

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 7.00pm

Members

A Tyson (Mayor)

I Burns
D Malloy
A Smith

R Hanson
S Nicholson

Apologies: L Davies, A Kennon, E Nicholson, K Scales, J Laidlow & S Standage

Also Present: A Police representative, a press representative & 2 members of the public

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

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

186 To accept the minutes of the third meeting of the 35th Anniversary Sub-Committee and their recommendations held on 26 February 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the third meeting of the 35th Anniversary Sub-Committee and their recommendations held on 26 February 2018 be accepted.

187 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 1st March 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the last Special Planning meeting held on 1 March 2018 be signed as a correct record.

188 To accept the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Walking/Cycling Sub Committee held on 6 March 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Walking/Cycling Sub Committee and their recommendations held on 6 March 2018 be accepted.

189 Declaration of Interest

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

190 Mayors Announcements

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

- Civic Dinner, Workington
- 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, Hospice at Home

191 Police Report

The Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Those present wished PCSO Alex Ostle all the best in her new role as a Police Constable.

Councillor Malloy asked a number of questions relating to the reduction in the number of thefts and the reporting of two incidents of theft in the Isel Road/Castlegate area.

192 Public Participation

There was none.

193 Planning Applications

The following applications for tree works was circulated prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

CAT/2018/0010

Extraction of a conifer and crown reduction of two lime trees

Manor House Hotel, Crown Street

Recommended - No objections

WTPO/2018/0006

Various tree works

4 South Lodge

Recommended – No objections

The following amendment was circulated prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

2/2017/0523

Proposed change of use of two residential rooms to accommodate a chiropody/podiatry practice

Amendment: relating to revised parking arrangements and amended description

Recommended – Approval

The following applications were considered at the meeting:-

HOU/2018/0041

Single storey extension to semi-detached dwelling to provide new entrance lobby

25 Thirlmere Avenue

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0042

Two storey rear/side extension plus single storey sun room extension

Ashley, Mayo Street

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0050

Extension to existing garage to form utility room and new render and roof covering existing garage

27 Greyrigg Avenue

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0055

Create support buttress to the rear of existing wall, re-shape pavements to allow temporary flood mitigation barriers (retrospective)

Castle Brewery, Castle Lane

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0056

Rear extension incorporating room in roof, attached garage on side of property and new porch to front

4 Cherry Lane

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0062

Replacement of front door with flood door

The Laurels, 1 Rubby Banks Road

Recommended – Approval

194 Finance

194a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £1842.73 be formally approved for payment.

195 Correspondence

195a Calc Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the March 2018 Calc Circular be noted.

195b Data Protection & the GDPR

Agreed – That the contents of the legal briefing note be noted.

195c Kirkgate Arts' Strategy Grant Application

Resolved – That a letter of support for Kirkgate Art's Strategy Grant application to the United Utilities Legacy Fund be sent to United Utilities.

196 Clerks Report

Agreed – That the contents of the Clerks report be noted.

197 Changes to purchasing in Libraries

Cumbria County Council's 2018/19 budget has reduced their libraries Information and Investment Fund by approximately £270k per annum. This reduction in spend will mean an overall reduction in the levels of materials purchased in different categories such as adult and young people's fiction and ceasing spend against audio visual materials, newspapers and magazines. A relevant local newspaper will remain in the six main libraries.

Resolved – That after 1 April 2018, the Town Council supply copies of the Telegraph and the Independent to Cockermouth Library.

Resolved –

That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to tender prices being discussed.

198 War Memorial

Six invitations to tender were sent out in respect of our restoration project. Two tenders were returned. One tenderer declined to tender due to existing

work load.

Resolved – (a) That Lloyd Evans Prichard Ltd be awarded the contract to:-

Inspect the war memorial, assess its condition and prepare a suitable draft specification with budget cost estimates prepared by a Quantity Surveyor for submission to the WMT in support of the Town Council's grant application, support the town council to complete the grant application.

If successful in obtaining a WMT grant, Lloyd Evans Prichard Ltd will prepare tender Information including consultations with specialist metal conservators and liaise with Town Clerk and WMT to ensure the specification is compatible with funding criteria. Undertake the role of Principal Designer in compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. Obtain competitive tenders ensuring that the procurement process is compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, evaluate and award the contract (in conjunction with the Town Clerk), complete the contract documents.

Administer the terms of the construction contract whilst the project is under construction undertaking the full range of duties imposed on the contract administrator by the works contract in accordance with the timescales therein, including (but not limited to) issuing all instructions and certificates and all activities in connection with the adjudication of disputes between the client and the contractor.

(b) That the cost of the inspection and draft specification be met from balances

(c) It was anticipated that the remaining professional fees could be claimed as part of the grant claim.

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm