

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 7.00pm

Members

D Malloy (Mayor)

I Burns

R Hanson

E Nicholson

K Scales

A Tyson

J Laidlow

A Kennon

S Nicholson

A Smith

Apologies: S Standage & L Davies

Also Present: 1 member of the public and a press representative were also present.

140 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 19 December 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 December 2018 be signed as a correct record.

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

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

142 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.

143 Mayors Announcements

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

- Switched on the Hospice at Home Christmas lights at All Saints Church
- Presented Community Award at Rotary Club Charter Night
- Mayors Coffee Morning
- Visit to Holmewood Care Home with the Mechanics Band
- Visit to Dalton Court Care Home with the Mechanics Band
- Judged the Grand Window Competition
- Attended Castlegate Singers Christmas Concert
- Spoke at the 6th form assembly at Cockermouth School
- Tree planting on St Helen's Street with Cockermouth Travel
- Attended Mechanics Band Christmas Concert
- Attended Christmas lunch at St Joseph's Primary School

144 Police Report

A police representative was not present at the meeting. Their monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Smith expressed his concern that the levels of crime in Cockermouth had escalated over the last 4/5 months. He informed those present that there had been a spate of broken shop windows and thefts over the weekend.

Councillor Laidlow expressed her dismay that the whatsapp group could not include PCSO's and that after ringing 101 to report an individual selling goods in the street which were later found to be stolen she had been asked 'what it had to do with her.'

Councillor Burns also reported a gentleman using foul and abusive language outside the gym on Main Street. She had tried to report the incident but had been unable to get through on 101.

Resolved – (a) That the Town Clerk sends a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner asking him to review the policy preventing PCSO's connecting to Whatsapp.

(b) The Police and Crime Commissioner looks again at costings for CCTV in Cockermouth.

145 Public Participation

There was none.

146 Planning Applications

HOU/2018/0241

Two storey extension, single storey rear wrap round extension and new porch front

7 Albemarle Street

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0243

Single storey kitchen extension in place of existing garage with porch and driveway Extension

20, Lowscales Drive

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0233

Front porch and pergola and raised decking area to rear

12, Beech Lane

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0559

Listed building consent for window alterations as amended (2/2018/0135)

Cockermouth Youth Hostel, Fern Bank

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0551

Outline application for B1 development including access junction

Land at Low Road

Recommended – Refusal too near existing sewage works should remain an exclusion zone. Screening required.

2/2018/0537

Outline application for residential development of 27 dwellings including access Junction

Land at the Fitz, Low Road

Recommended – Refusal overdevelopment of site, detrimental to the setting of a listed building, oversupply contrary to policy S3 of ALP Part 1 and no housing identified in part 2 of ALP.

147 Tree Works

Recommended - That the felling of a sycamore and the pollarding of a beech tree, 5 South Lodge be approved.

148 Tree Works

Recommended – That the removal of 1 tree and replacement with another, Holmeleigh, Brigham Road be refused. Town Councillors would prefer that the yew be pollarded rather than felled.

149 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £41,044.62 be formally approved for payment.

150 Correspondence

150a Calc Newsletter

Agreed – That that the content of the November 2018 Calc newsletter be noted.

150b Footway Lighting

Those present considered the contents of a letter from Allerdale Borough Council regarding the proposed transfer of footway lighting to town and parish council's once ownership has been established.

Agreed – That the situation be closely monitored.

150c Tarn Close

Those present considered a funding request from Cockermouth Junior Football Club, the Club also wanted to know if the Town Council had any objection to the installation of a cheaper freight type unit to house new toilet/changing facilities if funding was not secured for a more expensive building.

Resolved – (a) That Cockermouth Junior Football Club be informed that at this point in time we are unable to support their funding request.

(b) That Cockermouth Junior Football Club seek advice from the Planning Authority regarding the type of building they would allow.

150d Allerdale Borough Council – Budget & Priorities Consultation

Agreed – That councillors reply to the consultation on an individual basis.

151 Clerks Report

Agreed – That the content of the Clerk's report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm