

Minutes of a Meeting of Cokermouth Town Council held virtually on Wednesday 16 December 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: Councillor G Bennion

99 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 November 2020.

100 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 3 December 2020.

101 Declaration of Interest

Councillors A Smith & A Tyson declared an interest in item 7 due to being members of the Development Panel.

Councillor Semple declared an interest in item 7 due to being a substitute member of the Development Panel.

Councillor A Smith declared an interest in item 11 due to being a member of the Chamber of Trade.

Councillor A Semple declared an interest in item 9a due to being a member of the Civic Trust.

102 Mayor's Announcements

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

- Grand Window Judging

103 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

104 Planning Applications

These amended plans were circulated prior to the meeting due to time constraints

FUL/2020/0182 (as amended)

Flats at Wyndham Row

Recommended – approval

These plans were considered at our meeting:-

HOU/2020/0195

Installation of 3 no. velux windows to rear elevation and dormer conversion above existing garage

Tweedways, Tweedmill Lane

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2020/0196

Side Extension

35, Marvejols Park

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2020/0177

Replacement of windows

10, Fern Bank

Recommended - Approval

HOU/2020/0201

First floor extension above garage

49 Brigham Road

Recommended – Approval

LBC/2020/0046

LBC to replace existing kitchen window with larger size to fit original opening

Long House, Simonscale Lane

Recommended -Approval

105 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £2616.95 be formally approved for payment.

106 Financial Budget Comparison

Resolved – That the financial budget comparison 1st April 20 – 30th November 20 be noted.

107 Financial Assistance

Those present considered a request from the Mechanics Band for financial assistance due to covid-19.

Resolved – That a donation of £250 be given towards running costs.

108 Highfield Residents Association

Resolved – That a donation of £100 be given towards the provision of free lunches over the Christmas period to the children of those families who have been furloughed or on low wages.

109 800th Anniversary of the Market Charter

2021 represents the 800th anniversary of the granting of the market charter to Cockermouth.

The Civic Trust would like to celebrate the anniversary with a season of activities on the Cockermouth 800 theme rather than one big event.

Resolved – That Deputy Mayor Alan Smith be nominated onto any organisational group formed to commemorate the anniversary.

110 Clerk's Report

Resolved - (a) That the content of the report be noted.

(b) That Carols round the Tree be cancelled this year due to covid 19.

111 Chamber of Trade

Further to Minute number 93, those present discussed whether or not to contribute £750 to Cockermouth Chamber of Trade towards the cost of a new administrative and marketing assistant to assist with their work.

Resolved – (a) That up to £750 be given to Cockermouth Chamber of Trade towards the cost of this new post.

(b) That up to £750 be included in our precept for 2020/21.

112 Flood Defence Barriers

Further to Minute number 88c, those present discussed a request from the residents of Bridge Street Close to house 2 portable defence barriers in the library backyard.

Resolved - (a) That Councillor Malloy speaks to Mr Morrell regarding housing the equipment in a metal box and placing it beside the bridge. This option would require the consent of Metalcraft to make the metal box and Cumbria County Council to site the box by the bridge.

(b) That should option (a) prove unviable, both barriers be placed into one box and one box be placed at the rear of the library. A list of key holders must be given to the Town Clerk. Bridge Street Residents Association to be informed that they must insure the equipment and that the Cockermouth Town Council accepts no responsibility for the contents.

113 Footpath Greyrigg Avenue Play Area

Resolved – That £1800 be included in next year's precept to facilitate repairing The footpath.

The meeting ended at 7.46pm