

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at 7.00pm

#### Members

J Laidlow (Mayor)

I Burns

C M Jackson

S Nicholson

A Smith

L Davies

D Malloy

K Scales

A Tyson

Apologies: E Nicholson, A Kennon & S Standage

Also Present: 1 member of the Police, 1 member of the press, 1 member of the public & Julie Ward.

The meeting was preceded by a meeting with the Wyldwood Theatre Group.

#### **138 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 February 2016**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2016 be signed as a correct record.

#### **139 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the 33rd Anniversary Sub Committee Meetings held on 9 & 23 February 2016**

Resolved – That the minutes of the 33rd Anniversary Sub Committee meetings held on 9 & 23 February be signed as a correct record.

#### **140 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in any item relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being the leader and a non-pecuniary interest in Planning application 2/2106/0034 due to its close proximity to his home.

Councillor L Davies declared an other registrable interest in item 8 due to being a substitute member of Development Panel.

Councillor C M Jackson declared an other registrable interest in item 8 due to being a member of the Development Panel.

#### **141 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Mayor of Workington's Civic Dinner
- Young Speakers Competition at the United Reform Church
- Malcolm Wilson Rally

- Flag Raising, Town Hall on Commonwealth Day

## **142 Police Report**

The police report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

There were 22 crimes in the Cockermouth area and 14 incidents of anti-social behaviour during February 2016.

## **143 Public Participation**

There was none.

## **144a Planning Matters**

Comments have already been sent regarding the following planning applications due to time constraints:-

2/2016/0051

Change of use of Apple Tree House to nursery and forming new link block, Strawberry How Nursery, Strawberry How Road

Recommended – No objections

2/2016/0065

Replacement of front door and side door

8 Sullart Street

Recommended – No objections

2/2016/0086

Installation of public art statue

Land adjacent to Fitz Park, Low Road

Recommended – No objections

2/2016/0091

Relocation of one advertising sign along Low Road

Land adjacent to Fitz Park, Low Road

Recommended – No objection

2/2016/0093

Demolition of existing kitchen extension and detached garage with proposed new kitchen and attached garage extension

Recommended – No objection

2/2016/0094

Single storey extension to provide dining and utility room

1, Laureates Lane

Recommended – No objection

**The following planning applications were considered at the meeting:-**

2/2016/0044 & 2/2016/0046 (additional information relating to indicative adoption plan and proposed balustrade path)

Confirmation of public access over footway indicative plan and balustrades to New Street Gate and Derwent Street Gate

Recommended – refusal whilst gates are in situ as unneighbourly.

2/2016/0095

Three single dwellings

The Rectory, Lorton Road

Recommend – refusal massing constitutes overdevelopment

2/2016/0100

Listed building consent for new quarry tiles floor finish and reinstate original opening width, install flood defence measures, revise wc layout, install new and replace existing roof light

Wordsworth House, Main Street

Recommend – approval

2/2016/0106

Two storey rear and side extension to provide additional bedroom and extended living space

9 Parkside Avenue

Recommended – Refusal overdevelopment, unneighbourly

2/2016/0131

Variation of condition 2 on planning approval 2/2014/0160 to update the site plan showing revised car parking and jet wash bay locations and a retaining wall around the perimeter of the site

Oakhurst Service Station, Lamplugh Road

Recommended - approval

2/2016/0142

Attic conversion to insert 3 roof windows and demolition of the rear outshot shared chimney

19 Wordsworth Terrace

Recommend – approval

2/2016/0148

Listed building consent for the replacement of areas of flood damaged flooring in restaurant and lounge

Trout Hotel

Recommended - approval

## **145 Finance**

### **145a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £3,399.00 be formally approved for payment.

## **146 Correspondence**

### **146a West, North & East Cumbria Success Regime**

The West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime was established to help create the right conditions for high quality health and social care to develop in this area. Its aim is to secure improvement by introducing new care models where appropriate, developing leadership capacity and capability across the health care system and ensuring collaborative working.

Those present were urged to consider the emerging ideas contained within their progress report and to feed back any ideas or thoughts.

Agreed – That the situation be monitored.

**146b CALC Circular**

Agreed – That the contents of the March 2016 CALC circular be noted.

**146c Grants to Local Organisations**

Resolved – (a) That a donation of £447 be made to the Mechanics Band towards travel costs to Petworth in October 2016.

(b) That a donation of £100 be made to Wyldwood Theatre Group towards the cost of their production.

**146d CCTV**

The CCTV Scheme (first phase) is currently comprised of 53 cameras all linked back to a monitoring suite at Police Headquarters in Penrith.

It is possible to expand the scheme by adding additional cameras if they are fully funded in full by the requestor. In addition, any proposed camera will have to satisfy the Surveillance Commissioner's criteria for locating a camera.

Resolved – That CCTV in Cockermouth be discussed with the new Police and Crime Commissioner following the May 2016 elections.

**146e Registration of Mines & Minerals**

Those present considered the contents of a letter from Mr R Jenkinson regarding Notices of an application by the Second Baron Egremont and Seventh Baron Leconfield to Register Mines and Minerals in Cockermouth.

Agreed – That the contents of the letter be noted.

**146f Society of Local Council Clerks**

The Society of Local Council Clerks were writing to members to explain important changes to their Society's legal status which they believed were essential to protect their long term future.

Agreed – That the changes be noted.

**146g Memorial Gardens**

The Town Council considered a request from Churches Together to use the Memorial Gardens for various activities during Holy Week.

Resolved – That Churches Together be allowed to use the Memorial Gardens during Holy Week.

**146h The Role of Hatcheries in River Derwent**

The Derwent Owners' Association had formed a Hatchery Sub Group to examine the potential role of hatcheries in increasing juvenile fish stocks in the River Derwent.

A voting form containing 3 proposals had been sent to each riparian owners/local angling association

Resolved – That all 3 proposals be supported.

**146i Hedge, Towers Lane**

Those present considered a letter of complaint from Mr Bowen regarding on-going damage to the hedge between 42 Towers Lane and the Towers Lane Play Area by the occupant of 42, Towers Lane.

Resolved – That the occupant of 42 Towers Lane be reminded that he should not be carrying out works to the hedge without our consent.

**147 Clerks Report**

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

**148 Gote Bridge**

Resolved – That the Environment Agency be contacted regarding the opening up of the left hand side arch of Gote Bridge.

**149 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Since April 2012, local communities have been able to produce Neighbourhood Plans for their local area, putting in place planning policies for the future development and growth of their neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. A plan may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance to a local area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to examination and referendum and then form part of the Local Development Plan. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than some other local planning documents such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan represents a serious commitment.

The Town Council needs to carefully weigh the opportunities against the time/cost implications and come to a balanced view. Possible sources of help need to be identified.

Julie Ward explained how Allerdale Borough Council could assist in the process.

Resolved – (a) That this issue be considered further.

(b) That a report be submitted to the next town council meeting outlining the process, potential costs, grant funding available, details of other Neighbourhood Plans etc

**150 Effectiveness of Internal Audit**

Resolved – That Mrs G D Airey continue to be employed as our Internal Auditor.

**151 Annual Risk Assessment**

Resolved – That the contents of the annual risk assessment be agreed.

**152 Review of Fees and Charges & Annual Staff Salaries/Conditions Review**

Resolved – (a) That the recommended fees and charges for 2016/17 be agreed.

(b) That the annual staff salaries/conditions review be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm