

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 17 January 2018 at 7.00pm

Members

A Tyson (Mayor)

I Burns  
A Kennon  
D Malloy  
S Nicholson

R Hanson  
J Laidlow  
E Nicholson  
K Scales

Apologies: L Davies, A Smith & S Standage

Also Present: A Police representative & two members of the public

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**131 To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last Meeting held on 20 December 2017**

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 December 2017 be signed as a correct record.

**132 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Malloy declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2/17/9019 due to being an employee of United Utilities. He left the room whilst the application was discussed.

Councillor E Nicholson declared a personal interest in planning application 2/2017/0586 due to being a Borough Councillor.

**133 Mayors Announcements**

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

- Carols round the tree on Christmas Eve

**134 Police Report**

The Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Those present asked a number of questions regarding the content of the report.

**135 Public Participation**

There was none.

## 136 Planning Applications

HOU/2017/0259

Single Storey extension to side and rear elevations (re-submission of HOU/2017/0088)

2 Fitz Road

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2017/0267

Replacement of 5 windows to the front of the property with UPVC sliding sash

16 Fell View

Recommended - Approval

2/2017/0567

Re-submission of application 2/2017/0212 for the removal of external window and insertion of timber door and handrail and steps to enable the standalone, secure servicing of the ATM

23 Station Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2017/0579

Demolition of existing building and erection of retirement living accommodation (category II type) together with communal facilities, landscaping and car parking  
Former Cottage Hospital, Isel Road

Recommended – Refusal overdevelopment of the site, un-neighbourly, inadequate car parking, lack of green space, proposal does not go far enough to meet need in terms of tenure and affordability.

2/2017/0589

Alterations to building and creation of hardstanding area to serve car valeting  
Business

Allerdale Borough Council Customer Care Centre, Fairfield Car Park, South Street

Recommended – Refusal a very busy car park is the wrong location for this use  
traffic movement would be restricted.

2/2017/0594

Part change of use of A1 shop to allow D1 for education including alterations to window (re-submission of 2/2017/0146) (retrospective)

Recommended – Approve

2/2017/0602

Outline application for a single dwelling including access

80, Windmill Lane

Recommended – refusal overdevelopment of the site, poor access

HOU/2018/0006

Two storey side extension (re-submission of HOU/2017/0229)

The Old Coach House

Recommended – Approval

The following application is a county matter.

2/17/9019

Erection of sub-station kiosk

Cockermouth Wastewater Treatment Works

Recommended - Approval

The following application was determined prior to the meeting due to time constraints.

WTPO/2017/0022

Trim of overhanging branches of lime tree

13 Parkside Avenue

Recommended - Approval

## **137 Finance**

### **137a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £2,918.07 be formally approved for payment.

## **138 Correspondence**

### **138a Council Tax Consultation 2018/19**

Peter McCall, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria was seeking support to raise the council tax level by £1 per month to boost the number of officers on the beat in local communities.

Recommended – That this proposal be not supported due to the detrimental impact the increase would have on households. The money should be raised through increases in efficiency.

### **138b Budget Consultation 2018/19**

To address the decline in income that Allerdale Borough Council receives from Central Government, Allerdale Borough Council need to deliver savings to address the funding gap of around £3m over the next three years.

Cockermouth Town Council were asked for responses to the following questions:-

1. To maintain services which are important to you, should we increase Allerdale's portion of the Council Tax bill by £5 on Band D properties (with proportional increases to properties in other council tax bands) in 2018/19?
2. Should we increase the Council Tax empty homes premium from 50% to 100%?
3. In 2018/19 should we increase fees and charges by 3% in line with inflation?

Those present also noted that the annual 10k town centre funding will not be made available from 2018/19 onwards.

Recommended - That we respond No to Question 1, No to question 2, Yes to Question 3 and that we object to the loss of the annual 10k funding as it would be detrimental to Cockermouth.

### **138c Royal Garden Party**

Resolved – That councillor A Tyson be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

## **139 Clerks Report**

Resolved – That the contents of the Clerks report be noted.

## **140 Improve pathway from Dale View through Harris Park Extension to the bridge**

Councillor Kennon requested that the condition of the pathway from Dale View through Harris Park extension be reviewed as it required attention.

Resolved – That costs be obtained to improve the pathway.

## **141 Fees & Charges 2018/19**

Resolved – That fees and charges for 2018/19 be agreed.

#### **142 Budget & Precept**

Resolved – That the 2018/19 precept be set at £193,012.

#### **143 Effectiveness of Internal Audit**

Resolved – That Mrs G D Airey continue to be employed as our Internal Auditor.

#### **144 Annual Risk Assessment**

Resolved – That the contents of the annual risk assessment be agreed.

Resolved –

‘That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to contractual issues being discussed.’

#### **145 Double Mills Youth Hostel**

Those present considered an offer/proposal in respect of the sale of Double Mills Youth Hostel.

Resolved – That the offer be agreed subject to purchaser’s acceptance of the Council’s preferred alternative to one of the proposed conditions attached to the offer in relation to the access track.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm