

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 21 September 2017 at 7.00pm

Members

A Tyson (Mayor)

I Burns	R Hanson
A Kennon	J Laidlow
D Malloy	E Nicholson
S Nicholson	A Smith
S Standage	

Apologies: L Davies & K Scales

Also Present: Two members of the public

65 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 16 August 2017

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 August 2017 be signed as a correct record.

66 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 7 September 2017

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67 Declaration of Interest

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

68 Mayors Announcements

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

- Aspatria Civic Service
- Conservation Area Booklet Exhibition
- Cockermouth Civic Service
- Private Garden & Allotment Competition

The Deputy Mayor attend the Cockermouth School Achievement Evening.

69 Police Report

The Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Hanson requested Police support to reduce speed on Windmill Lane.

The Licensee at The Globe agreed to that his doormen would look out for anti-social behaviour on Challoner Street.

Resolved – That the new Inspector be invited to a future meeting of the town council.

70 Public Participation

There was none.

71a Planning Applications

HOU/2017/0187

Two storey side extensions to existing property

27 Beech Lane

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0455

Change of use from a dental practice (D1) to a residential dwelling (C3)

72 Kirkgate

Recommended – Approval

The following planning application was circulated for comment prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

HOU/2017/0182

Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and conversion of garage linked to house to form additional living space

2, The Parklands

Recommended – approval

The following application for tree works was circulated for comment prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

Remove epicormics/trunk growth up to branch unions with trunks on 57 lime trees

Main Street & Market Place

Recommended – approval

72 Finance

72a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the revised schedule of payments in the sum of £16,060.54 be formally approved for payment.

73 Correspondence

73a Charity Golf Competition

Agreed – That the letter of thanks from The Rotary Club of Cockermouth for supporting their annual golf competition be noted.

73b Cockermouth Heritage Group

Agreed – That the contents of their letter dated 6 September 2017 be noted.

73c NALC

Those present considered the contents of a legal briefing note from NALC on the Reform of data protection legislation.

The Governments key priorities of the Data Protection Bill were:-

- To ensure data protection rules were suitable for the digital age
- To empower individuals to have more control over their personal data
- To give individuals the right to be forgotten
- To modernise data processing procedures for law enforcement agencies
- To allow police and the authorities to continue to exchange information quickly and easily with international partners to fight terrorism
- To ensure we meet our obligations while a member of the EU
- To replace the 1998 Act

Resolved – (a) That the contents of the NALC legal briefing note on the Reform of Data Protection Legislation – General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Bill be noted.

(b) That the Town Clerk identifies areas/activities that could cause compliance problems.

(c) That the Town Clerk attended a CALC training session later in the year.

73d CALC Circular

Agreed – That the contents of the September 2017 CALC circular be noted.

74 Clerks Report

Agreed – That the contents of the report be noted.

75 Conservation Area Project

Resolved – That a grant of £79.17 be given to Cockermouth Civic Trust to cover the cost of production and installation of the conservation area information board in the library.

76 Highways Projects

Cumbria County Council were drawing up a list of network improvement projects which may be actioned over the next four years.

Recommended - That the list of suggestions be put forward.

77 The Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2015

This order modifies provisions in Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70) for the purpose of enabling and facilitating the use of electronic communications in the sending of summonses to members of both principal councils and parish councils in England to meetings of those authorities.

Members will only receive summonses electronically where they consent to it being transmitted by this method and they may at any time withdraw their consent.

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

(b) That Councillor Smith receives his summons electronically.

78 Library Transfer

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign the amended TR1 in respect of Cockermouth Library.

Resolved -

That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item due to commercially sensitive information being discussed.

79 Double Mills Youth Hostel

Those present considered what action (if any) should be taken to expedite the sale of Double Mills.

Resolved – (a) That we apply for change of use to residential.

(b) That we apply for a stopping up order for the footpath that runs through the site.

(c) That a maximum of £2,000 be drawn from balances to remove carpets and re-decorate throughout.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm