

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermonth Town Council held virtually on Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 7.00pm

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: Mrs G Bennion

Also Present: A member of the press & Councillor Rebecca Hanson

**16 Minutes**

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 May 2020.

**17 Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

**18 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor had attended no functions since the last meeting due to covid-19.

**19 Police Report**

Resolved – That this item be removed from all future meetings.

**20 Public Participation**

There was no public participation

**21a Planning Applications**

The following application was circulated due to time constraints: -

LBC/2020/0016

LBC for internal alterations and improvements to rear porch.

Kirkgate House

Recommended - Approval

## **21b Tree Works**

Resolved – That the various tree works outlined in WTPO/2020/0013 be approved.

## **22 Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £10,675.05 be formally approved for payment.

## **23 Correspondence**

### **23a Emergency Active Travel Funding**

Further to Minute 14 (2020/21), Cumbria County Council had received confirmation that £233,000 had been allocated as part of the first tranche.

The following schemes were identified for Cockermouth:-

Market Place – close off Market Place to through traffic, allowing more open spaces for pedestrians and cyclists with the use of planters.

Station Street – provide separate cycleway facility by way of barriers and temporary extension of footway width to help social distancing.

Lorton Street junction and Gallowbarrow – create a number of bike boxes on approach to traffic lights/crossroads.

Temporary modifications to the pavement on the right hand side of Station Street were already in situ. Little consultation had been undertaken. Concern was expressed regarding the effectiveness of the barriers and complaints had been received regarding lack of parking for deliveries.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk writes to officers are CCC and ABC regarding the ineffectiveness of the barriers on Station Street and the issues with deliveries, that she enquires what will happen if the 2m distancing is reduced to 1m and that she requests that the Town Council be consulted on plans for Market Place prior to any decision being made.

### **23b Change to Allotment Letting Criteria**

Those present considered a request from a resident on our allotments waiting list to consider whether it would be possible to reserve one of two plots (perhaps divided into 2 or 3) for applicants with no garden of their own.

Resolved – (a) That the policy remains as is.

(b) That more land for use as allotments be sought.

## **24 Clerk's Report**

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

b) That our public conveniences remain closed and we monitor the situation closely over the next few weeks.

c) That councillors judge the allotments/private gardens prior to the next meeting and that an Awards Evening be held only if safe to do so.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm