

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 21 March 2012 at 7.15pm

Members

C Smith (Mayor)

L Davis
A Graham
A Kennon
J Laidlow
A Smith

P Graham
C M Jackson
A R Graham
E Nicholson
S Standage

Apologies: S Coates

Also present: 1 press representative, 2 police representatives & 2 members of the public

167 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meetings held on 21 March 2012 be signed as a correct record.

168 Declaration of Interest

Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in any item related to Allerdale Borough Council due to being the Council Leader. Councillors Davis, Jackson & Standage declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to being members of the Development Panel. Councillor E Nicholson declared a personal interest in planning application 2/2012/0144 due to making deliveries there.

169 Mayors Announcements

Agreed – That the list of events attended since the February 2012 meeting be noted.

170 Attendance by Police

The following points were raised:-

- The Rural Safety Group was to be re-convened
- Data from the speed indication device was being passed on to Police
- Cockermouth will lose one of its pcso's to Aspatria
- Councillor Standage asked that speeding on Lamplugh Road be investigated
- Councillor Nicholson expressed concern at the access arrangements for the new Police Station
- 16 crimes had been committed since the last meeting, 10 offences in Christchurch Ward and 6 offences in All Saints Ward.

171 Public Participation

There was no public participation at this meeting.

172a Planning Applications

2/2012/0125

Amendments to previously approved disabled access ramp

2 Market Street, Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

2/2012/0127

Refurbishment of existing centre by part demolition of west and east gables, internal refurbishment and addition of west two story extension for cafe, bar and reception, north two story extension for toilets, kitchen and offices and east two storey extension for escape stair

The Kirkgate Centre, Kirkgate, Cockermouth

Recommend – Refusal, materials particularly the use of zinc we feel is out of keeping with the conservation area, road safety fears and loss of car parking.

2/2012/0128

Conservation area consent for part demolition of west and east gables

The Kirkgate Centre, Kirkgate, Cockermouth

Recommended – Refusal, replacement not suitable.

2/2012/0134

Replacement of 2 single glazed wooden sash windows with double glazed wooden sash to front and 2 single glazed wooden sash windows with doubled glazed wooden sash windows to the rear

17 Wordsworth Terrace, Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

2/2012/0138

Installation of a slate roof extension

4 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2012/0144

Listed building consent for part demolition of wall and improvement of access for delivery vehicles

Castle Brewery, Brewery Lane, Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2012/0148

Raising height of existing river wall and erection of fence

Rubby Banks Cottage, Rubby Banks, Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2012/0149

Raising height of existing river wall and existing road level and erection of fence

Rubby Banks Cottage, Rubby Banks, Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2012/0163 & 0144

Part demolition of wall and improvement of access for delivery vehicles

Castle Brewery, Brewery Lane, Cockermouth

Recommend - Approval

2/2012/0168 & 0169

Change of use from hairdressing salon to laundrette and installation of ventilation ducting through roof at Rear of building- Resubmission to 2011/0878

6 Market Place, Cockermouth

Recommend – Approval

Due to time constraints the following planning applications were determined prior to the meeting following circulation:-

2/2012/0061

Replacement of shop front, relocation of entrance door, installation of new gate and flood repair works

1 Castlegate Cockermouth

Recommend – No objections

2/2012/0084

Advertisement consent for a large board sign, hanging sign and wall plaque

2 Market Street, cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

2/2012/0089

Replace wooden windows and door with Rosewood UPVC windows and Rosewood composite door- Retrospective

18 Crown Street, Cockermouth

Recommended – No objections

172b Tree Preservation Order, 82 Brigham Road, Cockermouth

Agreed – That the contents of TPO No. 1, 2012, tree on land adjacent to 82, Brigham Road, Cockermouth be noted.

172c Tree Works

Agreed – (a) That the approval of the removal of 4 sycamore trees, land at All Saints Church Yard, Kirkgate be noted.

(b) That the approval of tree works at Rubby Banks Cottage, Rubby Banks Road, Cockermouth be noted.

172d Planning Appeal

Agreed – That the submission of an appeal against the refusal to grant listed building consent for the installation of solar PV system, 25 St Helens, Street, Cockermouth.

173 Highway Matters

There were no issues to report.

174 Financial Matters

175 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £35,656.06 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

176 Correspondence

176a South Street, Cockermouth – Proposed Bus Stand

In conjunction with the current Main Street Improvement Scheme, bus movement throughout the area have been called into review. It is vital that smooth traffic flow is maintained on the Main Street to ensure the efficient operation of the highway. With this in mind Cumbria County Council want to introduce a bus stand on South Street allowing buses to effectively lay-over whilst causing minimal disruption to the town. The bus stand is intended for use by the smaller service buses needing to lay-over and not for the larger Stagecoach X4 & X5 services.

Recommended – That an objection be raised to the possible introduction of a bus stand on South Street.

176b Main Street, Cockermouth – Proposed Parking Restrictions

As part of the Main Street Improvement Scheme, Cumbria County Council are reviewing the parking arrangements in the area in order to achieve the most efficient use of the space available and a balance for all road users alike.

The overall provision for disc and disabled parking remains as existing although some of the bays are in slightly different locations.

Recommended – That the proposed parking restrictions on Main Street, Cockermouth be supported subject to the removal of the loading bay outside the Wordsworth Hotel.

176c Main Street, Cockermouth – Street Clutter

As part of the Cockermouth Main Street Heritage Improvement Scheme, Cumbria County Council are looking to consolidate as much of the vertical street furniture as possible which included lighting columns, sign posts and also includes posts which display the event banners. They would like to make columns multi-functional to include inbuilt fixings for banners, hanging baskets and our Christmas lights.

Recommended – That the consolidation of as much of the vertical street furniture as possible be supported.

176d Derwent Owners Association

Agreed – That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14 December 2011 be noted.

176e Main Street Improvements Group

Agreed – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 December 2011 be Noted.

176f Local Government Pay 2012

Agreed – That it be noted that the National Employers have made it clear that they could not support a pay increase from 1 April 2012. This will be the third consecutive year that the local government workforce has not received a pay offer.

176g Annual Grounds Maintenance Contract

Agreed – That the 3.9% increase be rejected and ISS requested to keep the increase below 2.9%.

176h Temporary Road Closure Order, Brigham Road

Agreed – That the works due to commence on 19 March 2012 be noted.

176i Temporary Road Closure Order, Kirkgate

Agreed – That the works due to commence on 26 March 2012 be noted.

176j CALC Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the March 2012 edition be noted.

176k Memorial Gardens

Resolved – That the request from Churches Together in Cockermouth to plant a cross in the Memorial Gardens on Good Friday and re-assemble at daybreak on Easter Sunday be granted subject to the hole in the ground being filled and made safe when the cross is removed.

176l Local News and Views

Agreed – That the Spring 2012 edition be noted.

176m Memorial Gardens

Resolved – That Cumbria Partnership NHS Trust be allowed use of the Memorial Gardens for their 'Life is a Rollercoaster Promotion' on Monday 9 April 2012 between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm subject to the necessary licences being obtained and the ground being made good.

177 Cockermouth Community Organisers

Agreed – That the findings from the ‘listenings’ be noted.

178 Structural Alterations to the Town Hall

Resolved - That the plans for alterations to the ground floor be submitted to Allerdale Borough Council.

179 Tarn Close

Resolved – That the deed of variation be agreed and signed and returned to Allerdale Borough Council for completion.

180 Clerks Report

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – (a) That the content of the report be noted.

(b) That the wording of the draft lease for 4 Old Kings Arms Lane be agreed.

(c) That a uniform comprising of black trousers and fleece jacket be introduced in respect of the 5 members of staff in the tourist information centre.

(d) That the Mayor officially open the relocated tourist information centre on a date to be agreed.

(e) That it be noted that Veronica Neale has resigned.

(f) That the former reception area on the ground floor be leased to Go Visit Lakes.com as of the 1st April 2012 for a 2 year period at a rental of £2,000 per annum.

(g) That the Clerk’s office be rented to Olympus Technology Group Limited as of middle of April 2012 for a 2 year period at a rental of £3,500 per annum.

(h) That NSquare Limited be relocated in Mr Tickner’s office.

(j) That the Town Clerk reminds Priority Signs to remove the For Sale/To Let sign From the Memorial Garden.

(k) That Allerdale Borough Council be requested to make the Memorial Gardens a Designated ‘Dogs on Lead’ area.

(l) That the Gyro Swing be repaired at an estimated cost of £500.00.

(m) That the ivy been removed from the trees adjacent to 21Derwentside Gardens.

(n) That the Town Council become the accountable body for a £25,000 scheme on Rubbybanks Road.

181 Town Centre Flood Recovery Co-ordinator

Remedial works were to be carried out in Market Place. The Cockermouth Pocket Book was still on programme to be in outlets by Easter.

Dr Ticker wished it placed on record his sincere thanks and appreciation for the support, trust and patience over the last couple of years.

Town Councillors thanked him for all of his hard work.

Agreed – That the content of Dr Tickner’s report be noted.

182 Play Areas, land at Isel Road, Towers Lane and Harris Park Extension

Resolved – That the terms of the contracts be agreed and the transfers executed.

Resolved –

‘That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following items of business due to contract terms being discussed’.

183 Victoria Hall

Those present considered two expressions of interest in relation to the long term use of Victoria Hall.

Resolved – That a 3 year lease be offered to The Centre for the Third Age on terms to be negotiated by the Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm