

Minutes of a meeting of a special meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 7.00pm

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns
A Kennon
D Malloy
S Nicholson
A Smith

L Davies
J Laidlow
E Nicholson
K Scales
A Tyson

Apologies: C M Jackson

Also Present: Ian Creighton, West Cumbria Rivers Trust

The meeting was preceded by a site visit in the Memorial Gardens prior to the commencement of the meeting.

26 Declaration of Interest

None given.

27 Public Participation

There was none.

28 Memorial Gardens

The Memorial Gardens were badly damaged following storm Desmond.

The Town Council has employed Ian Creighton, West Cumbria Rivers Trust to advise on the most appropriate way forward.

Ian has suggested a 2 year managed retreat which will allow the Town Council to draw up detailed costings, explore funding opportunities, obtain the requisite permissions and engage a suitably experience contractor.

It was anticipated that works would commence in the Spring of 2017.

Resolved – (a) That a managed retreat be adopted.

(b) That Ian Creighton produces a detailed and costed schedule of works.

(c) That Ian Creighton contacts the Environment Agency regarding gravel extraction to ascertain where the dredging will take place and if it will affect any of our proposed works.

(d) That the Town Clerk contacts Sandy Brown to ask for assistance in

completing a Defra funding application.

- (e) That councillor Malloy contacts United Utilities regarding the exposed electric cable crossing the Derwent from Derwentside Gardens.
- (f) That Ian Creighton and the Town Clerk meet Kerry McCartney, Planning Compliance Officer, Allerdale Borough Council to discuss the potential removal of a small number of trees from the rivers edge in the Memorial Gardens.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm