction of a central safety island at entrance to site

2/2015/0716

The demolition of existing buildings and the re-development of the site to provide a hotel (use class C1) and accompanying restaurant (use class A3) and parking including access, layout, appearance, landscape and associated infrastructure details
Shepherds Hotel, Egremont Road

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0717

Two storey side extension and porch to front

39 Dale View

Recommended - Approval

99b Tree Works

Agreed – That the approval of tree works to the rear of 5, Riverside Terrace be noted.

99c Tree Works

Recommended – That no objection be made to crown reducing the beech and ash Trees by 30% to the rear of 4 Riverside Terrace.

99d Various applications for Tree Works in the Memorial Gardens

Resolved – (a) That landowner permission be given to the occupier of 4 Riverside Terrace to crown reduce a beech and an ash tree by 30% in the Memorial Gardens subject to the works being carried out by a qualified arboriculturist with the requisite public liability insurance and the clerk being notified upon commencement and completion of works.

Resolved – (b) That landowner permission be given to the occupier of 5 Riverside Terrace to crown reduce two trees by 30% in the Memorial Gardens subject to the works being carried out by a qualified arboriculturist with the requisite public liability insurance and the clerk being notified upon commencement and completion of works.

Resolved (c) That landowner permission be given to the occupier of 17 Derwentside Gardens to crown reduce 3 trees by 30% in the Memorial Gardens subject to the works being carried out by a qualified arboriculturist with the requisite public liability insurance and the clerk being notified upon commencement and completion of works.

100 Finance

100a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £10,596.27 be formally approved for payment.

100b Harris Park Bowling Club

Those present considered a request for funding from Harris Park Bowling Club in respect of loft insulation.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk request a set of accounts.

100c Procurement of Audit for Smaller Authorities

From the start of the 2017/18 financial year smaller authorities can choose to have an auditor appointed to them by a new 'sector led body' or they can decide to procure their own, but they must have an auditor appointed as a legal requirement.

Resolved – That the fact sheet outlining the new arrangements be noted and that we opt in to the new arrangements.

101 Correspondence

101a Car Parking Charges in Cockermouth

Agreed – That Mrs Weightman's comments regarding the proposed changes to Fairfield Car Parking charges be noted.

101b 250th Anniversary of the Birth of John Dalton

2016 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Dalton. The Civic Trust would like to invite the Town Council to be involved in and support the John Dalton Anniversary celebrations.

Resolved – That a grant of £150 be given towards the cost of the new plaque.

101c Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of December 2015/January 2016 be noted.

101d Accessible route to the Hospital

Those present considered the contents of an email from Mrs Payne regarding the lack of an accessible route from the Town Centre to the Hospital.

Recommended – That Councillor Nicholson investigate this issue and see what improvements can be made.

101e Highfield Community Association

Agreed – That the letter of thanks in respect of the donation of a raffle prize be noted.

101f Public Consultation on draft Cumbria County Council Plan and Budget

Resolved – That a response to this consultation not be made.

102 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the office closes at 12 noon on Christmas Eve and re-opens on Monday 4 January 2016.

103 Flooding

The clerk gave a verbal update on the effect the floods had had on town council assets.

Resolved – That the actions taken to date be endorsed.

104 Proposed Car Parking Charges Consultation

Allerdale Borough Council is proposing to make a number of changes to the charges and operation of its car parks.

Resolved – That the consultation paper be completed and returned.

105 Double Mills

Agreed – That it be noted that Double Mills Youth Hostel will be handed back to the Town Council on 1 December 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm