

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cockermonth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermonth on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor A Tyson (Mayor)
Councillor I Burns
Councillor L Davies
Councillor R Hanson
Councillor A Kennon
Councillor J Laidlow
Councillor D Malloy
Councillor E Nicholson
Councillor S Nicholson
Councillor K Scales
Councillor S Standage

Apologies: Councillor A Smith

Also Present: 25 members of the public & a member of the Press

Prior to the start of the meeting the Mayor, Councillor A Tyson outlined the highlights of his Mayoral year. He thanked his consort, The Town Clerk, Kirstie Goodger, his fellow councillors and the many volunteers in Cockermonth for their hard work and support during his year in office.

1 Election of Town Mayor/Chairman

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Town Mayor/Chairman for 2017/18.

Only one nomination was received and seconded and on being put to the vote it was unanimously

Resolved – That Councillor D Malloy be elected Town Mayor/Chairman in 2018/19.

Councillor A Tyson then handed over the Chain of Office to Councillor D Malloy.

The new Mayor then read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took over the Chair. The Mayor thanked Councillor Tyson and his daughter Gillian for all their hard work during the past year.

He welcomed his family and invited those present to stay behind after the meeting to celebrate his inauguration.

Councillor Malloy announced that his wife Lynn had agreed to be his Mayoress. He presented her with her chain of office.

The Mayor announced that that his charities would be Brain Tumor Research and MacMillan Nurses

2 Election of Deputy Town Mayor/Vice Chairman

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman.

Only one nomination was received and seconded and on being put to the vote it was:-

Resolved – That Councillor L Davies be elected as the Deputy Town Mayor/Vice Chairman of the Council for 2018/19.

The Town Mayor then presented the Deputy Mayor's badge to the Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman. Councillor Davies read out and signed his declaration of acceptance of office. He thanked his fellow councillors for his nomination and pledged to carry out the role to the best of his ability.

3 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Malloy declared a personal interest in item 9b due to one of the trees T1 being situated on land belonging to a friend.

4 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held on 18 April 2018.

5 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the special planning meeting held on 3 May 2018.

6 Police Report

There was no Police presence at the meeting, their report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

7 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to speak in accordance with the public participation scheme.

8a Planning Matters

The following planning application was considered prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

HOU/2018/0073 (amended plans) (floor & path levels & roof pitches changed)

Alterations to roof

1, Castle Cottages, Isele Road

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0090

Erection of detached double garage

86, Kirkgate

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0130

Listed building consent for partial demolition and alteration of the roof structure and alterations to windows and doors then make good. Removal of lean to sheds and insertion of new gas point through boundary wall

1, Castle Cottages, Isele Road

Recommended - Approval

2/2018/0134 & 0135

Alterations to former youth hostel to provide a single family dwelling and bunk house for 6 bed spaces including the demolition of two modern porches
Cockermouth Youth Hostel, Fern Bank, Cockermouth

Recommended – We cannot comment on this application as we own the building.

2/2018/0184

Listed building consent for detached double garage with storage above

86 Kirkgate

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0192

Erection of detached dwelling with attached garage

Plot 11, Parklands Drive

Recommended – Approval

8b Tree Preservation Order, Low Road

Agreed – That the confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 2017 be noted.

8c Tree Works

Recommended – That no objection be raised to the 30% crown reduction of a mature ash, Bridge House, Gote Road.

Recommended – No objection.

8d Tree Works

Recommended – That no objection be raised to the removal of a sycamore, The Towers, Lorton Road.

Recommended – No objection.

9 Schedule of correspondence, notices and publications

9a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £7,082.17 be formally approved for payment.

9b Internal Auditors Report

Agreed – That the contents of the year end report by our Internal Auditor be noted.

9c Cockermouth Live

Resolved – That £500 grant be given to Cockermouth Live to help fund this year's event.

9d Grant Request

Agreed – That a grant request to help facilitate the process of making Cockermouth a plastic-bag free town be deferred until the next meeting so that

further information can be sought.

9e Insurance Provision

Those present reviewed our insurance 2018/19 insurance provision.

Resolved – That a premium of £2,368.47 be paid.

9f Audit Commission Return for the Year ended 2018

Resolved – (a) That Section 1 of the annual return relating to the Annual Governance Statement be formally certified and the accounts approved and duly signed by the Clerk/RFO and the Chairman.

(b) That section 2 of the Annual Return relating to the Accounting Statements be also formally approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

(c) That it be noted that Section 4 of the Annual Return has been duly completed by our internal auditor.

(d) That it be noted that the required notice concerning the appointment of date for the exercise of electors rights has been displayed.

(e) That it be noted that the Clerk will send the documentation required by the external auditor as soon as practicable.

(f) That the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 be agreed and accepted subject to audit.

10 Correspondence

10a Calc

Resolved – That the contents of the May 2018 Newsletter be noted.

11 Clerks Report

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

(b) That four story sacks be purchased by the Town Council for use in the library. Usage to be trialed for a year.

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'.

12 New Pathway, Harris Park Extension

Resolved – That Frank Dempster Haulage Ltd be awarded the contract to construct a new pathway, Harris Park Extension at a cost of £2650.00.

(b) That the cost be taken from balances

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm