

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 20 September 2018 at 7.00pm

Members

D Malloy (Mayor)

I Burns
J Laidlow
A Tyson

R Hanson
S Nicholson

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

Also Present: 2 members of the public and a press representative were also present.

81 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 15 August 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 August 2018 be signed as a correct record.

82 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 6 September 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the last Special Planning meeting held on 6 September 2018 be signed as a correct record.

83 To note the contents of the minutes of the 35th Anniversary Sub Committee held on 10 September 2018

Agreed – That the minutes of the 35th Anniversary Sub Committee held on 10 September 2018 be noted.

84 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

85 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor had attended the following engagements since his last report: -

- Broughton Carnival
- Allerdale' s Civic Service
- WW1 Exhibition
- Mayor's Surgery
- The raising of the Merchant Navy Flag at Allerdale House
- Cockermouth's Civic Service
- Tour of Britain Time Trial
- Cockermouth School – Achievements Award Evening
- Opening of Civic Trust's Heritage Day

- The unveiling of the RAF Centenary Bench
- Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning
- Wigton's Civic Service

The Mayor thanked all those involved in arranging the Tour of Britain.

86 Police Report

The Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Police did not attend the meeting

Councillors expressed their disappointment at the lack of police presence as they had wanted to question them regarding the increase in shop lifting and an update regarding graffiti.

Resolved – That a letter be sent to the Chief Constable regarding increased shop lifting within the Town.

87 Public Participation

There was none.

88 Planning Applications

HOU/2018/0191

Two storey extension to provide additional living space

17 Dale View

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0439

Advertisement consent for two fascia signs and 3 externally applied window films

WCF Country Centre

Recommended - Approval

89 TPO No. 11 of 2018

Agreed – That the contents of TPO No.11 of 2018, Land at The Fitz, Low Road, Cockermouth be noted.

90 Finance

90a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £22,652.03 be formally approved for payment.

91 Correspondence

91a Mawson's Court

Agreed – That consideration of this item be deferred pending a response from Home Group regarding the criteria for tenancy of occupants of Mawson's Court.

91b Northbound Festival

Those present considered a letter of objection regarding the closure of the Main Street and the subsequent lack of parking at the recent Northbound Festival. The complainant also object to our sponsorship of Taste and Taste Christmas.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk responds stating that Cockermouth Town Council proudly sponsors Taste and Taste Cumbria and that in our opinion the benefits outweigh any adverse impact.

92 Market Place

Councillor Hanson updated those present regarding the removal of the mosaic and the removal of the redundant uplighters from Market Place and their replacement with 46 silver metal fish plate covers which had been individually engraved with the date of 46 key events in Cockermouth's history. Those present expressed their dismay at the loss of the uplighters.

To mark the completion of the repair to the Market Place roadway, the Civic Trust has produced a new draft booklet entitled 'Exploring Market Place'.

The Civic Trust were seeking agreement for the booklet, due to be launched in October 2018, to be sold in the Tourist Information Centre.

Councillor Hanson suggested that a free copy be given to each household and business in Market Place and a few copies be given to Cockermouth School. She asked if the Town Council would be prepared to provide a grant of £110 towards the cost. Members were concerned that not everyone would want to receive a copy. The Town Clerk suggested that a letter be sent to all households and businesses informing them that a free copy was available and that the Town Council only agree to pay for those claimed up to a maximum of £110.

Resolved – (a) That the update be noted.

(b) That a letter be sent to each household and business in Market Place informing them that a free copy of 'Exploring Market Place' could be claimed from the Town Hall.

© That permission be given to sell the booklet in the Tourist Information Centre.

93 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the date of the 2019 APM be changed to Monday 11 March 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.44 pm