

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

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns

R Hanson

D Malloy

A Smith

L Davies

J Laidlow

S Nicholson

A Tyson

Apologies: K Scales, E Nicholson, A Kennon

Also Present: A member of the Press, a police representative, several representatives from United Utilities & one member of the public

173 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 15 February 2017

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 February 2017 be signed as a correct record.

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

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

175 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor D Malloy declared a prejudicial interest in item 12 due to being an employee of United Utilities and planning application 2/2017/0066 due to being employed by United Utilities and being a shareholder of Mitchells. He left the room whilst both items were being discussed.

Councillor S Nicholson declared a prejudicial interest in item 8c due his father being the agent. He left the room whilst the item was discussed.

176 Mayors Announcements

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

- Workington Town Council's Civic Dinner
- Raising of Commonwealth Flag, Allerdale House

177 Police Report

A police representative attend the meeting.

Eighteen crimes had been reported to the police for the month of February.

178 Public Participation

There was none.

179a Planning Applications

HOU/2017/0039

Resubmission of HOU/2017/0004 – internal alterations and formation of 3 no windows (obscure glazing) to first floor glazing

6 Chapel Court

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0048

Listed Building consent for the removal of a chimney stack

Albion House, Albion Yard, Market Place

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0107

Conversion of property into 2 dwellings

55 Kirkgate

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0118

Application for consent to display a single pylon sign

WCF Country Centre, Station Road

Recommended – Refusal out of character, un-neighbourly, overdevelopment

2/2017/0119

Application for consent to display 5 fascia adverts, 2 hoarding adverts and a single poster advert

WCF Country Centre, Station Road

Recommended – Refusal out of character, un-neighbourly, overdevelopment

2/2017/0066

Proposed temporary contractors compound for 5 years

Land to North of Lakeland Agricultural Centre, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0045

Retrospective application for replacement of front and back doors with flood resilient doors

4, 5, 6, 7, 9 & 11 Cocktons Yard

Recommended - Approval

179b James Walker Site

Recommended – That the James Walker site be allocated as an employment site in The Allerdale Site Allocations Development Plan

179c Tree Works

Recommended – That the application to pollard the Main Street and Market Street trees be approved.

180 Finance

180a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £10,645.00 be formally approved for payment.

180b Cumbria Dyslexia Project

Resolved – That no grant be given to the Cumbria Dyslexia Project due to the application not complying with our grant giving policy.

180c Cockermouth Harmonic Society

Resolved – That Cockermouth Harmonic Society be given £100 towards the cost of a high quality 150th anniversary commemorative concert programme.

181 Correspondence

181a 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 ISS Waterers be instructed to plant the daffodils in the Memorial Gardens opposite Bridge End Court.

181b Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Allerdale Borough Council.

Their draft recommendations propose that Allerdale's 49 councillors should represent five single-councillor wards, seven two councillor wards and ten three councillor wards across the Borough.

Agreed – That the recommendations be noted.

181c CALC Circular

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

182 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the Town Clerk write to Mrs Dalzell to inform her that her concerns have been noted but that the Town Council will not be re-planting in her garden.

183 Thirlmere Reservoir

Carl Sanders, United Utilities gave a detailed presentation updating the Town Council regarding the current situation. Work was due to start in June 2017 and completion was expected in 2021/22. It was anticipated that 70 metres of pipeline would be completed each day.

Members also received a detailed presentation from Tony Elliot, United Utilities regarding the proposed improvements to the wastewater network in Cockermouth. Work was due to be completed by end March 2018.

Agreed – That the contents of both presentations be noted.

184 Flood Alleviation

Agreed – that consideration of this item be deferred pending the attendance of Sue Cashmore.

185 Main Street Improvement Scheme

Councillor Malloy expressed his frustration regarding the poor management/implementation of projects in Cockermouth by Cumbria County Council and the impact delays had caused to local traders.

Resolved – That a letter of concern be sent to the Chief Executive, Cumbria County Council.

Resolved –

That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded for the following item due to staffing issues being discussed.

186 To review the salaries of the Tourist Information Staff

The community asset transfer of the library and relocation of the tourist information Centre will result in tic staff taking on additional duties. Those present took the Opportunity to review the salaries of the Tourist Information staff.

Resolved – (a) That Julia Hindle's resignation as of 31 March be noted.

(b) That Trish Underwood be appointed TIC/Library Manager as of 1 April 2017 commencing on scp 14, Scale 3

(c) That both TIC/Library assistants' salaries be increased to scp 10, scale 1 (fixed)

(d) That an additional casual TIC/Library Trainee be appointed to assist on Saturdays and Bank Holidays on scp 6, Scale 1

The meeting closed at 8.25pm