Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 7.00pm

Members

A Tyson (Mayor)

I Burns L Davies
R Hanson A Kennon
J Laidlow D Malloy
E Nicholson
K Scales S Nicholson

Apologies: S Standage

Also Present: A police representative, a press representative & 1 member of the public

202 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 21 March 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 March 2018 be signed as a correct record.

203 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 5 April 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the last Special Planning meeting held on 5 April 2018 be signed as a correct record.

204 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being the Leader.

205 Mayors Announcements

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

- Round Table 66th Charter
- Cockermouth Harmonics 150th Anniversary

206 Police Report

The Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The officer present was asked to pay particular attention to anti-social behaviour on The Point.

207 Public Participation

There was none.

208 Planning Applications

HOU/2018/0071

Rear and side extensions to provide kitchen dining area, new study and utility room

29, Parkside Avenue

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0073

Alterations to roof

1 Castle Cottages, Isel Road

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0076

Two storey rear extension to dwelling

8 Briar Bank

Recommended - Approval

2/2018/0119

Application to alter front door to single sliding door

11 South Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0128 & 0129

Erection of temporary (approximately 10 years) high level 'Hazel Hurdle' type fence

Cockermouth Castle

Recommended –Refusal. Concern was expressed regarding the overall height.

2/2018/0141

Installation of 12 boulders to create informal seating

Former Mill, Brewery Lane

209 Finance

209a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £12,844.03 be formally approved for payment.

209b Sporting Facilities Grant

Those present considered a request from the Sport, Art & Leisure Officer of Allerdale Borough Council to make a financial contribution of £3,000 towards a strategic look at sporting facilities in Cockermouth.

Members were concerned that the study would focus on Highfield Sports Area, Fairfield School Playing Pitch, Cockermouth Rugby Club and Tarn Close and were unsure if other sporting organisations in Cockermouth had been given the opportunity to comment/participate.

Resolved – (a) That consideration of this issue be deferred for further information.

(b) That the Sport, Art and Leisure Officer of Allerdale Borough Council be invited to a future meeting to discuss this issue further.

209c Europe Prize Scholarship Fund

Those present considered a request from the Chairman of the Europe Prize Scholarship Fund to make a financial contribution towards the Europe Prize Scholarship Fund.

Resolved – That a £500 donation be given to the Europe Prize Scholarship Fund.

209d Financial Comparison

Agreed – That the financial comparison as at 31 March 2018 be noted.

210 Correspondence

210a BBC i Player

Those present received a request from an elector regarding purchasing a TV licence for the library in Cockermouth so that users could access BBC i player facilities.

This facility was withdrawn by Cumbria County Council when the law regarding watching the BBC on line without a tv licence became illegal.

Concern was expressed with regard to who would benefit from this service,

our broadband capacity and whether or not users would tie up machines for longer periods of time to the detriment of other users.

Resolved – That a tv licence be not purchased for the library in Cockermouth.

211 Clerks Report

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

(b) That four seated WW1 figurines be purchased for use during the 100th Anniversary commemorations.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm