Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 7.00pm

Members

D Malloy (Mayor)

L Davies R Hanson
A Kennon E Nicholson
S Nicholson A Smith
A Tyson

Apologies: I Burns, J Laidlow & K Scales

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

One minute's silence was held in remembrance of Sam Standage.

169 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 16 January 2019.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 January 2019 be signed as a correct record.

170 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Special Planning Meeting held on 7 February 2019.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last Special Planning meeting held on 7 February 2019 be signed as a correct record.

171 Declaration of Interest

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

172 Mayors Announcements

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

- CADS Panto
- Visit to Broughton School
- Bag pack in Sainsbury's raising £641 for Mayor's charity
- Opening of the Inclusion Centre, Cockermouth School
- Unveiling of new mini-bus, Cockermouth School

173 Police Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Hanson expressed concern that the recent incidents listed in the Shop Watch Scheme Minutes of 1 February 2019 did not correlate with the January 2019 Police Report sent to the Town Council.

Resolved – That the Clerk investigates the matter.

174 Public Participation

There was none.

175a Application for Tree Works CAT/2019/0002

Recommended – That the tree works outlined in application CAT/2019/0002 be approved.

175b Application for Tree Works WTPO/2019/0004

Recommended – That the tree works outline in application WTPO/2019/0004 be approved.

175c TPO Order No 2 of 2019, land off Strawberry How Road

Agreed – That the contents of TPO Order No 2 of 2019, land at Strawberry How Road be noted.

176a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £37,900.36 be formally approved for payment.

176b Mechanics Band

Resolved – That a grant of £199 Be given towards the cost of portable PA equipment.

177 Correspondence

177a Calc Newsletter

Agreed – That that the content of the January 2019 Calc newsletter be noted.

177b Walk of Witness

Resolved – That permission be given to use the Memorial Gardens for the usual Good Friday/Easter Sunday Walk of Witness.

177c Wordsworth Pop-Up

Resolved – That a Wordsworth Pop-Up Event be held in Cockermouth Library on 3 July 2019.

177d Strengthen Ethical Standards Regime: Report Recommendations

A long-awaited report of the Independent Committee on Standards in Public Life on Ethical Standards in Local Government was published recently.

Agreed – That the 26 recommendations intended to promote and maintain the standards expected by the public be noted.

178 Clerks Report

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

- (b) That if required the April Special Planning meeting be held at 5pm on 4 April 2019 to avoid clashing with Cocktails at The Castle.
- © That if required the May Special Planning meeting be held at the same date and time but that the upstairs room be used as the Chamber is being used as a polling station.
- (d) That the proposed Youth Exchange be advertised as widely as possible.

179 United Utilities Legacy Fund

Resolved – That the Town Clerk makes an application be made to the United Utilities Legacy Fund for an outdoor gym, Harris Park Extension.

180 Use of Social Media

Cockermouth Town Council currently communicates information by posting it on our website or advertising through traditional media.

Councillor Hanson proposed that we start to share information we currently post on our website and re-share other relevant information on Cockermouth Town Council accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn and review how things are going after six months.

This proposal was not supported by the remaining members of the Town Council.

Resolved – That Cockermouth Town Council does not share information we currently post on our website or re-share other relevant information on Cockermouth Town Council accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm