

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 16 August 2017 at 7.00pm

Members

D Malloy (Mayor)

L Davies	R Hanson
A Kennon	J Laidlow
E Nicholson	S Nicholson
A Smith	K Scales
S Standage	

Apologies: I Burns & A Tyson

Also Present: A member of the Press

44 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 20 July 2017

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 July 2017 be signed as a correct record.

45 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 3 August 2017

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46 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.

47 Mayors Announcements

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

- Civic Service, Workington Town Council
- Civic Service, Allerdale Borough Council

48 Police Report

The Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

No police representative attended the meeting.

49 Public Participation

There was none.

50a Planning Applications

HOU/2017/0164

Proposed rear extension

49 Bellbrigg Lonning

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0166

Proposal to replace single storey kitchen extension

1 Fern Bank

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0167

Rear extension

25 Dale View

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0383

Listed building consent to replace single storey kitchen

1 Fern Bank

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0386

Widening of existing access

Sewerage works, Low Road, Brigham

Recommended – No view given as not in our parish

51 Finance

51a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the revised schedule of payments in the sum of £35,813.30 be formally approved for payment.

52 Correspondence

52a Memorial Gardens Restoration

Those present considered a request from the occupier of 37, Derwentside Gardens to replace the trees removed at the rear of their property during the recent restoration.

Resolved – That trees be replanted at no cost to the Town Council

52b CALC Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the July/August Calc Circular be noted.

52c St Helens Street Allotment

Further to minute number 36b, those present discussed whether or not to rent a 10' strip of land within plot 18 to Your Housing so that they could access their land should further works be required following the land slide.

Resolved – (a) That a 10' strip within plot 18 be rented to Your Housing so they can access their land.

(b) That the town clerk be authorised to negotiate the rent which much include a sum for maintenance.

53 Clerks Report

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

(b) That letters of commendation be sent to residents with worthy gardens.

(c) That two members of the garden trail organising committee be invited to our ards Evening on 12 September 2017.

54 Town Centre Funding

Work on the Market Place Heritage Signage Project is progressing.

Quotes are being obtained to repair the four finger posts.

Costs are still awaited for spring planting on Main Street.

Councillor Smith moved that £5k of this year's funding be given to support Taste Cumbria as festivals boosted the town's economy. This was seconded by Councillor Davies. A vote was taken 6 in support the the proposal, 1 against.

Councillor Malloy also suggested that funding could be used to replace planters on the Main Street, fix the fence opposite Aldi, re-paint the Memorial Gardens fence, place an additional lecturn adjacent the Castle.

Recommended – That £5k of Town Centre funding be used to support Taste Cumbria Festival.

55 Anti-social behaviour Memorial Gardens

A complaint had been received from a resident of Riverside Terrace regarding youths gathering and causing a nuisance in the Memorial Gardens.

The Police were assisting with the issue.

Resolved – That the situation continues to be monitored.

56 17th Century linen chest

Further to minute number 18j (2017/18), members re-considered whether or not the 17th century chest could be accommodated within the Town Hall.

Resolved - (a) That the Rotary Exhibition be relocated to accommodate the 17th century linen chest.

(b) That Cockermouth Heritage Group ensures that the chest is adequately insured.

(c) That Cockermouth Heritage Group be informed that the chest is placed there at their own risk and that Cockermouth Town Council will not accept any liability for damage.

57 Hebron New Hampshire

Resolved – (a) That the Mayor be authorised to sign the declaration of friendship.

(b) That a letter of congratulations be sent following Hebron's 225th anniversary celebrations on 12 August 2017.

58 Fees and Charges

Resolved – That the library fees and charges be approved.

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.

59 Cockermouth Library

Resolved – (a) That consideration of the terms of the overage deed be deferred until the next meeting.

(b) That the terms of the service level agreement be agreed.

60 Victoria Hall

Resolved – That the terms of the lease be not varied.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm