

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.00 pm

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

Apologies: Councillor G Bennion

**143 Minutes**

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 January 2020.

**144 Minutes**

Agreed – That the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Group be noted.

**145 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 Semple declared a personal interest in all planning applications due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

Councillor D Malloy declared a personal interest in items 8 & 14 due to being an employee of United Utilities.

**146 Mayor's Announcements**

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

- Metalcraft Launch

She thanked the Town Council for the sympathy card and flowers she received following her father's death and also thanked the Deputy Mayor for assisting her

with her engagements.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Phillip Straughton for making a stand for her Ostrich egg.

#### **147 Police Report**

There was no Police representative present at the meeting.

#### **148 Public Participation**

There was no public participation

#### **149 Tree planting proposals from Cumbria Woodlands**

This item was deferred pending Neville Ellstone's attendance.

#### **150 Planning Matters**

##### **150a Planning Applications**

HOU/2020/0009

Single storey extensions to side and rear

3 Rose Garth

Recommended - approval

LBC/2020/0003

LBC for proposed external stairs and new access to first floor

25 Kirkgate

Recommended - approval

#### **151 Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £30,738.18 be formally approved for payment.

#### **152 Correspondence**

##### **152a Poet Laureate**

Simon Armitage will be touring libraries over the course of the next nine years. He plans to do it alphabetically, starting this year with the libraries whose names begin with 'A' or 'B'. Next Spring 2021 he will be visiting libraries whose names begin with 'C' and 'D'. Applications from libraries beginning with 'C' and 'D' will open later in 2020.

Resolved – That Simon Armitage be asked to come to Cockermouth Library.

### **153b Linking Lives**

Further to minute 134, Linking Lives requested that either the bench outside the URC or a bench in the Memorial Gardens be designated a 'chat bench'.

Those present considered the signage proposed.

Resolved – That an appropriately sized 'Happy to Chat' sign be affixed to the bench outside the URC on Main Street, Cockermouth.

### **153c Walk of Witness 2020**

Those present considered a request from Churches Together to use the Memorial Gardens for their annual Walk of Witness over the Easter weekend.

Resolved – That permission be granted.

### **153d CALC**

Agreed – That the contents of the February/March 2020 Newsletter be noted.

### **154 Clerks Report**

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

b) That one of the noticeboards outside the library be removed and the other be refurbished.

c) That a Give and Take Day be held in the Town Hall

### **155 CCTV**

Resolved – That a technical survey be carried out at a cost of £907.84.

### **156 Dale Close Meter**

United Utilities would like to install a meter and associated valves and hydrants on a bypass off the existing 6" water main on Harris Park extension. Access for a

small excavator and dumper will be required. The working area will be suitably fenced off for safety and security. Although the apparatus will be below ground a series of covers will be left at ground level. The contractor will set the covers in a grasscrete type surround to enable easy maintenance.

Resolved – That access to Harris Park extension by United Utilities for the works outlined be granted.

### **157 Fees & Charges**

Resolved – That fees and charges be approved.

### **158 Effectiveness of Internal Audit**

Resolved – That Mrs J Airey continues as our Internal Auditor.

### **159 Annual Risk Management Assessment**

Resolved – That the risk management assessment be noted and agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.39pm