

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 18 February 2015 at 7.00pm

Members

J Laidlow (Deputy Mayor)

I Burns

L Davies

E Nicholson

S Standage

S Coates

A Kennon

A Smith

Apologies for absence were received from councillors C M Jackson, A Graham, P Graham & C Smith.

Also Present: Melissa Reynard, Ian McCoy & Paul Wealden, United Utilities, 1 member of the press & Joe Broomfield.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Melissa Reynard, Ian McCoy & Paul Wealden from United Utilities regarding the West Cumbria Future Strategy Project.

United Utilities were proposing to invest £300 million piping water from Thirlmere to West Cumbria due to an identified supply/demand deficit due to the extraction licence at Ennerdale being revoked. It was anticipated that the scheme would be complete by 2022.

127 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Last meeting held on 22 January 2015 & to receive the minutes of the last Town Twinning Advisory Committee held on 26 January 2015.

Resolved – (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 be signed as a correct record.

(b) That the minutes of the Town Twinning Advisory Committee held on 26 January 2015 be noted.

128 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 A Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader.

129 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor was not present at the meeting. Details of his engagements will be circulated at the next meeting.

130 Police

The Police were unable to attend the meeting.

A copy of their report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

131 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

132 Planning Matters

132a Planning Applications

2/2015/0039

Listed building consent for single storey side extension and rebuild rear extension to house bio mass boiler and stores

The Fitz, Fitz Road

Recommended – Approval

2/2014/0864 (as amended)

Single storey extension to provide kitchen and dining room and adjoining raised Patio

19 Isel Road

Recommended – Approval

2/2105/0051

Replace existing door to side elevation with white upvc

The Fletcher Christian Tavern, 55 Main Street

Recommended – Recommend approval subject to brown upvc being used as this will match the brown aluminium windows

The following responses were sent to the Planning Authority prior to the February meeting due to time constraints:-

2/2015/0029

Advertisement banners in several locations on Main Street

Recommend – Approval subject to the removal of the use of banner sites on the

gable end of 32 Crown Street and 46 Market Place

2/2015/0036

Single storey extension to provide bedroom, en-suite wet room and day room

15 The Parklands

Recommend – Approval

132b Tree Works

Recommended – (a) That various tree works proposed at 20, Fell View be supported.

(b) That the removal of branches from an overhanging oak at 5, Parklands be Deferred pending the receipt of a site location plan.

132c Tree Works

Resolved – That Mr Elkerton be given landlord permission to remove overhanging branches on tree marked A and B on the plan provided, crown reduce tree A by 30%, remove saplings and prune bushes and rhododendrons subject to works being given approval by Allerdale Borough Council and works being carried out by a suitably qualified contractor.

133 Finance

133a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £19,917.65 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

134 Correspondence

134a Closure/relocation of the Registrar's Office in Cockermouth

Those present considered Jim Grisenthwaite's response regarding closure/relocation of the Registrar's Office in Cockermouth.

Resolved – That Mr Grisenthwaite be invited to attend the next meeting of the Town Council.

134b The Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2015

This Order modifies provisions in Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 for the purpose of enabling and facilitating the use of electronic communications in the sending of summonses to members of both principal and parish councils in England to meetings of those authorities.

Members only receive summonses electronically where they consent to it being transmitted by this method and may at any time withdraw their consent.

Agreed – That the content of this Order be noted.

134c Calc Circular

Agreed – That the content of the February 2015 circular be noted.

134d Annual Assembly of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize

Resolved – That due to the current unrest in the Ukraine, Cockermouth Town Council does not attend the 2015 General Assembly in Kharkov between 21-24 May 2015.

134e Street Name for 15 new dwellings, Brigham Road

Recommended – (a) That 'The Moor' as suggested by the developer be rejected as it would cause confusion. The whole area is known locally as The Moor.

(b) That 'Moor Park' be put forward as an acceptable alternative.

135 Clerks Report

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

136 Toilets on Harris Park & The Memorial Gardens

Allerdale are proposing to re-open the toilets in Harris Park for the Easter holidays and open at weekends thereafter through the summer period and only open the toilets in the Memorial Gardens upon request for events held in the Memorial Gardens.

Recommended – That these proposals be accepted. Members felt that this was a better option than complete closure.

137 Banner Policy

Resolved – That the draft banner policy be adopted subject to the clarification of points 2 and 5 by Cumbria County Council and the deletion of point 7.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm