

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 21 August 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)  
Councillor G Bennion  
Councillor A Kennon  
Councillor C Smith  
Councillor A Smith  
Councillor A Tyson  
Councillor R Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnes, Burns, Malloy, Nicholson & Semple

Also Present: 1 member of the public, 4 youths who participated in the Youth Exchange to Marvejols & a member of the Press

**48 Minutes**

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 July 2019.

**49 Minutes**

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 1 August 2019.

**50 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillor A Tyson declared a personal interest in planning applications FUL/2019/0189 & ADV/2019/0012 due to being a member of the Development Panel.

**51 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

Broughton Carnival  
Allerdale's Civic Service  
Cream Tea at the Fitz in aid of Age UK  
Opened new Lidl Store

**52 Police Report**

The police report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The Police had sent their apologies.

Town Clerk to find out if officers had spoken to Mr Petrie regarding anti-social behaviour in Bellbrigg Park and if officers were patrolling the area on a regular basis.

### **53 Public Participation**

Mr Cornwall asked the following question:-

'What preparations are in hand for the celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of William Wordsworth's birth in Cockermouth in April 1770 and how are the celebrations being co-ordinated?'

The Town Clerk replied as follows:-

I contacted the National Trust on 12 October 2018 regarding plans for the event.

I was informed that following events were being considered:-

Exhibition at Wordsworth House The Child is Father of the Man

A programme of events and talks on site to complement the 2020 Exhibition

Partnership working with museum colleagues across the Lake District

Outreach talks to groups and schools

A poet in residence who will work across North Lakes, creating installations in the outdoor and indoor spaces inspired by Wordsworth 250

A literary festival in Cockermouth focusing on nature writing and poetry in conjunction with Words by the Water and the local community for March/April 2020

A Wordsworth town trail created with poetry installed at key places around Cockermouth associated with Wordsworth

All of the above were subject to funding and human resource.

An update had been requested and would be circulated to those present when received.

### **54 Planning Matters**

FUL/2019/0183

Change of use and alterations to create 4 no. residential units at upper level plus new build extension over existing car park to create a further 3 no. residential units

1 HSBC Bank, Main Street, Cockermouth

Recommended – Refusal design of roof on extension out of character with the conservation area and lack of car parking.

ADV/2019/0013

Advertisement consent to install 2 new window name signs, new shop fascia sign & services provided sign

50 Main Street

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2019/0169

Single storey rear extension

11 Kirkfell Avenue

Recommended – Approval

FUL/2019/0189

Re-submission of applications 2/2018/0472 for the replacement of 6 no. softwood external doors and frames

Horsman Court, Horsman Street

Recommended - Approval

FUL/2019/0186

Sub-division of the unit and part change of use from bank to A2 hot food takeaway including external alterations

23, Station Street

Recommended – Refusal quality of signage not in keeping with Conservation Area Design Guide.

ADV/2019/0012

Advertisement consent for 4 x flags, 1 x fascia, 1 x visitor sign, 1 x show home sign, 3 x V boards including splash signs and 1 set of stainless steel effect letters

Land off Strawberry How Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – Refusal, overdevelopment

## **55 Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £11,807.61 be formally approved for payment.

## **56 Correspondence**

### **56a Calc Newsletter**

Agreed – That the contents of the July/August 2019 circular be noted.

### **56b Tree Lights**

Those present considered a request from the Chamber of Trade regarding keeping the white LED lights on in the trees for the whole of January and February 2020.

Resolved – That the request be refused due to the Town Council declaring a Climate Change Emergency.

## **57 Clerks Report**

Agreed - That the content of the report be noted.

## **58 Youth Exchange**

Four of the nine participants who took part in the recent Youth Exchange to Marvejols gave a detailed presentation regarding their wonderful experience.

They thanked the Town Council for the opportunity.

Agreed – That the contents of the presentation be noted.

## **59 CCTV**

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall announced that he had identified some grant funding towards the cost of the initial purchase of cctv cameras which integrated with the Constabulary monitoring network.

In order for the placement of CCTV cameras to be legal and justified, the

Constabulary had to ensure that any application to expand the existing network conformed with the Surveillance Commissioners Code of Conduct and the justification for placement of any additional cameras was both open and transparent. An assessment would be made as to whether any request for additional CCTV coverage was justified and necessary.

The closing date for applications was 30 September 2019.

An initial meeting with local officers proved disheartening, low levels of crime in the area may make justification for funding difficult.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk requests crime statistics to support our application.

## **60 Use of the Memorial Gardens for Taste Cumbria**

Further to minute number 39e (2019/20), the Events Manager from Allerdale Borough Council submitted additional information regarding the usage of the gardens for a hot food picnic area, beer tent, stage and children's activities during Taste Cumbria in September 2019.

A revised site plan was circulated.

The issue was discussed at length. Members asked a number of questions regarding the new layout, ground re-instatement, plan B in case of poor weather, security, stewarding, generator usage, emergency access, use of single use plastic and noise.

Resolved – That Allerdale Borough Council be allowed to use the Memorial Gardens for Taste Cumbria subject to ground re-instatement.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm