

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermonth Town Council held in the Town Hall,
Cockermonth on Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Barnes

Also Present: 2 members of the public

125 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 November 2021.

126 Minutes

Resolved – a) That the recommendations of the last Climate Change Task Group held on 1 December be accepted subject to the deferral of the wildflower meadow on the Memorial Gardens on land opposite the Castle until the January 2022 Town Council meeting.

127 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Semple & Tyson declared an interest in item 7 due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillors Kennon & A Smith declared an interest in item 7 due to being substitute members of the Development Panel.

128 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had attended the following social engagements since the last meeting:

- Coffee Morning
- Grand Window Judging
- Allotment & Private Gardens Awards Evening

- Concert at the Hundith Hill
- Switching on of the Christmas Lights

129 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

130a Planning Applications

The following applications were considered prior to the meeting due to time constraints

HOU/2021/0243

Demolition of existing lean-to and erection of single storey side extension

Beckside Cottage, Skinner Street

Recommended – Approval

WTPO/2021/0026

Works to an oak tree

13 The Parklands

Recommended – Approval

The following applications were considered at the meeting

FUL/2021/0298

Replacement of windows in two buildings with grey powder coated aluminium provided from the Alitherm Heritage Window Range.

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2021/0259

Proposed single storey family room extension

12 Parklands Drive

Recommended - Approval

130b Statement of Community Involvement

Allerdale's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how Allerdale will involve the local community, organisations and stakeholders with land use planning applications, planning policy including the local plan and neighbourhood planning. It relates to the parts of the Borough outside the Lake District Park.

The four week consultation commences on 25 November 2021 and ends on 23 December 2021.

Recommended – That the updated SCI be agreed.

131a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That payments in the sum of £7,864.22 be approved.

131b Financial Comparison

Agreed – That the financial budget comparison to 30/11/21 be noted.

132 Correspondence

132a Local Government Reorganisation

The Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Programme Board is working to create two new unitary authorities for Cumbria.

From 1 April 2023, two new unitary authorities will be responsible for delivering all council services for residents, businesses and organisations across Cumbria.

For the Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland areas the council's name will be Cumberland Council. Cumberland Council will potentially have 46 members.

Elections for the new council, as a Shadow Authority, will take place in May 2022 and then in 2027 and every four years thereafter.

Agreed – That the contents of the LGR Town and Parish Council Newsletter be noted.

132b Calc Newsletter

Agreed – That the contents of the November/December 2021 newsletter be noted.

132c Tree Works, St Helen's Street Allotments

Several tenants have expressed concern regarding the large trees on the boundary of their allotment.

Resolved – That our arboriculturist be requested to inspect the trees.

133 Clerk's Report

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

b) That the mural be agreed and that funding be sought from Allerdale's Welcome Back Fund whilst Town Clerk investigates best way to smooth the surface of the wall.

c) That carols round the tree remain at 8.00pm on Christmas eve due to concerns about the amount of traffic at 6.30pm.

134 Welcome Back Fund

The Town Council gratefully acknowledged that funding had increased from £10,000 to £12,857.

Around £1700 had been spent to date on the Christmas Video and on advertising banners.

Those present discussed how the remaining monies could be spent on.

Resolved – That councillors Malloy, Nicholson, Kennon, Burns & Semple form a sub committee to make recommendations on new Main Street Planters for our January 2022 Town Council Meeting.

135 Speed Indication Device

This item was deferred due to the ill health of the Traffic Management Team Leader.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm