

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on 16 October 2013 at 7.00pm

## Members

P Graham (Mayor)

I Burns	S Coates
L Davies	A Graham
C M Jackson	A Kennon
E Nicholson	C Smith
A Smith	S Standage

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Laidlow.

Also present: 1 press representative & 1 police representative

There were also 2 members of the public in attendance.

### **70 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 September 2013.**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 September 2013 be signed as a correct record.

### **71 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Smith declared an other registrable interest in all matters relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being Leader of Allerdale Borough Council.

### **72 Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

- Charter Afternoon Tea at Camerton Hall
- RAFA Social Event
- McMillan Coffee Morning
- Taste Cumbria Launch Event
- Prize Giving, Cockermouth Area Hounds Association
- Civic Service in Silloth

### **73 Attendance by Police**

One police representative attended the meeting.

During September 2013, there were a total of eleven offences of crime reported in the Christchurch Ward. These included five reports of theft from local shops. Shop Watch is now fully operational with the majority of shops joining.

In Christchurch Ward, seven offences of crime were reported including the theft of a charity box from within a local store.

#### **74 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **75a Planning Applications**

2/2013/0633

Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

12 Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth

Recommended – Approval

2/2013/0680

Re-configuration of fenestration to n.e. & s.w. elevations

41, Gote Road, Cockermouth

Recommended - Approval

#### **76 Financial Matters**

##### **77a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £59,189.47 as stated on the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

##### **77b Town Hall Buildings Insurance**

Resolved – That the 2013/2014 insurance terms and new policy schedule be agreed.

#### **77 Correspondence**

##### **77a Spirit of Christmas**

Resolved - That the tree lights be turned on between 5.00pm and 9.00pm on Thursday 7 November 2013 to promote the 'Spirit of Christmas Event'.

##### **77b Dog Control Order, Memorial Gardens**

Resolved – That the Town Council does not pursue the Dog Control Order in the Memorial Gardens at the current time and monitors the situation.

### **77c Allerdale Local Plan (part 2) Site Allocations**

Allerdale Borough Council are preparing a Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) that will form part 2 of the Allerdale Local Plan. It will identify sites in the Borough needed to accommodate the range of land uses necessary to implement the vision and growth requirements to 2029 as set out in the Strategic and Development Management Policies DPD (Allerdale Local Plan Part 1. Allerdale Borough Council were inviting comments on:-

- Site Allocations: Discussion Paper
- Site Allocations: Methodology
- Site Allocations: Sustainability Appraisal : Draft Scoping Report

Resolved – That those present submit individual comments to the discussion paper, methodology and draft scoping report.

### **77d Community Asset Transfer – Gote Road**

Those present considered the transfer conditions proposed by Cumbria County Council.

Resolved – (a) That the transfer conditions be deemed acceptable

(b) That Waugh and Musgrave be appointed to act on our behalf on this issue.

### **77e Minerals and Safeguarding Plan**

The Lake District National Park have received the Inspector's reports for the Allocations of Land and Minerals Safeguarding Areas Plan.

In summary, the Inspector has found both the Allocations Plan and Minerals Plan to be 'sound' subject to some modifications which were discussed at the hearing sessions.

Resolved – That the contents of the letter dated 18 September 2013 be noted.

### **77f Calc Circular**

Agreed – That the contents of the October circular be noted.

### **77g Great North Air Ambulance**

Those present considered a request from the Great North Air Ambulance Service for grant aid from our 2014/2015 budget to support their charity and ensure that this vital service is maintained.

Resolved – (a) That a donation of £500 be given to the Great North Air Ambulance from our 2013/2014 budget.

(b) That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Chief Executive of the Cumbria Partnership NHS Trust regarding the appalling state of the Health Service in West Cumbria.

#### **77h 39 Derwentside Gardens**

Members considered the content of Mr Kerr's letter dated 30 September 2013.

Resolved – That Mr Kerr be informed that an arboriculturist will be employed to examine all the trees in the Memorial Gardens and that funding to carry out the works identified will be included in next year's budget.

#### **77i Derwent Owners Association**

Agreed – That the contents of the minutes of the Derwent Owners Association held on 9 September 2013 be noted.

#### **78 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

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

(b) That arrangements be made to place the carved wooden seat in situ adjacent to the play area.

(c) That Carols round the Tree be held on Main Street as usual.

#### **79 Tarn Close Sports Ground**

Members considered the content of the four expressions of interest received in relation to the future development of Tarn Close Sports Centre.

Resolved – That the following organisations be invited to the Town Council meeting on 18 December 2013 to present their vision/plans/business plans:-

- Cumberland Football Association
- Grassmoor Sports Centre
- Cockermouth Junior Football Club
- Jeff Thorpe on behalf of various running/sports clubs

#### **80 Cockermouth School Exam Results**

Resolved - That Cockermouth School be congratulated on their best ever results.

#### **81 Neighbourhood Development Orders**

Resolved – That a special meeting of the Town Council be held on Monday 4 November 2013 to discuss the comments received during public consultation.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm