

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 20 July 2017 at 7.00pm

Members

A Tyson (Mayor)

I Burns  
R Hanson  
A Kennon  
E Nicholson  
A Smith

L Davies  
J Laidlow  
D Malloy  
S Nicholson  
S Standage

Apologies: Ken Scales

Also Present: A member of the Press, a police representative, Member of the Press & Joe Broomfield.

**28 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 21 June 2017**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 June 2017 be signed as a correct record.

**29 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 6 July 2017**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 6 July 2017 be signed as a correct record.

**30 Declaration of Interest**

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

Councillor D Malloy declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2/2017/0333 due to being a shareholder of Mitchells. He left the room whilst the application was being discussed.

**31 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Hospice at Home Garden Party
- Opening of children's play area at the Laureates
- Songs of Praise, Keswick
- Children's Society Garden Trail
- Concert in Christchurch

**32 Police Report**

The Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Thirty crimes had been reported to the Police for the month of June.

Councillor Standage objected to the numerous references to 'no suspects being identified on this occasion due to lack of CCTV and witnesses' within their report.

Resolved – That a copy of the police report be sent to our Police Commissioner.

### **33 Public Participation**

There was none.

### **34a Planning Applications**

HOU/2017/0147

New rear porch

25, The Parklands

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0148

Alteration and extension to form a new bedroom and shower room over garage and utility.

15 Gable Avenue

Recommended - Approval

2/2017/0228

Application proposal to change of use of barn storage building to domestic use  
Double Mills House, Fern Bank

Recommended – This application was cancelled.

2/2017/0274

Display of 2 no. Lidl illuminated fascia signs, 1 no Lidl internally illuminated poster display, 2 no. WCF internally illuminated fascia signs and 1 no.WCF externally illuminated fascia sign

Recommended – Refusal due to cumulative undesirable clutter of advertisements which would be out of character and detrimental to the general visual amenity of the area. Members cited Alnwick as an example of best practice.

2/2017/0312

Re-modelling ground levels to improve flood resilience

Land at The Fitz

Recommended - Approval

2/2017/0313

Advertisement consent for a community board

Land adj. to Fitz Park

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0316

Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2/2014/0880  
Land at The Fitz

Recommended – Approved

2/2017/0333

The installation of a 17.5m CU Phosco ph4.5 monopole with headframe on a new concrete base

Lakeland Livestock Centre, Lakeland Agricultural Centre

Recommended – Approved

2/2017/0336

Erection of 5 dwellings including associated infrastructure

Land to the South East of Towers Lane

Recommended – Refuse for the following reasons:-

- Cockermouth oversupply contrary to policy S3 of Allerdale Local Plan Part 1
- Unbalanced split compared to other Allerdale areas
- Housing in Cockermouth is being delivered
- No housing identified in part 2 of the Allerdale Local Plan
- Elevated position of site
- Unsuitable/poor relationship to existing settlement pattern

2/2017/0338

New dwelling

Plot 7, Meadow Bank Close

Recommended – Refusal, overdevelopment of site, out of character

### **34b Application for tree works**

Recommended – That two trees in the rear of the walled garden at Grecian Court be removed.

### **35 Finance**

#### **35a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £7,898.62 be formally approved for payment.

### **36 Correspondence**

#### **36a Household Emergency Planning**

Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) is encouraging households across the county to consider what local risks may affect them and how to be better prepared. The leaflet includes practical solutions for having a plan, what to put in an emergency 'grab bag', how to stay informed and responding to an incident.

Agreed – That the contents of the leaflet be noted.

#### **36b St Helen's Street Allotments**

Your Housing would like to rent a 10 feet strip of plot 18 to access the beck/bank.

Resolved – That consideration of this request be deferred pending a site visit.

#### **36c All Saints Church**

Those present considered a request from the Treasurer of All Saints' DCC to allow cars transporting disabled members of their congregation to use the Town Hall Car Park on Sunday mornings and some Sunday evenings whilst Tattersall Bailey are working on the building and the forecourt is not available.

Resolved – (a) That All Saints' DCC be allowed to allow cars transporting disabled members of their congregation to use the Town Hall Car Park on Sunday mornings and some Sunday evenings whilst Tattersall Bailey are working on the Saints Rooms and the forecourt is not available.

(b) That All Saints' DCC be informed that the Town Council are happy to assist in the interim but would not be interested in making this arrangement permanent.

#### **36d Skate Park**

Those present considered a request from Rhys Donaldson for a skate park.

Resolved - That Rhys be informed that at the present time there are no suitable out of town sites and no funding to build/maintain a skate park.

### **37 Clerks Report**

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

(b) That the allotment and private garden awards night be held on 12 September 2017.

### **38 Town Centre Funding**

Further to minute number 23 (2007/18), Joe Broomfield gave an update on progress regarding the Market Place Heritage signage. Cathy Newbery had been engaged to assist with the consultation phase.

Town Clerk to apply for funding for graphic panels for Memorial Gardens from Cumbria Community Foundation.

Joe Broomfield to speak to portfolio holder regarding use of Town Centre funds for opening up of toilets in Harris Park.

Joe Broomfield to obtain prices for Spring Planting.

Joe Broomfield to obtain prices for repair of finger posts.

### **39 Calendar of Meetings**

Resolved – (a) That the calendar of meetings for 2018 be agreed.

(b) That the annual parish meeting be held on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

Resolved –

That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item due to commercially sensitive information being discussed.

### **40 Double Mills Youth Hostel**

Three offers had been received following a request for sealed bids.

Resolved – (a) That none of the bids received be accepted as they are too low.

(b) That Double Mills be re-advertised nationally.

(c) the Town Clerk investigates whether or not consent for change of use to a dwelling would be favourably received and associated costs.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm