

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 19 January 2017 at 7.00pm

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns
J Laidlow
E Nicholson
A Smith
A Tyson

A Kennon
D Malloy
S Nicholson
K Scales

Apologies: L Davies & R Hanson

Also Present: A member of the Press, PCSO Parker, Ros Earthy, Darren Ward, Mark Walton, Murray Spiers & 9 members of the public

137 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 December 2016

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 December 2016 be signed as a correct record.

138 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 5 January 2017

Resolved – The minutes of the Special Planning Council Meeting held on 5 January 2017 be signed as a correct record.

139 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor S Nicholson declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2/2017/0014 due to being related to the applicant.

Councillor E Nicholson declared a personal interest in planning application 2/2017/0014 due to being related to the applicant.

140 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor had not attended any engagements since the last meeting.

141 Police Report

A police representative attended the meeting.

Forty two crimes had been reported to the Police since the last meeting.

Police were currently investigating numerous reports of criminal damage whereby an unknown offender has used red spray paint to spray a symbol of a triangle containing an eye and the letters N.W.O. on various properties and businesses in Cockermouth.

142 Public Participation

There was none.

143 Planning Applications

2/2016/0769

Replace timber storage compound with brick wall with materials to match existing Building

Oakhurst Service Station, Lamplugh Road

Recommended – Approval

2/2016/0779

Internal alterations including new floor and external opening to neighbouring Property

19 St Helens Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0001

Listed building consent for internal alterations and change of use from outbuildings to holiday let

Grey Goat Inn, 17 St Helens Street

Recommended – Approval

Change of use of rear outbuildings to provide holiday let accommodation

Grey Goat Inn, 17 St Helens Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0014

Change of use of site for equestrian centre, provision of 16 stables, an arena and other associated works

Wellington Farm

Recommended - Approval

143b Tree Works

Recommended – That the tree works proposed at South Lodge, Simonscales Lane be approved.

143c Tree Works

Recommended – That the tree works proposed at 5, South Lodge be approved.

143d Lidl

Further to minute number 123a (2016/17), those present considered a computer generated image of the pylon sign in situ.

The majority of those present agreed that the pylon sign was too large.

Recommended – That two smaller pylon signs be situated either side of the entrance.

144 Finance

144a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £6,883.51 be formally approved for payment.

144b Budget & Precept 2017/18

Resolved – That the 2017/18 precept be set at £190,418

144c CAB

Those present considered a request from the Citizens Advice Bureau for a donation towards the direct costs of the outreach service in Cockermouth.

Resolved – That as of 1 April 2017, the Citizens Advice Bureau be given free room Hire in the Town Hall for their Wednesday Outreach Session.

145 Correspondence

145a Budget Consultation 2017/18

Allerdale Borough Council are consulting on proposals related to their 2017/18 budget.

They would like to know our views on the following:-

- To protect services should we increase Allerdale's portion of the Council Tax B by 1.9% in 2017/18?
- Should we increase fees and charges in line with inflation in 2017/18?

Recommended – That in order to protect services, we agree to Allerdale's portion of the Council Tax bill increasing by 1.9% in 2017/18 and we agree to fees and charges be increased in line with inflation in 2017/18.

145b Calc Circular

Agreed – That the content of the December – January 2017 Calc circular be noted.

145c Royal Garden Party

Recommended – That councillor A Tyson be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party on 23 May 2017.

146 Clerks Report

Agreed - That the contents of the report be noted.

147 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved – That the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting be held on Monday 8 May 2017.

148 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Cockermouth Neighbourhood Plan Group was formed to undertake initial studies to gather information which sought to reassure the town council that the formulation of a neighbourhood development plan merited support.

Darren Ward and Ros Earthy outlined a very brief and simple case in favour of a the production of Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Cockermouth Neighbourhood Plan Group were requesting that at this stage, Cockermouth Town Council accept the principle of a neighbourhood plan, its benefits and that they be allowed to continue to the next stage to prepare a detailed proposal with costings.

Town Councillors asked a number of questions in relation to the information provided.

The majority of those town councillors present remained unconvinced that on the information provided, the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Plan Group had proven their case.

Resolved – That consideration of the production of a neighbourhood plan be deferred pending the submission of further evidence from the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Development Group.

149 Tarn Close Sports Ground – Update

Mark Walton & Murray Spiers of Cockermouth Junior Football Club gave a detailed presentation regarding the future development of Tarn Close.

Ongoing site maintenance had been completed

Initial topographical and agronomist surveys had been completed

Initial club house concept designs had been agreed

Outline approval had been given by the Cumberland and English Football Association

A financial and funding case was being developed

A Tarn Close Sub Committee had been set up

Club membership was increasing

The club had developed a club philosophy, a club development plan, a Tarn Close development plan and a coach development plan

Resolved – That the contents of the presentation be welcomed and noted.

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

150 Double Mills Youth Hostel

Resolved – (a) That feedback from the 11 January 2017 viewings be noted.

(b) That the offer be rejected and a counter offer proposed.

(c) That advertising nationally be deferred pending negotiations.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm