

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 7.00pm

## Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns  
A Kennon  
D Malloy  
S Nicholson  
A Tyson

L Davies  
J Laidlow  
E Nicholson  
A Smith

Apologies: K Scales & R Hanson

Also Present: A member of the Press, a police representative, J Broomfield & 3 members of the public

**156 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2017**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2017 be signed as a correct record.

**157 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 2 February 2017**

Resolved – The minutes of the Special Planning Council Meeting held on 2 February 2017 be signed as a correct record.

**158 Declaration of Interest**

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

**159 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Panto at the Kirkgate Centre
- Wedding Fair in Town Hall

**160 Police Report**

A police representative attended the meeting.

Fifteen crimes had been reported to the Police since the last meeting.

**161 Public Participation**

There was none.

### **162a Planning Applications**

HOU/2017/0013

To replace windows on the front elevation with double glazed sliding sash windows

39 Mountain View

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0014

Two storey side extension

14 Challoner Street

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2016/00079

Erection of decking and new summerhouse

46, Fitz Road

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0023

Demolition of existing kitchen and garage. Proposed new kitchen, attached garage and porch. Re-submission of 2/2016/0093

54 Towers Lane

Recommended – Approval

### **162b Tree Works**

Those present expressed concern at the gradual reduction of trees on this site.

Recommended – (a) That T3 be crown reduced.

(b) That T19.4 & T20.1 be not felled

### **162c Conservation Area**

2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first introduction of conservation areas in the UK through the Civic Amenities Act 1967.

The current Cockermouth Conservation Area was established in 1975.

There are currently 1,486 properties within the Cockermouth Conservation Area.

The Civic Trust has received a grant of £200 from the IHBC Conservation Areas Anniversary Fund to produce a booklet.

Resolved – That councillors S Standage & J Laidlow be nominated as town council representatives on the working group established to:-

- Work with Allerdale Borough Council to review the recommendations from the Cockermouth Conservation Area Character Appraisal and draw up an implementation plan as appropriate
- Work with Allerdale Borough Council to review the Conservation Area boundaries as recommended
- To support the Civic Trust in the production and distribution of the Conservation Area booklet

#### **162d 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 Development Plan Document identifies sites necessary to meet the Borough's development needs to 2029, as set out in the Strategic and Development Management Policies DPD (Allerdale Local Plan Part 1).

Comments on the policies outlined, the sites selected and the alternative sites identified but discounted are requested.

Recommended - That the Town Council's comments be submitted as soon as practicable.

#### **163 Finance**

##### **163a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £23,555.33 be formally approved for payment.

##### **163b Neighbourhood Watch**

Those present considered a £50 donation to Sue Cowperthwaite, a volunteer co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch towards the cost of paper/envelopes/ink.

Resolved - (a) That Sue Cowperthwaite be provided with a ream of paper and a small supply of envelopes.

(b) That Sue Cowperthwaite be signposted towards funding provided by the Police Commissioner

### **163c External Audit**

Resolved – (a) That 2016/17 external audit arrangements remain the same.

(b) That it be noted that PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP has been appointed Cumbria's external auditor for 2017-2022.

### **164 Correspondence**

#### **164a Bridge End Court Residents' Association**

After the 2015 flood, Bridge End Court Residents' Association were given a quantity of daffodil bulbs.

Around 4,000 bulbs remain unplanted.

Bridge End Court Residents' Association would like the Town Council to plant the remaining bulbs in the Memorial Gardens within sight of Bridge End Court.

Resolved – That councillor Malloy examine the bulbs and report on their condition prior to a decision being made to plant.

#### **164b Review of Waste Crunch Service**

Allerdale Borough Council currently provides a monthly community skip or 'crunch' service in Silloth, Aspatria and Cockermouth.

The crunch service is provided in addition to kerbside collection and bulky waste collection service that operates uniformly across the borough.

Allerdale is proposing to end the crunch service as of 1 April 2017 as they feel the service is no longer viable.

Resolved – This item was subsequently withdrawn.

#### **164c CALC Circular**

Agreed – That the content of the February 2017 Calc Circular be noted.

### **165 Clerks Report**

Agreed - That the contents of the report be noted.

### **166 Town Centre Budget**

Those present discussed how the remaining £7k budget should be spent.

Recommended – That the Town Centre Manager provides artwork for either a mural or hand drawn sign to be placed on the gable end of the Art & Craft Shop

which encourages footfall to Market Place.

**167 Annual Risk Assessment 2016/17**

Resolved – That the content of 2016/17 risk assessment be noted subject Cllr Malloy's amendments.

**168 Wedding Hire**

Resolved – That the terms and conditions of hire of the Town Hall for Weddings be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm