

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

Members

J Laidlow (Mayor)

I Burns
A Kennon
E Nicholson
A Smith
A Tyson

L Davies
D Malloy
K Scales
S Standage

Apologies for absence were received from councillors C M Jackson & S Nicholson

Also Present: One member of the press, one member of the public

58 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 August 2015

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2015 be signed as a correct record.

59 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor D Malloy declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being employed by United Utilities.

60 Mayors Announcements

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

- Aviva Tour of Britain
- Wordsworth House Tour of Britain Celebrations
- Private Gardens and Allotments Award Ceremony
- Civic Service in St Joseph's
- Sainsbury's Charity Tour of Britain Bike Ride
- Sainsbury's Tour of Britain Children's Colouring Competition Prize Presentation

61 Police Report

The Police were not present at the meeting, their report was circulated prior to the meeting.

62 Public Participation

There was none.

63a Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

2/2015/0457

First floor extension over existing garage with small external balcony to rear and forming new porch to front elevation with bathroom above.

Amendment – existing and proposed plans and elevations

22 Deer Orchard Close Cockermouth

Recommended - no objections

2/2015/0493

Proposed first floor extension

12 Thirlmere Avenue

Recommended - no objections

2/2015/0504

Erections of a porch

5 Greenbank Lane Cockermouth

Recommended - No Objections

2/2015/0507

Conversion of existing garage and first floor extension above the existing garage.

9 Simonscales Lane Cockermouth

Recommended - no objections

The following applications were considered at the meeting:-

2/2015/0525

Replace single glazed wooden windows with double glazed upvc sliding sash

5 Rubby Banks Road

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0533

Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling/bungalow
20 Laithwaite Close

Recommended – Approval subject to no trees being removed without an arboriculturist assessment.

2/2015/0537

Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 2/2015/0233 to amend house type and garage block, Plot 1

Holmewood Residential Home, Lamplugh Road

Recommended – Approval

2/2015/0538

Variation of condition 2 to planning approval 2/2015/0094 to amend house types and garage block, plots 2 & 3

Holmewood Residential Home, Lamplugh Road

Recommended - Approval

63b Memorial Gardens

It has been brought to the attention of the Town Council that works have been carried out to the trees/bushes to the rear of 4,5,6, Riverside Terrace without residents obtaining consent from either the Town Council as landowner or the Planning Authority.

Allerdale Borough Council have been advised of the breach but are reluctant to take enforcement action.

Resolved – That the draft letter attached to the agenda be sent to all properties in Riverside Terrace and Derwentside Gardens that back on to the Memorial Gardens.

63c Tree Works

Agreed – That the refusal of a proposal to fell a beech and an oak, 2 South Lodge be noted.

64 Finance

64a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £16,338.53 be formally approved for payment.

64b Audit for the Year ended 31 March 2015

There were no matters requiring attention.

Resolved – (a) That the annual return be approved and accepted.

(b) That the annual return and notice of conclusion of audit be displayed in a conspicuous place for 14 days as soon as practicable.

65 Correspondence

65a Friends of Chernobyl's Children

Agreed – That the letter of thanks be noted.

65b Isel Road Play Area and Wakefield Road Car Park

Title CU132106 was transferred to Cockermouth Town Council on 29 March 2012.

Part of this title was being used by Cockermouth School as a Millennium Woodland.

Cockermouth School do not require this area after lease expiry on 18 October 2015.

Those present also considered a request from Allerdale Borough Council to transfer a small area of Wakefield Road Car Park believed to be in the ownership of Cockermouth Town Council to Allerdale Borough Council.

Resolved – (a) That it be noted that Cockermouth School do not require part of title CU132106 as a Millennium Woodland after lease expiry on 18 October 2015.

(b) That the small area of land in Wakefield Road Car Park be not transferred to Allerdale Borough Council but leased to Allerdale Borough Council for use as a car park for a peppercorn rent.

65c Licensing Act 2003

Resolved – That the revised draft policy be supported.

65d NWATRFCC Proposal to Introduce a Bye-Law Requiring Two Salmon per Season Kill Limit Together with Carcass Tagging Scheme across all North West Water.

Due to the serious decline in salmon stocks in all North West Rivers, the North West Angling Trust Fisheries Consultative Council propose that a bye-law be introduced to require all salmon rod anglers on NW waters to observe a two fish per season kill limit together with a carcass tagging scheme.

Recommended – That this proposal be supported.

65e CALC Circular

Agreed – that the contents of the September 2015 CALC circular be agreed.

65f The Re-Use of Public Sector Information

Agreed – That the briefing note regarding The Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations now in force be noted.

65g West Cumbria Water Supply Project

Agreed – That the exhibitions be noted.

66 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the replacement of 3 windows in Victoria Hall be put out to tender.

(c) That the Annual Allotment and Private Garden Awards evening be arranged for 2016. Judging method to be discussed at a future meeting of the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm