

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 15 August 2012 at 7.15pm

Members

I Burns (Mayor)

S Coates  
A Graham  
A Kennon  
A Smith

L Davies  
P Graham  
E Nicholson  
C Smith

Apologies: S Standage, C M Jackson & J Laidlow

Also present: 1 press representative, 1 police representative and 1 member of the public.

**47 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the special meeting held on 11 July 2012 and the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2012**

Resolved – That the minutes of the special meeting held on 11 July and minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2012 be signed as a correct record.

**48 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Davies declared another registrable interest in relation to all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel. Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in matters relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader of Allerdale Borough Council.

**49 Mayors Announcements**

Agreed – That it be noted that the Mayor had attended the following engagements since the last meeting:-

- Broughton Carnival

**50 Attendance by Police**

Members requested once again, that drivers in Market Place be prosecuted if their vehicle is obstructing the footway or roadway. The Police had been out with their speed gun in Dovenby as a result of the data collected by our speed indication device.

**51 Public Participation**

There was no public participation at this meeting.

## **52a Planning Applications**

### **2/2012/0516**

Installation of floodgate, Low Sand Lane, Wordsworth House, Main Street.

Recommended – No objections.

### **2/2012/0572**

Single storey extension (re-submission), 16, Beech Lane, Cockermouth.

Recommended – No objections.

The following applications were circulated to members for comment prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

### **Tree works at Holmeleigh, Brigham Road**

Recommended - No objections

### **2/2012/0503**

Replacement of timber sash windows to front and rear elevations with white UPVC sash windows

36 South Street

Recommended – No objections

### **2/2012/0485**

Alterations to remove existing garage door and install new window openings.

The Retreat, Croftside

Recommended – No objections

### **2/2012/0510**

Single storey extension

64, The Parklands

Recommended – No objections

### **2/2012/0544**

Single wind turbine with hub height of 55.6 metres and blade tip height of 79.6

metres and associated metering units.

Land at Wellington Farm, Lamplugh Road.

Recommend refusal – the wind turbine is to be built within 150m of The Dubs, Eaglesfield, the turbines are too close to the National Park and there are enough Wind turbines in this area.

#### **52b The Trout Hotel, Crown Street**

Resolved – That no objection be raised in respect of the proposed works to T1 & T2.

#### **52c Various Tree Works**

Agreed – That the approval of tree works on River Derwent Embankment, Harris Park, rear of 8 Fern Bank and Friends Meeting House, Kirkgate be noted.

#### **53 Highway Matters**

The Town Clerk was asked to report the following issues:-

- Pot holes at Evening Hill View & Brigham Road
- That the walkway (past the flower bed near Oakhurst Garage) be tidied due to it being a disgrace

#### **54 Financial Matters**

##### **54a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £8,051.07 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

##### **54b Notice of Alteration to an existing 2010 Rating List Entry**

Agreed – That the rate increase of 4, Old Kings Arms Lane, Cockermouth from £2,025 to £4,050 be noted.

##### **54c Cockermouth After School Scheme (CASS)**

Resolved – That CASS be referred to Cumbria County Council for funding from their 0-19 years funding.

##### **54d Gas Contract Pricing**

Agreed – That the new gas pricing be noted.

#### **55 Correspondence**

**55a Consultation Paper on Payments by Parish and Community Councils and Charter Trustees**

The Local Government Act 1972 states at section 150(5) that 'every cheque or other order for payment of money by a parish or community council shall be signed by two members of the council'. It is proposed that section 150(5) be repealed so that councils can adopt modern methods of payments and alternative means of control.

Resolved – That the proposed changes be welcomed.

**55b New Standards Committee**

Allerdale Borough Council is seeking nominations from Town and Parish Councils for 3 nominations to sit as parish members on its Standards Committee. Under the Localism Act 2011 parish members would have to be co-opted as non voting members. Expenses will be paid for travel to and from meetings.

Resolved – That Councillor Isabel Burns be nominated.

**55c Dispensations**

It was possible under the former standards regime, established by the LGA 2000, for members to be granted dispensations to enable them to speak and vote on matters where they have personal and prejudicial interests. Requests for dispensations had to be made to Allerdale Borough Council's Standards Committee. The Localism Act 2011 includes a similar provision for members to be granted a dispensation to speak and vote on a matter where they have a disclosable interest but the granting of the dispensation is now a matter for a local councils to determine.

Resolved – (a) That the granting of dispensations be delegated to the Town Clerk/RFO.

(b) That all members of the Town Council submit a request for a dispensation to take part in and vote on the setting of the council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 where as a member they (or their spouse/civil partner etc) hold property interests within the district for the remainder of the life of the Council.

**55d Managing Radioactive Waste Safely**

Agreed – That the briefing for parish council's on Wednesday 29 August 2012 at the Hunday Manor to discuss the Partnership's Final Report and CALC's response to it be noted.

**55e A Boards and Street Cafe Licences**

It is the intention of Cumbria Highways to inform all businesses/establishments that a licence is required to enable 'A'boards and Street Cafes (table and chairs)

to remain in the highway.

Comments on the proposals were required prior to 31 August 2012.

Councillor Smith expressed his disappointment that the introduction of these licences would also prevent shops selling their wares on the pavement in front of their shops.

Agreed – That the introduction of licences for ‘A’Boards and Street Cafes by Cumbria County Council in Cockermouth be noted.

**55f Proposed changes and additions to Cockermouth and the surrounding Areas Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)**

The proposals (and any objections) will be taken forward to the Highways Working Group scheduled for 19 October 2012 and then to Local Committee on 16 November 2012 for final consideration.

Agreed – That the proposed changes and additions to the TRO for Cockermouth and the surrounding area be noted.

**55g Gote Road Allotments**

Resolved – That the transfer of Gote Road allotments to Cockermouth Town Council via the community transfer process be supported. Town Clerk to return the expression of interest form as soon as practicable.

**55h Temporary Road Closure Order: U7000, Low Sands Lane, Waterloo Footbridge and South Street Footbridge**

Temporary road closures are required to allow the Environment Agency to undertake flood defence works at the following sites:-

1. U7000 Low Sands Lane, Cockermouth from the northern end of Low Sands Lane extending in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 25m
2. South Street footbridge, Cockermouth approximately 18m either side of the centreline of the footbridge
3. Waterloo footbridge, Cockermouth approximately 12m either side of the centreline of the footbridge.

Agreed – That the location and details of the alternative routes are noted.

**55i U2357 St Leonard’s Close, Cockermouth**

In order to protect the travelling public while the Forrest Group undertake construction works, all traffic (including pedestrians and cyclists) will be prohibited from proceeding along that section of the U2357 St Leonard’s Close, Cockermouth from a point approximately 50 metres north of its junction with Wakefield Road extending into the cul-de-sac in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 104 metres. There are no suitable diversion routes.

Agreed – That the emergency prohibition of all traffic notice be noted.

**55j Bailiff Seminar**

Resolved – That that councillor A Kennon attend the proposed Bailiff Seminar on behalf of the Town Council.

**55k Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Cumbria County Council**

Agreed – That it be noted that the Local Government Boundary Committee are recommending that Cumbria County Council be represented by 84 county councillors in the future.

**55l Local History Exhibition**

Agreed – That the details of the exhibition entitled ‘What did the Victorians do for Cockermouth?’ be noted.

**55m Breast Cancer Awareness Week**

Resolved – That the Soroptimists be allowed to place pink bunting around the base of the Mayo statue in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

**55n Tarn Close Sports Ground**

Resolved – That should Tarn Close Sports Ground be one that could be disposed of as part of Allerdale Borough Council’s asset review, the Town Council looks to negotiate terms of a disposal rather than a new lease for a term of 40 years.

**56 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – (a) That Age UK West Cumbria be given permission to paint the entrance to Victoria Hall white to make it brighter.

**57 Meeting Start Times**

Resolved – That Council meetings start at 7.00pm.

**58 Public Toilets in Cockermouth**

Resolved – That a detailed breakdown of the figures provided by D Bryden be requested.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm