

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 22 September 2016 at 7.00pm

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns
A Kennon
D Malloy
S Nicholson
A Tyson

L Davies
J Laidlow
E Nicholson
A Smith

Apologies: K Scales

Also Present: 1 member of the Press

59 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 August 2016

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 August 2016 be signed as a correct record.

60 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor L Davies declared an other registrable interest in item 7 due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel & a pecuniary interest in 16 due to knowing one of the applicants.

Councillor J Laidlow declared a prejudicial interest in item 9c due to being the applicant.

61 Mayors Announcements

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

- Civic Service, Aspatria
- Cass visited the Town Hall
- Raising the red ensign for Merchant Navy Day, Allerdale House
- Civic Service, Christ Church, Cockermouth
- Private Garden and Allotment Awards Evening
- Civic Service, Maryport

62 Police Report

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

63 Public Participation

There was none.

64a Planning Matters

2/2016/0504

Installation of shotcrete waterproof render to the river side face of properties with finish to match existing render

1-4 The Croft, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2016/0549

Change of use to allow mixed use for resource centre and activities

93 Main Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2016/0552

Listed building consent for the placement of 2 no. bollards on cobbled area

Cobbled forecourt, 47a – 51 Kirkgate

Recommended – Refusal out of character in a conservation area

2/2016/0557

Replace an external door to flat

10a Station Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2016/0560

Two storey extension to form living room and bedroom above and associated Hardstanding

8 Dale Close

Recommended - Approval

2/2016/0574

Remedial works to North facing bank following landslip

Cockermouth Castle

Recommended – Approval

Councillor Smith expressed his concern regarding the stability of the existing stone boulders.

2/2016/0585

Replacement windows to block of flats with mix of UPVC sliding sash and casement

Horseman Court, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

64b Tree Works

Recommended – That the proposed tree works at Deer Orchard House, Castlegate be deferred pending a more detailed site plan.

64c Tree Works

Recommended – That the proposed tree works at 17 Low Road Close be approved.

64d Tree Works

Recommended – That the proposed tree works at 24 Low Road Close be approved.

65 Finance

65a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £17,784.73 be formally approved for payment.

65b Conclusion of 2016/17 Audit

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

(b) That the bus shelters acquired in 2016/17 be added to our asset register.

66 Correspondence

66a Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the September 2016 Calc circular be noted.

66b Rotary Club of Cockermouth

Agreed – That the letter of thanks for supporting the Charity Golf Competition be noted.

66c Use of Banner Pole

Resolved – That Firms Home Hardware Ltd be given permission to install their Christmas banner on lamppost 26 during the Christmas illuminations.

66d Town Hall Insurance

Resolved – That the Town Hall buildings insurance be renewed at a cost of £3,592.94

67 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the 21 December 2016 town council meeting be brought forward to Wednesday 14 December 2016.

68 Redundant Telephone Boxes

Councillor Smith expressed his concern at the dirty condition of several redundant telephone boxes in the Town.

Resolved – That the Clerk write to The Community Heartbeat Trust and North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust to request that they be cleaned on a regular basis and enquire when the defibrillators will be fitted.

69 Vehicles for sale on land at the junction of the A66 & A595 Roundabout

Those present considered a complaint relating to vehicles being parked for sale on land adjacent to the A66 and Fitz roundabout (grassed area to the north west of the roundabout).

The vehicles are parked in contravention of the Road Traffic Act.

The Police hoped to take action in the next few days.

Resolved – That the situation be monitored.

70 Outline Design and Budget Estimate, Memorial Gardens

Those present considered the draft restoration plan/budget estimate for the restoration of the Memorial Gardens.

The overall aim of the work is to stabilise the river banks to reduce erosion and

restore footpaths through the park, using a combination of soft and hard engineering techniques which will allow the river to continue to flow through the Memorial Gardens and minimise future flood damage and associated costs.

The restoration works will be undertaken during the in-river working period in Summer 2017 to allow time to secure funding and consents.

Some preparation and site works will be undertaken during autumn 2016 in advance of the main restoration works, including the tree coppicing and the storage of gravels.

Resolved – (a) That the draft restoration plan/budget estimate for the restoration be accepted.

(b) That financial standing order 11.1b be waived allowing Ian Cannon Groundwork Services, a contractor used regularly by West Cumbria Rivers Trust and others be appointed to undertake the specialist in-river works at a cost of £12,940 plus VAT

71 Free Parking Days

Councillor Malloy expressed his dismay that Allerdale Borough Council no longer offered free parking days and that any such future request had to be financed from the £10k Allerdale Borough Council allocated to each town.

Resolved – (a) That the Town Clerk requested a detailed breakdown of the cost of providing free parking for a day.

(b) That the effect (if any) of not providing free parking on switch on day be monitored.

72 War Memorial

Those present considered a request from David Cooper Holmes to correct his Great Uncle's name on our War Memorial.

Resolved – (a) This request be granted and the role of honour also be changed.

(b) That E R Thwaites be thanked for agreeing to carry out the amendment free of charge.

Resolved –

'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business for commercial reasons'

73 Double Mills Youth Hostel

Three expressions of interest to enter into a long term lease with Cockermouth Town Council in respect of Double Mills Youth Hostel have been received.

Resolved – That all three be invited to present their business cases at a special meeting of the Town Council to be held on Thursday 20 October commencing at 6pm.

72 Community Asset Transfer

Resolved – That an expression of interest together with a business case be submitted to Cumbria County Council.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm