

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermonth Town Council held virtually on Thursday 18 February 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Councillors J Laidlow & G Bennion

Also Present: Two members of the public

149 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 January 2021.

150 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 4 February 2021.

151 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

152 Mayor's Announcements

No announcements were made due to the Mayor's absence.

153 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

154 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed at our meeting-

HOU/2021/0007

Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new extension to provide additional living space

8 Kirkfell Avenue

Recommended – Approval

ADV/2021/0001

One fascia sign and one projecting sign, both internally illuminated

23, Station Street

Recommended – Refusal internal illumination out of character in a conservation area. Not recommended in Cockermouth Shopfronts Design Guide.

155 Tree Works

Recommended – That the pollarding of a large mature oak, 24 Low Road Close be approved.

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Recommended – That the pollarding of a lime tree, 14, Challoner Court be approved.

157 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £37,578.06 be formally approved for payment.

158 Grant Policy

Those present reviewed our current grant policy.

Resolved – That the following amendments be made to our grant policy:-

- a) That the annual sum in the first sentence of the Introduction be amended from £2,000 to £1,000.
- b) That 'Animal Welfare' be deleted from the list of applications we will not fund.
- c) That the 'Accounts' section be deleted in its entirety due to no longer relying on Section 137 to fund grants made.

159 Kirkgate Arts and Heritage

Those present considered a request for financial support from Kirkgate Arts and

Heritage for three projects:-

1. £500 for Arts out West for 21/22
2. £1,000 towards a new strategic 17month project 'Developing Community, Heritage and Creativity
3. £1,000 towards the 250th anniversary of the birth of Dorothy Wordsworth, the highlight of which will be a light sculpture commissioned by a leading artist

Resolved – a) That a commitment of £500 be made towards the light sculpture of Dorothy Wordsworth by a leading artist to celebrate her 250th anniversary.

b) That £500 be vired from EPSF budget 2021/22 to our grants to local organisations budget due to covid 19.

160 Community Heartbeat

Those present considered a request from Community Heartbeat to either replace the pads and batteries at a cost of £218 plus vat or support annually at a cost of £135 per annum.

Resolved – That the application be referred to the Metalcraft Community Fund.

161 Clerk's Report

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

(b) That plot 6b, The Gote be not quartered as the plot would be too small to be viable.

The meeting ended at 7.36pm