

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermonth Town Council held virtually on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
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

Apologies: Councillor G Bennion

Also Present: Two members of the public

166 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 February 2021.

167 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 4 March 2021.

168 Minutes

Resolved – That the recommendations of the Climate Change Task Group on 11 February 2021 be endorsed and commended.

169 Declaration of Interest

Councillors A Smith & A Tyson declared an interest in item 8 due to being members of the Development Panel.

Councillor A Semple declared an interest in item 8 due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel & item 10b due to being a member of the Civic Trust.

170 Mayor's Announcements

None declared.

171 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

172 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed at our meeting-

FUL/2021/0042

Detached dwelling

Rubby Banks House

Recommended – Approval.

FUL/2021/0041

Proposed siting of a shepherd's hut (retrospective)

Greenbank Farm. Simonscales Lane

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2021/0055

Two storey side extension including balcony area

13 Dale View

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2021/0058

Proposed rear and side extension, shed placement and relocation of drive

65 Castlegate Drive

Recommended - Approval

173 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £2,690.68 be formally approved for payment.

174 Community Heartbeat

Community Heartbeat were seeking the Town Council's assistance to clean, weed kill and de-moss 4 defibrillator kiosks and check them weekly.

Resolved – That no assistance be given.

175 Calc Newsletter

The National Association of Local Councils has issued guidance on a possible return to face to face meetings after May 6th 2021.

Cumbria Wildlife announced a new project, Get Cumbria Buzzing! It's a 3 year project aimed at improving habitat for pollinating insects which will then increase the number of pollinators in the area. They are looking to achieve this through improving 35 hectares of road verges along parts of the A595 and A66 and through improving 70 hectares of land at community sites in Allerdale, Copeland and Carlisle.

NHS and Frontline Workers Day will take place on 5 July 2021. A rainbow flag will be raised on the Town Hall at 10.00am and bell ringing has been organised for 8pm. Participation will be encouraged via our social media page.

Agreed – That the content of the February/March 2021 newsletter be noted.

176 Kirkbank Panel

Allerdale Borough Council have removed the old information panel sited on the green at Kirkbank. Cockermouth Civic Trust would like to provide a replacement panel. Cockermouth Civic Trust were happy to design and arrange for the manufacture of a new panel and requested that Cockermouth Town Council install it onto a new support structure.

Resolved – That the Town Council assists with the installation of the new panel as requested.

177 Consultation on proposals for locally-led reorganization of local government

This consultation seeks views on the locally led proposals that the Secretary of State has received following his invitation to Councils in Cumbria, North Yorkshire and Somerset to submit proposals for local government reorganisation.

Resolved – a) That Cockermouth Town Council supports one unitary council in the West comprising of the current districts of Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland.

b) That opportunities to take on more local assets be discussed at our June 2021

meeting.

178 Clerk's Report

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

b) That councillor Alan Smith's resignation from the Climate Change Task Group be noted. That Councillor R Watson be nominated to replace him.

c) That Sheila Brown be nominated Climate Change Lead Officer

d) That Councillor S Barnes be nominated Climate Change Lead Councillor.

179 West Cumbria Water Supplies Planting Fund

Resolved – a) That our successful application for £6,647.90 be noted.

b) That the terms and conditions be accepted.

c) That the details of the scheme be discussed at our June town council meeting.

180 Annual Risk Assessment

Agreed – That the contents of the annual risk assessment be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.52pm