

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

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns

R Hanson

D Malloy

S Nicholson

L Davies

A Kennon

E Nicholson

A Tyson

Apologies: Councillors J Laidlow, A Smith & K Scales

Also Present: A member of the Press, a police representative & two members of the public

191 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 15 March 2017

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 March 2017 be signed as a correct record.

192 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 6 April 2017

Resolved – The minutes of the Special Planning Council Meeting held on 6 April 2017 be signed as a correct record.

193 Declaration of Interest

None were declared.

194 Mayors Announcements

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

- Young Speaker of the Year
- Allerdale's Civic Dinner & Grand Opening of the Leisure Centre
- Daffodil Day

195 Mayor's Charities

The Mayor presented cheques in the sum of £722.73 to representatives from Cockermouth Community Hospital League of Friends and Allerdale (West Cumbria) Branch of Multiple Sclerosis Society.

195 Police Report

A police representative attend the meeting.

Thirty crimes had been reported to the police for the month of March.

196 Public Participation

There was none.

197a Planning Applications

HOU/2017/0072

Proposed rear and side extension

5 Cherry Lane

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0074

Rear garden room/garden store extension at lower ground floor level with terrace
Above

High View, 1, Holmewood Gardens

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0093

Listed building consent for the placement of vinyl lettering onto existing board

1, Castlegate

This application had already been approved.

2/2017/0094

Listed building consent for the conversion of a single property into two dwellings

55 Kirkgate

This application had already been approved.

2/2017/0141

Change of use to allow C1 (9 letting bedrooms above ground floor) whilst
maintaining A4 at basement level

The Tithe Barn, 41, Station Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0161

Proposed conversion of existing dwellings into two dwellings

29 Fitz Road

Recommended – Refusal due to overdevelopment, out of character & un-neighbourly.

197b Tree Works

Recommended – That the application to prune the tree in front of Edenvale, 47, Kirkgate be approved.

198 Finance

198a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £24,159.46 be formally approved for payment.

199 Correspondence

199a Calc Circular

Councillor Hanson raised concerns regarding the Cumbria Highways Fault Reporting System in particular the lack of feedback, faults being reported as fixed when they are not (in particular gully clearance) and the limit on the file size for photos being uploaded.

Resolved – (a) That the content of the March 2017 Calc Circular be noted.

(b) That the Town Clerk contacts Cumbria County Council and gives them feedback on the fault reporting system.

199b Parish Precepts

Agreed – That the content of Nalc's 10 March 2017 letter regarding the Government's decision not to extend council tax referendum principles to any size of parish/town council for the 2017/18 financial year be noted.

199c Report on Cockermouth Live 2016

Resolved – (a) That the annual report on Cockermouth Live 2016 be noted.

(b) That the 2017/18 Grant of £500 be released.

(c) That the bunting be left up for Cockermouth Live 2017.

(d) That the Mayo be not decorated with sunglasses and a large model guitar.

200 Clerks Report

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

201 Flood Alleviation

Recommended – That the possibility of the Derwent Catchment Area being used as a pilot study for land management as per the recommendations of the EFRA report be supported.

Resolved –

That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded for the following item due to staffing issues being discussed.

202 Cockermouth Library

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign a licence between Cumbria County Council and Cockermouth Town Council to occupy Cockermouth Library during the interim period.

203 Toilets

Resolved – That the heads of terms for the transfer of toilets in The Memorial Gardens, Harris Park, Market Street & Main Street be agreed subject to the Memorial Garden toilets being left in a serviceable condition and the satisfactory inspection of all four toilets prior to transfer.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm