

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

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
Councillor S Barnes
Councillor G Bennion
Councillor I Burns
Councillor A Kennon
Councillor D Malloy
Councillor S Nicholson
Councillor A Smith
Councillor C Smith
Councillor A Tyson
Councillor R Watson

Apologies: Councillor A Semple

Also Present: 2 members of the public

97 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 October 2019.

98 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 7 November 2019.

99 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 all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillor D Malloy declared a personal interest in item 12, trees due to being an employee of United Utilities.

100 Mayor's Announcements

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

- Launch of Linking Lives
- Fireworks

- Christmas Card Design Competition Prize Giving, Fairfield School
- Remembrance Service
- Visited The Rainbows to talk about the role of the Mayor
- Heritage Weekend, The Kirkgate
- Switch on Day

101 Police Report

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

102 Public Participation

There was no public participation

103 Planning Matters

103a Planning Applications

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Extension to existing balcony and erection of a detached garage

Recommended – Approval

103b Tree Preservation Order

Resolved - That the contents of TPO No.13 of 2019, land at Gote Road be noted.

104a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £14,344.12 be formally approved for payment.

104b Internal Audit

Agreed – That the interim report from our internal auditor for the period 1st April 2019 – 30 September 2019 be noted.

104c Financial Budget Comparison

Agreed – That the financial budget comparison to 30 September 2019 be noted.

104d Cockermouth Live!

Agreed – That the contents of the 2019 Cockermouth Live Annual Report be

noted.

105 Clerks Report

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

(b) That Councillors J Laidlow, A Smith, I Burns & S Barnes be nominated on to the 37th Anniversary Task Group

© That the fireworks be held on Sunday 1 November 2020 and that Town Councillors speak to other organisations about extending the offering in Town.

(d) That Councillor Semple be appointed onto the board of Cockermouth & Papcastle Recreational Trust.

106 Trees

Further to minute number 76 (2019/20), The Director of Cumbria Woodlands outlined the following ideas:-

Isel Road – No scope for tree planting, well wooded.

Memorial Gardens – Finish off circle of trees or plant individual trees

Greyrigg – plant a small number of individual trees

Towers Lane – plant small blocks of woodland or individual trees

Harris Park Extension – plant small blocks of woodland or individual trees

The species (70% native) would be planted sensitively after consultation with nearby residents and in order to make the scheme cash neutral for the Town Council, the application to United Utilities would include maintenance costs for the short to medium term.

Those present discussed the merits of each idea.

Resolved – That detailed schemes be drawn up in respect of the Memorial Gardens, Harris Park Extension and Towers Lane following consultation with nearby residents.

107 Strawberry Grange Bus Service

The Story Homes service to Strawberry Grange was due to start shortly.

Stagecoach had been awarded a contract to deliver a service will run once an hour to/from the development via Rose Lane 7am to 7pm. The timetable was designed to offer connections with the X4/X5 service to Workington.

The bus and driver will have just over half an hour between journeys so there is

potential for this time to be used to serve another part of the town e.g. Slatefell.

Stagecoach require a revenue guarantee to ensure that any extra costs (mainly fuel) will be covered by fares collected.

The Town Clerk and Councillor Alan Smith met a representative from Stagecoach to discuss this matter further.

Stagecoach provided costings and timetables for route C2 (Main Street via Langdale Drive and Helvelyn Close) & route C3 (Main Street via the Hospital). The revenue required each day for C2 and C3 was £33. Town Council would only pay the £33 if no-one travelled.

Councillor Tyson questioned the need for route C3 and enquired if our service could be extended to The Moor now that the Ellenvale service had ceased.

Resolved – That consideration of this issue be deferred and that the Town Clerk enquire about the service being extended to residents on The Moor.

The meeting closed at 20.25 pm