

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the council chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Stephen Barnes
Councillor Marion Bowman
Councillor Julie Laidlow
Councillor David Malloy
Councillor Jim Samson
Councillor Gillian Telford
Councillor Richard Watson (Mayor)

Mrs Jane Ollerenshaw (Clerk)

Mr David Wilson (CALC)

19:00 Meeting opened.

018/24 Apologies Cllrs Bridgman, Burns & Tucker had prior commitments. Cllr Bell was unwell. Cumberland Cllr Semple had a prior commitment. No apologies were received from Cllr Beanland.

019/24 Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of 15th May 2024.

Resolved to approve the minutes.

020/24 Declarations of interest Cllr Malloy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8a as the applicant was related to him.

021/24 Mayor's announcements The Mayor had attended a number of events in a personal capacity, including those related to the Green Week. As Mayor he had attended the fun day and was pleased that all went well and there was a good turn out despite the changeable weather. Cllr Laidlow suggested booking the Mechanics Band now for next year.

022/24 Report from David Wilson, Chair of CALC (Cumberland Branch). Mr Wilson spoke of the developments within CALC. It was now a limited company and they supported 108 parish and 11 town councils. They now had a new website and he encouraged councillors to look at it. The next AGM is on October 12th. He asked the Council to consider what more CALC can do for it. He suggested a larger councils' forum or a joint event hosted by Cockermouth Town Council. He spoke about the community panels and particularly the Lakes to Sea Panel. The Town Council could apply to the Neighbourhood fund for funding in four categories: Transport for the Community, Health Wellbeing, Resilience, Involvement.

023/24 Reports from Cumberland Councillors Cllr Tucker (Cockermouth North) and Cllr Semple (Cockermouth South) had both sent apologies and submitted a written report. Cllr Malloy asked if the reports could be sent in a little earlier and asked if a reminder could be sent to Cllr Tucker regarding outstanding report from the Tourism Manager for the area.

024/24 Public participation None present.

025/24 Planning

- Cllr Malloy left the room.
- **HOU/2024/0088** **Resolved** to recommend approval.
- Cllr Malloy re-entered the room.
- **WTPO/2024/0020** **Resolved** to recommend approval.
- **HOU/2024/0094** **Resolved** to recommend approval.
- **DEMC/2024/0003** **Resolved** to recommend approval.
- **HOU/2024/0066** **Resolved** to recommend approval.

026/24 Membership of the National Allotment Society. Resolved to join the National Allotment Society.

027/24 Internal Auditor's Report. Resolved to receive and approve the report.

028/24 Internal Auditor Recommendations. Resolved to agree the proposed strategy to increase reserves to the recommended level.

029/24 Annual Governance Statements. Statements 1 to 9 were considered individually. **Resolved** to agree all the statements.

030/24 Annual Accounting Statements. Resolved to approve the annual accounting statements.

031/24 Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2024/25. Resolved To reappoint Mrs Airey as the internal auditor.

032/24 Climate Emergency Group. Resolved that the group would be re-established with Cllr Barnes as the Chair. Due to a number of councillors being absent, the remainder of membership and terms of reference would be decided at the next meeting.

033/24 Standing Orders. Resolved to adopt the updated Standing Orders.

034/24 Financial Regulations. Resolved to adopt the updated Financial Regulations.

035/24 Communications, Press & Media Policy. Resolved to adopt the policy as proposed.

036/24 Request for Donation from Citizens Advice. Resolved to make a donation of £100 and the clerk to contact them to ask if a meeting room would be of benefit.

037/24 Nomination for CALC Directorship. Deferred until the next meeting.

038/24 Payments for Approval. Resolved to agree the schedule of payments.

039/24 To Note Pre-approved Payments Made. Resolved to note the payments

040/24 Clerk's Report. The Clerk's report had been circulated. Actions arising were:

- Obtain a quote for an additional socket in the upstairs kitchen.
- Clerk to look at first aid arrangements for next year's fun day.
- Letter had been received since the report was circulated regarding the C2 bus service. The subsidy was due to end soon and the Council would need to consider how to address this. It would need to come back as an item on a future agenda.

041/24 Date of next meeting. Confirmed as Wednesday 17th July 2024.

20:56 Meeting closed.