

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 15 April 2020 at 7.00pm

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

Also Present: A member of the press & Councillor R Hanson

The Mayor welcomed everyone to our first virtual meeting of Cockermouth Town Council due to coronavirus.

**180 Minutes**

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 February 2020.

**181 Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Climate Change Task Group be noted.

**182 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 A Semple declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

**183 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor had attended no functions since the last meeting. All functions had been cancelled due to corona virus.

She thanked Councillor Nicholson for erecting the blue tree lights on Main Street.

#### **184 Police Report**

There was no Police representative present at the meeting.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk write to the PCC to enquire why the Police were not willing to tell us about crime in our own town.

#### **185 Public Participation**

There was no public participation

#### **186 Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were circulated round all 12 councillors following social distancing in respect of corona virus:

##### **FUL/2020/0038 (amended plans)**

Resubmission of application FUL/2019/0104 for the change of use to holiday let with associated works including reinstatement of loft space above main staircase

All Saints Church Rooms, Kirkgate

Recommended – Refusal same reasons as previous

##### **HOU/2020/0043 (change of description)**

Proposed ground floor sunroom/utility room to rear elevation

Garthwhins, Mayo Street

Recommended – Approval

##### **FUL/2020/0063 & LBC/2020/0012**

Formation of new gated opening in eastern party boundary wall

Wordsworth Hotel, 43 Main Street

Recommended – Approval

##### **HOU/2020/0043 (as amended) (change of description)**

Proposed ground floor sunroom/utility room with decking and glass balustrade to rear elevation

Garthwhins, Mayo Street

Recommended – Approval

**FUL/2020/0064**

Demolition of retail unit and change of use as a pay and display car park

Country Pine and Oak, Lorton Street

Recommended – Approval

**VAR/2020/0005**

Variation condition 3, opening hours on application 2/2001/0900

Harris Park Bowling Club, Fern Bank

Recommended – Approval

**WTPO/2020/0010**

Crown thin up to 25% t4 & T5

Recommended – Approval

**HOU/2020/0029**

Replacement windows and doors

17, Cocker Lane

Recommended – Approval

**The following planning application was discussed at the meeting:-**

**HOU/2020/0057**

Proposed single storey extension to rear

25, Parkside Avenue

Recommended – Approval

### **187 Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £6,384.45 be formally approved for payment.

### **188 Financial Budget Comparison**

Resolved – That the financial budget comparison between 1 April 2019 & 31 April 2020 be noted.

### **189 Accounts for the year ended 2019/20**

Resolved – That the accounts for the year ended 2019/20 be agreed & approved.

### **190 Clerk's Report**

Agreed – That the content of the report be noted.

### **191 High Consequence Infectious Disease Policy (HCID)**

This model policy set out the general principles and approach that a Town Council would follow in respect of a HCID outbreak in the United Kingdom with an imminent threat of infection in Cockermouth.

However, the introduction of new emergency regulations on 4 April 2020 had largely superceded the need for the policy.

Agreed – That the High Consequence Infectious Disease Policy be received.

### **192 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (coronavirus) (flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings)(England & Wales) Regulations 2020**

Agreed – That the content of the new emergency regulations and their implications be noted.

Resolved – That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, the public be removed for the following items of business due to contractual issues being discussed.

### **193 Rent Free Period**

Resolved – (a) That the Centre for Leadership & Richwebmedia be given a 3 month rent free period due to hardship caused by the coronavirus.

(b) That a further review be taken after the end of June 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm