

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 8 July 2015 at 7.00pm

### Members

J Laidlow (Mayor)

I Burns  
A Kennon  
E Nicholson  
K Scales  
S Standage

C M Jackson  
D Malloy  
S Nicholson  
A Smith  
A Tyson

Apologies for absence was received from councillors Burns, Davies & Jackson.

Also Present: 1 member of the press, a police representative & 1 member of the public.

**27 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 June 2015**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 be signed as a correct record.

**28 Declaration of Interest**

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

Councillor E Nicholson declared a pecuniary interest in item 14 relating the Christmas Lights contract due to being a Director of the Company awarded the current contract.

Councillor S Nicholson declared a pecuniary interest in item 14 relating the Christmas Lights contract due to being employed by the current contractor

**29 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Banner Competition Winners Presentation
- Art Exhibition, Cockermouth School
- Harmonics Concert
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at Cockermouth School
- Flimby Carnival

The Deputy Mayor attended the Children's Day Garden Trail and VE Day March.

Julie congratulated Luke Greenbank on his fantastic achievements in Baku. She wished him well in Rio 2016.

### **30 Police Report**

PCSO Brown attended the meeting.

Seven crimes and four incidents of anti-social behaviour were had occurred in All Saints Ward since the last meeting.

Eleven crimes and three incidents of anti-social behaviour had occurred in Christchurch Ward since the last meeting.

Councillor Standage expressed his concern regarding the number of assaults which had occurred.

PCSO Brown reassured those present that the majority of crimes and reported incidents of anti-social behaviour had resulted in positive action being taken.

### **31 Public Participation**

David Cornwall asked the following question:-

‘What plans do the Town Council have for promoting the town in September during the visit of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race?’

The Mayor gave the following answer:-

Cumbria will host two stages of the Aviva Tour of Britain.

Stage 3 of the UK’s biggest professional cycle race will depart from our Main Street at 10.15am on Tuesday 8 September 2015 (from opposite Leslie Cleelands) and head along the Coast before finishing in Kelso.

Cumbria County Council has agreed to sponsor the 2015 race with organisers Sweetspot. They will be working with local delivery partners to make the most of the event.

This is a huge opportunity for Cockermonth and we need to make the most of this event from a tourist and economic perspective.

Our Tourist Information is already acting as a point of contact for interested persons wishing to know more about the event, they are promoting places to stay, places to eat, places to visit locally.

The Tour of Britain will run a media/PR campaign with Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Tourism. A Cumbria media event is being planned for late July. Details of the local area will be included in the official Tour of Britain Programme. Material relating to the local area will also be included in the ITV highlights programme.

Active Cumbria are pushing information and education packs to schools.

The Town Council is also hoping that Cumbria County Council will take up our offer of use of our 19 banner poles to publicise the event. They are currently seeking the cost of bespoke banners.

The Town Council will also ensure that all parties work together to ensure Cockermouth looks its best on the day so visitors enjoy their stay and are encouraged to return.

## **32 Planning Matters**

### **32a Planning Applications**

2/2015/0346

Change of use of part of former police station from C3 to A3 (café restaurant) including installation of new railings to front, widening door to form fire exit and installation of an extraction flue

Former Police Station, Main Street

Recommended - approval

2/2105/0364

Construction of a free standing conservatory

41 Derwentside Gardens

Recommended - approval

2/2015/0361

Listed building consent to re-roof/repair slate roof, make chimneys weather tight, install new roof lights to rear elevation and repair/convert attic space

Bridge End House, Gote Road

Recommended - Approval

2/2015/0362 & 0363

Advertisement consent for the replacement of existing external signs  
Trout Hotel

Recommended - Approval

2/2015/0368

Proposed first floor side addition over existing garage

13 Parkside Avenue

Recommended - Approval

2/2015/0381(as amended)

Advertisement consent for 1 illuminated fascia and 1 illuminated projecting sign and new illuminated ATM surround

Natwest, 23 Station Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0384

Erection of new single storey extension containing utility room and wc and erection of a new detached car port

Ruddbank, Skinner Street

Recommended - Approval

### **32b Tree Works**

Recommended – That the felling of 10 trees, Steeple View, Windmill Close be agreed.

### **33 Finance**

#### **33a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £7008.23 be formally approved for payment.

#### **33b Budget Comparison**

Agreed – That the contents of the financial budget comparison between 1 April 2015 -30 June 2015 be agreed.

### **34 Correspondence**

#### **34a Assets of Community Value**

The 2011 Localism Act allows community groups to identify assets that are of value to the local community and nominate these for inclusion on a list of assets maintained by the Borough Council. If a listed asset comes up for sale, eligible community groups will have up to six months in which to make a bid to buy.

Resolved – That the Town Council registers the Memorial Gardens and Harris Park as assets of community value under the 2011 Localism Act.

### **34b Review of 'Bring Sites'**

Allerdale Borough Council has conducted a review of 'bring sites' across the Borough. They discovered that due to the expansion of doorstep collections there has been a dramatic fall in the demand for plastic and cardboard.

Plastic recycling skips are being removed from 'bring sites' and current card and paper containers are being replaced by paper only containers.

Small scale solutions were being investigated for the 250 houses not able to receive door step collections due to their location.

Agreed – That the changes be noted.

### **34c Banner Poles**

Those present considered a request from CN Events to use banner poles 1,2,5,6,9,10,13,14,17 & 18 to promote Taste Cumbria between 8 – 27 September 2015.

Resolved – That permission be granted to C N Events to use banner poles 1,2,5,6,9,10,13,14,17 & 18 to promote Taste Cumbria between 8-27 September 2015.

### **35 Clerks Report**

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

(b) That a VJ commemoration service be held at the Cenotaph on Saturday 15 August at 2pm.

(c) That the Town Clerk enters into negotiations with the Centre for Leadership Performance regarding the use of the former Mayors Chamber on the first floor.

### **36 Tour of Britain**

Those present discussed the Tour of Britain.

Resolved – (a) That the Town Council assist the Chamber of Trade to put Up/take bunting down for the Tour of Britain.

(b) That the Mayo Statue be cleaned prior to the Tour of Britain.

(c) That Cockermouth Town Council pays for Tour of Britain banners to be taken up/taken down from the banner poles on the Main Street.

(d) That a feature be made of the Mayo Monument on Main Street prior to and during the Tour of Britain.

### **37 Private Garden and Allotments Award Evening**

Resolved – (a) That judging this year be based on the old ward boundaries.

(b) That arrangements be made to carry out the judging as soon as practicable.

(c) That early discussions take place regarding the arrangements for the 2016 private gardens and allotments competition.

### **38 Memorial Garden Fencing**

Resolved – That the Environment Agency be requested to remove the temporary fencing in the Memorial Gardens surrounding the bund as soon as practicable.

### **39 Contract for Christmas Lights**

Resolved – That the erection of the 2015/2016 Christmas Lights be placed out to competitive tender as soon as practicable.

### **40 Visit to Police Commissioner**

Councillors E Nicholson, S Nicholson, I Burns & S Standage meet the Police Commissioner in the Town Hall on 29 June 2015.

The Police Commissioner confirmed that the Police Station would stay in Cockerforth for the foreseeable future. He further stated that Police operations fell under the remit of the Chief Constable.

Resolved – That a meeting be arranged with the Chief Constable to discuss future policing in Allerdale.

### **41 Cockerforth Town Centre Funding for 2015/16**

Those present considered the Town Centre Area Manager's report.

Only £4,600 of the 2014/15 allocation had been spent. £5,400 remained.

The Town Centre Manager requested ideas for the £10k 2015/16 allocation.

Allerdale Borough Council's markets consultation will run until 24 July 2015.

The annual Cockerforth Town Centre clean took place on 26 June 2015.

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

(b) That the cycle racks be fitted at various locations on the Main Street at a cost of £1600.

(c) That the Town Centre Area Manager arranges a deep clean of the toilets on Main Street.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm