

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 7.00pm

Members

D Malloy (Mayor)

I Burns
R Hanson
E Nicholson
A Smith

L Davies
A Kennon
S Nicholson
A Tyson

Apologies: K Scales, S Standage & J Laidlow

Also Present: 6 members of the public, a police representative and a press representative were also present.

98 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 20 September 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 September 2018 be signed as a correct record.

99 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 4 October 2018

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100 Declaration of Interest

Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in respect of any agenda item relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being the Leader of Allerdale Borough Council.

101 Mayors Announcements

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

- Aspatia Mayor Civic Service
- Garden Competition Presentation Night
- Taste Cumbria Opening
- Cadets Open Evening
- Silloth Mayor Civic Service
- Mayor's Surgery

102 Police Report

Further to minute number 86 (2018/19), Inspector Gale had confirmed that

shoplifting had increased between the months of August and September. She reassured us that the figures were not huge when compared to other similar sized towns. She promised to increase patrols, organise some shoplifting operations and discuss the challenges and concerns with organisers of the local Shopwatch scheme.

Councillor Smith expressed his concern that a further smash and grab incident had taken place earlier in the week despite the promise of increased patrols. The October police report also contained many more incidents of theft.

Resolved – That letters be sent to Inspector Gale and the Police Crime Commissioner requesting additional resources for petty crime, burglaries and smash and grab incidents in Cockermouth.

103 Public Participation

A petition was presented to the Mayor regarding extending the opening hours of the library for at least one evening per week.

Agreed – That this matter be discussed at our November 2018 meeting

104 Planning Applications

2/2018/0464

Change of use from a bank to a multi-use gym

HSBC, 1 Main Street

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0201

Alterations and extensions

23, The Parklands

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0207

New front porch

3, Riverdale Drive

Recommended - Approval

105 Tree Works

Recommended - That the routine maintenance works on trees at Bitterbeck Car

Park be approved.

106 The Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Pre-Submission Draft, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment Plans

Allerdale Borough Council is in the process of preparing a Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) that will form part 2 of the Allerdale Local Plan.

Following consideration of the comments received in response to the Preferred Options and Focused consultations undertaken in 2017, it is the intention of Allerdale Borough Council to submit The Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Pre-submission Draft including policies maps, Sustainability Appraisal and The Habitats Regulations Assessment to the Government for Public Examination.

Comments from the public on the sites and policies outlined were welcomed although at this stage representations should be based on whether or not the plan was in compliance with legal requirements and whether or not it is sound.

Resolved – That no comment be made.

107 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £25,906.43 be formally approved for payment.

108 Correspondence

108a Insurance

Resolved – That the level of cover be endorsed.

108b Completion of Audit

PKF have completed their limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2018.

They concluded that the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and that no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The Clerk confirmed that she had prepared a Notice of Conclusion of Audit and published it in accordance with the requirements.

Resolved – (a) That PKF's conclusions be noted.

(b) That the Town Clerk be thanked for her efforts.

109 Correspondence

109a HSBC

Agreed – That the discontinuation of the service which returns cheques debited from our account be noted. These will now be stored digitally.

109b CALC

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

110 Mawson's Court

Home Housing had confirmed that there were no current complaints about any resident in Mawson's Court.

There had been historic incidents of anti-social behaviour, however all issues had been dealt with and some of the residents had been evicted.

111 Clerks Report

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

(b) That the Town Council office closes at 4pm on 21 December 2018 and re-opens on 2 January 2019.

© That the library closes at 2pm on 22 December 2018 and re-opens on 2 January 2019.

112 Weddings

Resolved – That as of 1/1/2020 the room hire for a wedding held Monday – Friday increases to £120 and that the room hire for a wedding held on a Saturday increases to £140.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm