

Minutes of a special meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 20 October 2016 at 7.00pm

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns
R Hanson
J Laidlow
E Nicholson
K Scales

L Davies
A Kennon
D Malloy
S Nicholson
A Tyson

Apologies: A Smith

Also Present:

90 Declaration of Interest

Councillor L Davies declared a prejudicial interest regarding agenda item 4 due to his friendship with one of the applicants. He left the meeting at this point.

91 Public Participation

There was none.

Resolved –

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

92 Double Mills Youth Hostel

Three expressions of interest were received in respect of leasing Double Mills Youth Hostel.

One party withdrew prior to the meeting.

Those present received detailed presentations from the two remaining parties.

Unfortunately, the second party withdrew their expression of interest citing that due to the current poor condition of the building, the business case did not stack up.

Members debated at length whether Double Mills was a suitable location for use as a Yoga Studio. Concern was expressed regarding the difficulty of access and the effect this type of use would have on the surrounding area due to poor accessibility and lack of parking on site.

Resolved – That Double Mills Youth Hostel be not leased as a Yoga Studio but put on the open market.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.