Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Deputy Mayor)

 Councillor G Bennion

 Councillor I Burns

 Councillor A Kennon

 Councillor D Malloy

 Councillor S Nicholson

 Councillor C Smith

 Councillor A Smith

 Councillor R Watson

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Semple.

There were no members of the public present.

**114 Minutes**

 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2022 were signed as a correct

 record.

**115 Minutes**

The minutes of the special planning meeting held on 3 November 2022 were

 signed as a correct record.

**116 Mayors Announcements**

 No announcements were made.

**117** **Declaration of Interest**

 None declared.

**118 Public Participation**

 There was none.

**119 Planning Applications**

 **LBC/2022/0049**

Listed building consent for the replacement of gutters, down pipes, roof covering

 and introduction of conservation roof lights and integrated solar panels.

 The Fitz, Benask, Fitz Road

 Recommended - Approval

**120 Finance**

 Resolved – (a) That payments in the amount of £9,368.45 be authorised.

**121 Request for Grant Aid**

 Resolved – That a grant of £350 be given to CADS to assist with the production of A

 Christmas Carol at the Kirkgate Centre.

**122 Interim Half Year Report by our Internal Auditor**

Resolved – That the contents of the interim half yearly report by our internal

 Auditor be received and noted.

**123 LGR Newsletters**

The process of allocating staff to the new councils and Cumbria Fire & Rescue

 Service has now formally begun.It was anticipated that the majority of staff will

 know by the end of November which Council they will be working for on 1 April

 2023.

 Most council services will be delivered individually by both new authorities.

 However, in a small number of cases, the councils will share services, either for an

 interim period or longer.

Councillors also agreed the appointment of the external auditor, remuneration

 details, as well as the appointment of independent persons for the Standards

 Committee.

 The budget setting process was now underway.

Agreed - That the contents of the 13 October & 3 November 2022 LGR newsletters

 be noted.

**124 Rotary Remembrance Tree**

Those present consider a request from the Rotary Club of Cockermouth to site a

 ‘remembrance tree’ in the Memorial Gardens.

 Resolved – That permission be given in principle to site a ‘remembrance tree’

 subject to all permissions being obtained.

**125**  **Clerks Report**

Those present considered the contents of the report.

 Agreed – That the content of the report be noted.

**126 Resignation of Councillor Tyson**

Councillor Tyson resigned on 4 November 2022 due to ill health.

 A Notice of Vacancy was posted on 7 November 2022.

 If by 25 November 2022, 10 electors request an election to fill the vacancy, an

 election must be held within 60 days of receiving that request.

 Resolved – That Councillor Tyson be thanked for his many years of service.

**127 Planters**

A discussion ensued regarding the size/number and form of planters on the Main

 Street.

 Resolved – a) That the planters be left as is.

 b) That the concrete planters be replaced as and when new funding becomes

 available.

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm