

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 7.00pm

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns
R Hanson
J Laidlow
E Nicholson
K Scales
A Tyson

L Davies
A Kennon
D Malloy
S Nicholson
A Smith

Apologies: Police representative

Also Present: 1 member of the Press, Joe Broomfield, Joan Ellis & a representative from Tellemachus.

79 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 22 September 2016

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 22 September 2016 be signed as a correct record.

80 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 6 October 2016

Resolved – The minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held on 6 October 2016 be signed as a correct record.

81 Declaration of Interest

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

82 Mayors Announcements

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

- Civic Service, Wigton
- Civic Service, Silloth
- Opening of Zebra, South Street

83 Police Report

A police representative was unable to attend the meeting. The Town Clerk circulated their usual report for information.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk write to the Chief Constable regarding poor police attendance at meetings and their inept report.

84 Public Participation

There was none.

85 Planning Matters

HOU/2016/0021

Two storey extension to side and front above garage

9 Lowscales Drive

Recommended – Approval

2/2016/0628

Listed building consent for installation of gas fire, combi boiler, flue and central Heating

33a Kirkgate

Recommended – Approval

2/2016/0634

Advertisement consent for 2 free standing signs

Land at Wakefield Road

Recommended - Defer pending the validation of the application for the new dental practice.

2/2016/0659

Variation of condition 2 for site layout and elevational changes; and variation of condition 10 relating to construction management of planning approval 2/2016/0276 Plot 3, Holmewood Mews, Lamplugh Road

Recommended - Approval

86 Finance

86a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £16,934.72 be formally approved for payment.

86b Interim Report by the Internal Auditor

Resolved – (a) That the content of the Internal Auditor’s report for the period 1st April 2016 – 30 September 2016 be agreed and noted.

(b) That the Town Clerk be congratulated on her high standard of record keeping.

87 Correspondence

87a Friends of Chernobyl’s Children

Agreed – That the letter of thanks be noted.

87b CALC Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the October 2016 Calc Circular be noted.

87c Healthcare For The Future

Those present considered the content of a public consultation document entitled ‘Healthcare for the Future’ which outlined possible changes to health services in West, North and East Cumbria.

Councillor Hanson and Debbie Taylor are offering a support services for any individuals who would like help to return a high quality response to the consultation.

Resolved – That all twelve members of Cockermouth Town Council respond individually to this consultation document and that as many people as possible be encouraged to express their views on the various options.

87d Electoral Review of Allerdale Borough Council : Warding Arrangements

The Local Government Boundary Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the Borough. At present, some borough councillors represent many more, or many fewer electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the borough. The review aims to correct those imbalances.

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Allerdale Borough Council. In particular it will propose:

- The total number of councillors, elected to the Allerdale Borough Council in the future
- The number of wards
- The number of councillors representing each ward
- Ward boundaries
- Names of wards

The Commission is minded to recommend that 48 Borough Councillors should be elected to Allerdale Borough Council in the future.

The ten week consultation ends on 5 December 2016.

After considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in February 2017.

Final recommendations are expected to be published in June 2017. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2019.

Recommended – That Cockermouth Town Council supports the reduction of the number of councillors elected to Allerdale Borough Council from 56 to 48.

88 Clerks Report

Agreed – That the contents of the report be noted.

89 Cockermouth CCTV System

Those present considered a report produced by Tellemachus, an expert in IT and electronic security which clarified the potential feasibility and costs for deploying CCTV cameras in Cockermouth.

Each camera site will accommodate a PTZ CCTV camera which can be programmed with tours and pre-set positions as well as being remotely controlled from the CCTV monitoring centre in Penrith. The cameras will connect to a ruggedised switch and power supplies housed in an IP rated water proofed wall cabinet. Wireless will be utilised to connect the camera back to the Town Hall, where appropriate FTTC Internet Broadband will be provisioned. A secure VPN will be established using the internet connection for connection of the cameras to the existing Video Management System equipment and infrastructure located at Penrith.

Costs were as follows:-

Supply and installation	£47,400 (excl VAT)
Support and Maintenance	£3,187.50 per annum
Monitoring	£1,000 per annum

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

(b) That due to the cost implications, CCTV be not pursued at the present time.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm