

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 18 December 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
Councillor S Barnes
Councillor G Bennion
Councillor I Burns
Councillor A Kennon
Councillor D Malloy
Councillor A Smith
Councillor C Smith
Councillor A Tyson
Councillor R Watson

Apologies: Councillor A Semple & S Nicholson

Also Present: 2 members of the public and a Police representative.

116 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 November 2019.

117 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 5 December 2019.

118 Minutes

Resolved – (a) That the recommendations made by the Climate Change Task Group on 6 December 2019 be agreed.

(b) That the Town Clerk writes to Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council encouraging them to install electric charging points in Cockermouth.

119 Declaration of Interest

Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

Councillor A Tyson declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to being a member of the Development Panel.

120 Mayor's Announcements

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

- Fundraising concert for Mayor's Charity in URC Church
- Rotary Charter Night
- Judging of the Grand Window Competition
- Carol Service, Mitchell's Auction
- Mayor's coffee morning

121 Police Report

The police report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

All shop watch members had been given blank witness statements and evidence bags to be completed when a crime had been committed. These were to be completed whilst events were fresh in their minds and an officer would collect them as soon as practicable.

122 Public Participation

There was no public participation

123 Planning Matters

123a Planning Applications

HOU/2019/0234

New garage

8 Woodside Avenue

Recommended – Refusal due to size, massing and effect on neighbouring properties.

123b Public Inquiry, Public Footpath 223003, land off Strawberry How Road

Resolved - That councillor Malloy attend the public inquiry on 9 June 2020 at The Oval Centre, Salterbeck Drive, Workington.

124 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £4,796.07 be formally approved for payment.

125 Correspondence

125a Calc Newsletter

Agreed – That the contents of the December/January Calc Newsletter be noted.

126 Clerks Report

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

b) That the meeting dates for the remainder of 2020 be approved.

127 Strawberry Grange Bus Service

Further to minute number 107 (2019/20), Stagecoach gave details of a new C3 service which would service other side of town rather than the hospital. Their quote remained at £33 per day if no-one travelled.

Resolved – (a) That services C2 & C3 be agreed from 1 March 2020.

(b) That this service be advertised as widely as possible prior to the start date.

128 Footway Lighting

Those present considered a letter from the Property Services Manager, Allerdale Borough Council.

The letter gave details of new proposals in respect of footway lighting throughout the Borough.

The new proposals were:-

- Town and Parish Councils will be asked to pick up the energy costs of lights within their parish from April 2021
- Town and Parish Councils will be informed of the approximate costs for energy usage within their parish by the end of February 2020
- The costs will be based on an updated inventory of individual lights which was recently submitted to Energy North West
- Town and Parish Councils will have the opportunity to ask for lights no longer required to be removed or switched off.
- As and when fittings or bulbs need replaced, they will be replaced with led lamps which going forward will further reduce energy costs
- The Borough Council will continue to pick up the maintenance costs for the foreseeable future

Agreed – That the contents of the letter be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm