

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held virtually on Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Councillors G Bennion & J Laidlow

Also Present: Councillor Rebecca Hanson, a representative from the Press, Cumbria Dark Skies Project Officer & Mr Routledge.

40 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 July 2020.

41 Declaration of Interest

Councillors A Smith and A Tyson declared an interest in item 7 due to being members of the Development Panel.

Councillor Semple declared an interest in item 7 due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

Councillor Malloy declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2/20/9004 due to being employed by United Utilities.

42 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor was not in attendance.

43 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

44a Planning Applications

The following applications were circulated via email to members due to time

constraints:-

WTPO/2020/0020

30% reduction of oak tree

17, Low Road Close

Recommended – Approval

PB/2020/0005

Removal of public payphone

Main Street,

Recommended – Approval

The following planning applications were discussed:-

HOU/2020/0113

Removal of existing single vehicle concrete driveway and construction of new asphalted driveway suitable for parking two cars

40 Lowscapes Drive

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2020/0119

Re- submission of approved application HOU/2019/0217 for a single storey rear Extension

The Old Workshop, Skinner Street

Recommended - Approval

FUL/2020/0132

Change of use of land to allow the siting of 6 holiday chalets

Violet Bank Holiday Home Park Ltd, Simonscales Lane

Recommended – Refusal overdevelopment.

HOU/2020/0116

Single storey extension with balcony and single storey side extension

1B Oaktree Avenue

Recommended – Approval

2/20/9004

Covering of tanks and installation of odour control unit and vent stack to reduce odour levels at Cockermouth WwTW

Cockermouth Wastewater Treatment Works, Low Road

Recommended - Approval

44b Tree Works

Recommended – That the crown of a tree be reduced by 2m at Strawberry How, Strawberry How Road.

44c Tree Works

Recommended – That a mature sycamore be felled, 2 Moor Park.

44d TPO NO.2 Holmewood Residential Care Home

Agreed – That the confirmation of TPO No. 2 of 2020 be noted.

44e Adoption of Allerdale Local Plan

Allerdale Borough Council voted formally to adopt the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) (ALPP2) at a virtual meeting on 22 July 2020. This followed receipt of the Inspector's report which concluded that the plan was legally compliant and sound subject to his recommended modifications.

Agreed – That the adoption be noted.

44f Allerdale Borough Council – Local Validation List for Applications

Allerdale Borough Council require information to be submitted to validate a Planning application in addition to those stated in National requirements.

The list of requirements must be published on their website and reviewed every 2 years.

Agreed – That the content of the Local Validation list for applications be noted.

45a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £4,361.48 be formally approved for payment.

45b Financial Budget Comparison

Resolved – That the contents of the financial budget comparison between 1/4/20 – 30/6/20 be noted.

46 Correspondence

46a Cockermouth Music Society

Those present considered a request from Cockermouth Music Society for Financial assistance with a shortfall in their income due to the imposed lock down.

Resolved – (a) That due to a shortfall in our own income no grant be given at this time.

(b) That Councillor Tyson assists the Society to re-apply to Allerdale Borough Council.

46b Cockermouth Loop Cycling/Walking Route

Those present considered a request for support for the Cockermouth Loop, a proposed circular walking and cycling route from the town with Dubwath as its furthest point. The route was currently before Cumbria County Council for consideration in the next round of spending.

Resolved – That the request for support for the Cockermouth Loop be forwarded to Cumbria County Council.

47 Clerk's Report

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

b) That the following meeting dates be confirmed:-

20 January 2021
18 February 2021
17 March 2021
21 April 2021

20 May 2021

c) That it be noted that the North Lakes Foodbank received the Community Shield in 20/21.

d) That the Dorothy Wordsworth Statue be restored and revisited periodically to re-wax and check for corrosion of the bronze.

e) That the cenotaph be professionally maintained on a 6 monthly basis.

f) That William Wordsworth's bust be cleaned. Permission to be sought from the Round Table.

48 Regeneration of the Memorial Gardens

Those present considered a proposal to renovate the former toilets into a café/takeaway.

Resolved – That consideration of this item be deferred for further consideration.

49 Cumbria Dark Skies Project

Further to minute number 36a (2020/21), The Cumbria Dark Skies Project Officer gave a detailed presentation outlining the main aims of the project and the potential funding sources.

Resolved – That consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting.

Resolved –

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

50 Room Hire

Those present considered a request from one of our tenants to further extend their rent free period due to the ongoing effects of covid-19.

Resolved – That the tenant be given a further two month extension of their rent free period.

The meeting closed at 20.11 pm