

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 21 July 2016 at 7.00pm

Members

S Standage (Mayor)

I Burns	L Davies
C M Jackson	J Laidlow
D Malloy	E Nicholson
S Nicholson	K Scales
A Smith	A Tyson

Apologies: A Kennon

Also Present: 1 member of the public, Louise McKenna, Superintendent Registrar & Andrea Smith, Development Manager

32 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 June 2016

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2016 be signed as a correct record.

33 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Special meeting held on 22 June 2016

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34 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held on 7 July 2016

Resolved – That the minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held on 7 July 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

35 Declaration of Interest

Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in any item relating to Allerdale Borough Council due to being the leader.

Councillor L Davies declared an other registrable interest in item 8 due to being a substitute member of Development Panel.

36 Mayors Announcements

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

- Raising the flag for Armed Forces Day, Workington
- Reception for Chernobyl Children

- Cockermouth Garden Trail
- Broughton Carnival
- Cockermouth Music Society
- Civic Service for Mayor of Workington

37 Police Report

The Police were not present at the meeting.

Their report was circulated prior to the meeting.

38 Public Participation

There was none.

39a Planning Matters

2/2016/0393

Advertisement consent to display initial advertisements adjacent temporary sales centre and eastern access consisting of the siting of 2 advertisement boards and 2 aluminium poles and flags and 1 brown fence advert

Land at Strawberry How Road

Recommended – refusal on highway grounds, lack of visibility.

Members were very concerned that this work had already been carried out.

Resolved – That the Clerk send a strongly worded letter to Kevin Kerrigan objecting to this practice.

2/2016/0436

Construction of rear entrance porch to improve flood resilience

8 Market Street

Recommended - Approval

40 Finance

40a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £13,463.95 be formally approved for payment.

40b Quarterly Monitoring Report

Agreed – That the contents of the quarterly monitoring report be noted.

41 Correspondence

41a Cockermouth Heritage Group

Those present considered a request from Cockermouth Heritage Group display a 17th century linen chest in the Town Hall.

Agreed – (a) That the 17th century line chest be not situated in the Town Hall at the resent time due to our decision to use the Chamber as a Ceremony Room.

(b) Cockermouth Heritage Group to be informed that this decision may be re-considered in the future.

42 New Housing Strategy for Allerdale Borough Council

Providing access to good quality housing of a suitable type, size and tenure for all is an aspirational goal of Allerdale Borough Council to give residents of Allerdale a higher quality of life with opportunities for them to grow whilst living in mixed sustainable communities.

The shortfall of affordable housing is a major concern especially for low-income households, it is therefore crucial that new housing and in particular affordable housing is seen as a key priority for the Council.

The overall condition of housing stock in the Borough has significantly improved since 2011.

Allerdale has a 'super ageing' population, the number of residents aged over 65 will increase by 40% from 2015 to 2037. This poses a major strategic challenge for Allerdale and the strategy aims to ensure that there is a range of appropriate housing provision, adaptations and support.

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

(b) That councillors respond individually to the consultation.

43 Registration Service

As a result in a change of circumstances, the County Council is looking for an alternative venue for the Ceremony Room currently based in Fairfield, Cockermouth.

Cumbria County Council wishes to transfer the Ceremony Room to the Town Hall.

Resolved – (a) That in principle, Cockermouth Town Council agrees to work in partnership with Cumbria County Council to transfer the Ceremony Room to the Town Hall.

(b) That the formal consultation process be commenced.

43 Clerks Report

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

(b) That an advert be placed in the Times and Star to attract expressions of interest for Double Mills Youth Hostel.

44 Resignation of Councillor C M Jackson

The Mayor thanked Councillor Jackson for her efforts over the last 32 years and wished her well in the future.

Resolved – (a) That Councillor Jackson's resignation be accepted as of 31 July 2016.

(b) That a casual vacancy be declared on 1 August 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm