

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.00pm

Members

D Malloy (Mayor)

I Burns
A Kennon
S Nicholson
A Smith

L Davies
E Nicholson
K Scales
A Tyson

Apologies: S Standage, R Hanson & J Laidlow

Also Present: Inspector Gale, 4 members of the public and a press representative were also present.

152 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.

153 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.

154 Declaration of Interest

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

155 Mayors Announcements

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

- Visit to Cockermouth Hospital with the Mechanics Band
- Carols round the Tree on Christmas Eve
- Fundraising event at the Fitz

156 Police Report

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Gale to the meeting.

Councillor Smith expressed his concern in respect of the recent increase in the number of commercial thefts from premises in Cockermouth, he asked Inspector Gale if she knew why this was happening.

Inspector Gale confirmed that incidents had increased but were still low when compared to other areas but none the less very impactful on the independent shops within the Town.

In November two people had been caught for going equipped and in December another suspect was arrested and remanded by court.

Cockermouth had been prioritised and additional staff were on duty overnight. Staff were also being more visible through the day.

The Police were working with partners in the local focus hub including providers of social housing. They were being made aware of who was being moved into Town and were being consulted on whether or not they were appropriate. As a result of working closely together, one eviction had been made and one other resident had left voluntarily.

Three criminal behaviour orders were in place currently.

Prolific shop lifters banned from other towns may be travelling to Cockermouth. A police volunteer had been recruited to assist with shop watch so that PCSOs could be freed to get back on the street.

Crime prevention advice was being offered to shop keepers.

Inspector Gale praised the new WhatsApp group, she stated that it was a great way for shopkeepers to share information but stated that the Police cannot share information this way as it was not secure.

Inspector Gale was thanked for her efforts.

157 CCTV

Inspector Gale stated the CCTV was a useful tool. She encouraged the Town Council to get in touch with the Force CCTV Officer for more information.

The Town Clerk explained that Stuart Game has been in touch and had offered to come and speak to the Town Council.

Councillor Smith stated that technology had moved on and costs had reduced since 2016. Capital from the sale of Double Mills could be used to install a fixed system however revenue had to be used for a mobile CCTV system.

Those present agreed that investigations be made regarding what products were now available.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk investigate the products available and that a special meeting be held to discuss the issue further.

158 Public Participation

There was none.

159a Planning Applications

The following planning applications were circulated for comment prior to Christmas due to time constraints:-

HOU/2018/0252

Erection of front porch

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0528

Proposed change of use from office into Thai massage business

13a Station Street

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2018/0258

Side and front extension and alterations

10, Oaktree Crescent

Recommended – Approval

The following planning applications were considered at our January meeting:-

2/2018/0602

Listed building consent for replacement windows, re-rendering, re-roofing and internal renovation works

32, St Helen's Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0539 (amended plans)

Conversion and alteration of taxi garage to one residential unit

Ken Routledge Travel, 1A St Helens Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0591

Listed building consent for the replacement of timber doors and windows

1-3 Castle Cottages, Isel Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0598

Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 2/2018/0229 for amended lighting columns and an additional 4 no. lighting columns

James Walker & Co Ltd, Gote Brow

Recommended - Approval

2/2018/0587

Advertisement consent for external signage

The Bush, Main Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0537 (amended plans)

The amendment relates to a revised Heads of Terms

Outline application for residential development of 27 dwellings including access Junction

Land at the Fitz, Low Road

Recommended – The content of the revised Heads of Terms does not alter our previous recommendation to refuse.

2/2018/0155 & 2/2018/0496 (amended plans)

Amendment relates to changes to internal layout of housing, roads & parking provision, retention of an oak and ash tree, changes to treatment levels, changes to boundaries, pedestrian links, revised landscape and visual appraisal and amended business plan and construction management plan/strategy (including temporary permissive route for pedestrians during construction)

Reserved matter for erection of 224 dwellings (phase 2) following approval 2/2016/0670 & Stopping up of a section of public right of way 223003, land off Strawberry How Road

2/2018/0155

Recommended – Refusal until Cumbria County Council complete a traffic management plan for Cockermouth regarding the implications of Phase II.

Resolved – That Councillor A Tyson represents Cockermouth Town Council at the Development Panel.

159b TPO No 11 of 2018 and No 18 of 2018

Agreed - That the contents of both orders be noted.

159c TPO No 19 of 2018

Agreed – That the content of the order be noted.

160a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £15,697.08 be formally approved for payment.

160b Financial Budget Comparison

Agreed – That the financial budget comparison between 1 April 2018 and 31 December 2018 be agreed and noted.

160c Budget and Precept

Resolved – That the 2019/2020 budget and precept be set at £198,570.

161 Correspondence

161a Calc Newsletter

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

161b Royal Garden Party

Resolved – That Councillor D Malloy be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party.

162 Clerks Report

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

(b) That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Slack & Louise Jenkin regarding

163 Councillor Standage

Resolved – That the six month absence rule be extended in respect of Councillor Standage until the May 2019 elections due to his continuing ill health.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm