

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

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

Apologies: Councillor A Tyson & R Watson

Also Present: 2 members of the public were present.

79 Minutes

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

80 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 2 September 2021.

81 Minutes

Resolved – That the recommendations of the last Climate Change Task Group meeting held on 18 August 2021 be agreed.

82 Declaration of Interest

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

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

83 Mayor's Announcements

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

- Civic Service, Aspatria

84 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

85 Planning Applications

Reference No: **HOU/2021/0197**

Proposal: Proposed 2 storey side and front extension, single storey rear extension with patio and extension to parking area

Location: 22 Sunscapes Avenue, Cockermouth, CA13 9DY

Recommended - Approval

Reference No: **HOU/2021/0201**

Proposal: Resubmission of application HOU/2021/0117 for a two-storey side extension

Location: 21 Melbreak Avenue, Cockermouth, CA13 9AN

Recommended - Approval

Reference No: **LBC/2021/0026**

Proposal: To erect a commercial awning to front of coffeeshop

Location: 29 Main Street, Cockermouth CA13 9LE

Recommended - Approval

Reference No: **FUL/2021/0239**

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Recommended - Approval

86 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £13,256.58 be formally approved for payment.

87 Correspondence

87a Healthy Start Vitamin Scheme in Cumbria – Pilot

Healthy Start is a UK Government Scheme to increase the health of low income pregnant women and families with young children on certain benefits and tax credits.

Cumbria County Council would like to distribute free vitamin supplies every 8 weeks from local libraries.

The practicalities of the scheme were still being discussed.

Resolved – That Cockermouth Library take part in the scheme.

88 Clerk's Report

Agreed – That the content of the report be noted.

89 Youth Provision

Councillor Bennion expressed concern that young townsfolk had no safe space to congregate unsupervised.

She requested that the Mayor and an additional councillor speak to the School Council at Cockermouth School and ask what they would like from our Town.

Concern was expressed regarding existing anti-social behaviour at teen shelter on Bellbrigg Lonning, raising expectations and lack of volunteers.

Resolved – (a) That the Mayor and Councillor Bennion contact the School Council at Cockermouth School regarding the issue.

(b) That the Mayor and Councillor Bennion invite County Councillor Bell to accompany them.

90 Speed Indication Device

Technology has developed considerably since we purchased our speed indication device ten years ago.

A quote had been obtained for a replacement unit.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the specification of the new SID, the location of the existing mounting poles and procedure for identifying sites for new mounting poles.

Cumbria County Council and the Police Commissioner had been unable to assist with funding.

Resolved – (a) That a battery powered speed indication device be purchased at a cost of £2,954.03 (excluding VAT) and that funds be vired from our unspent Twinning Budget.

(b) That a CCC representative be invited to our next meeting to discuss mounting pole procedures, data requirements etc

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm