

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 17 June 2015 at 7.00pm

Members

J Laidlow (Mayor)

I Burns	C M Jackson
A Kennon	D Malloy
E Nicholson	S Nicholson
K Scales	A Smith
S Standage	A Tyson

An apology for absence was received from councillor L Davies.

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

17 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 May 2015

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2015 be signed as a correct record.

18 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 non-pecuniary interest in item 11 relating Tarn Close Sports Ground.

Councillor C M Jackson declared an other registrable interest in item 7 due to being a member of the Development Panel.

19 Mayors Announcements

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

- The 5th Wigton Art Exhibition
- The 150th anniversary of Christchurch
- The 1st birthday of Highfield Community Centre
- Civic Reception for 12 children from Chernobyl

20 Police Report

PCSO Peter Crome attended the meeting.

PCSO Crome explained that he was covering Cockermouth and Aspatria temporarily due to the resignation of Lyndsey Tuck.

He stated that as far as he was aware there were no plans to close Cockermouth Police Station, however there were plans to deploy Cockermouth Officers from Workington from the end of the month.

21 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

22 Planning Matters

22a Planning Applications

2/2015/0303

Removal of front wall, gate posts and cast iron gate and replacement with sandstone wall rendered with lime render on road facing side with railings along front boundary wall, cast iron gate posts and replacement cast iron gate

5 Fern Bank

Recommended – Refusal, materials out of character

2/2015/0309

Replacement of 3 sash windows to flat 6 with new double glazed wooden windows

Flat 6, Anderson Court, Sullart Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0321

Replace existing timber windows with white upvc

5 Derwent Court

This application was withdrawn

Proposed smart metering network equipment, Cockermouth ATE, South Street

Recommended – approval

2/2015/0334

Demolition and rebuild of single storey rear extension to provide new kitchen and disabled shower room

7 Kirkfell

Recommended – approval

2/2015/0341

Listed building consent for a rear porch extension and internal alterations

41 Kirkgate

Recommended - approval

22b Tree Works

Agreed – That the approval of various tree works, 11 The Parklands be noted.

23 Finance

23a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £14,077.59 be formally approved for payment.

23b Internal Audit

Agreed – That the contents of the internal auditors report for the period 1st -31 March 2015 be noted and the Town Clerk and her assistant be thanked for their methodical production of documents.

23b Accounts for the Year ending March 2015

Resolved – That the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 be agreed and accepted subject to audit.

23c Audit Commission Return for the Year ended 2015

Resolved – (a) That Section 1 of the annual return relating to the Statement Accounts be formally certified and the accounts approved and duly signed by the Clerk/RFO and the Chairman.

(b) That section 2 of the Annual Return relating to the Annual Governance Statement be also formally approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

(c) That it be noted that Section 4 of the Annual Return has been duly completed by our internal auditor.

(d) That it be noted that the required notice concerning the appointment of date for the exercise of electors rights has been displayed.

(e) That it be noted that the Clerk will send the documentation required by the external auditor as soon as practicable.

24 Correspondence

24a Banner Poles

Those present considered a retrospective application from Cockermouth Festivals 30 June 2015 to display banners advertising Cockermouth Live!

Resolved – That retrospective consent be given to use lampposts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 & 16 between 12 – 30 June 2015 to display banners advertising Cockermouth Live!

24b The Local Government (Religious etc. Observances) Act 2015

The 2015 Act introduces new provisions which confer discretionary powers on Councils to include time for prayers or religious observance connected with a religious or philosophical belief.

Agreed – That the new powers be noted.

24c Closure of Cockermouth Police Station

The Police and Crime Commissioner stated in his letter of 29 May 2015 that no decision has been taken to close Cockermouth Police Station and that the deployment of police officers was an operation police matter and as such was the responsibility of the Chief Constable. He confirmed that he was happy to meet members of the Town Council.

Resolved – That councillors E Nicholson, S Nicholson, S Standage & I Burns meet the Police and Crime Commissioner at 10.00am on 29 June 2015.

24d Malcolm Wilson Rally

Those present considered a letter from Mr Siddall who was expressing concern that the Rally was not staged in Cockermouth this year.

Resolved – (a) That the Town Clerk contacts the Rally Organiser regarding next years event.

(b) That the Town Clerk contacts the Forestry Commission regarding fees.

24e Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the June 2015 circular be noted.

24f Charity Canoe

Recommended – That permission be granted for 25 firefighters to canoe down the Derwent from Derwentwater to Workington on Sunday 23 August 2015 as part of a charity fundraising event.

25 Clerks Report

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

(b) That two refurbished benches be donated to the League of Friends to be sited in the grounds of the new hospital.

Resolved – That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to legal issues being discussed.

26 Tarn Close Sports Ground

Resolved – That the contents of the draft 30 year lease be agreed and the lease sealed by the Mayor.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm