

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Monday 23 October 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
Councillor I Burns
Councillor S Barnes
Councillor H Beanland
Councillor M Bowman
Councillor C Bell
Councillor C Bridgman
Councillor G Telford
Councillor J Samson
Councillor H Tucker
Councillor R Watson

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Malloy.

157 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

158 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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

159 Short List of Candidates for Interview

Those present considered whether or not to invite the three shortlisted candidates for interview.

Resolved – a) That the three short listed candidates be invited for interview on 8/11/23.

b) That all three candidates be invited to a meet and greet session with all councillors at 10.00am on 8/11/23.

c) That the interviews of candidates be undertaken by a panel of three councillors with a substitute councillor agreed incase any of those three councillors become unavailable on interview day.

d) That the Interview Panel comprise of Councillors Bowman, Samson & Barnes.

e) That the first substitute be Councillor Beanland & the second substitute be Councillor Bridgman.

f) That the members of the Interview Panel determine the questions applicants will be asked.

g) That interview one be held at 10.30am, that interview two be held at 11.20am & interview 3 be held at 12.10pm.

h) That candidates be informed that the formal presentation is no longer required, however the Town Clerk was asked to inform candidates that a question regarding Local Reorganisation and the opportunities that may arise will be asked at interview.

i) That the recommendation of the Panel on the successful application be discussed at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at 6pm on 8/11/23.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm