

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermonth Town Council held in the Town Hall,  
Cockermonth on Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor A Smith (Mayor)

Councillor S Barnes  
Councillor G Bennion  
Councillor I Burns  
Councillor A Kennon  
Councillor D Malloy  
Councillor J Laidlow  
Councillor S Nicholson  
Councillor A Semple  
Councillor C Smith  
Councillor A Tyson  
Councillor R Watson

### **136 Minutes**

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 December 2021.

### **137 Declaration of Interest**

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

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

### **138 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor had attended the following social engagements since the last meeting:

- Concert
- Carols round the Tree

### **139 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **140 Planning Applications**

The following application were considered prior to the meeting due to time constraints:-

Reference: **CAT/2021/0050**

Proposal: Alnus (T1) - permission is sort to crown lift and crown reduce the canopy of the tree by 35% back from the fence of the private residence and the boundary of the adjacent sub station Sycamore (T2) - permission is sort to fell, remove and kill the root of the self seeded tree within the mixed planted area

Location: Becksid Close, Cockermouth, CA13 9PW

Recommended – Approval

Reference: **FUL/2021/0312**

Proposal: Construction of first floor extension to dental practice

Location: St Helens Dental Practice, Market Place, Cockermouth, CA13 9NQ

Recommended – Approval

Reference: **HOU/2021/0261**

Proposal: Erection of a porch

Location: 5 Romely Place, Cockermouth, CA13 0AF

Recommended – Approval

Reference: **HOU/2021/0272**

Proposal: Single Storey rear and side wrap around extension

Location: 90 The Parklands, Cockermouth, CA13 0WW

Recommended – Approval

Reference: **HOU/2021/0274**

Proposal: Two storey extension to side

Location: 8 Dunmail Crescent, Cockermouth, CA13 0AG

Recommended – Approval

The following applications were considered at the meeting:-

Reference: **HOU/2021/0278**

Proposal: Replace existing crittal windows and external side door

Location: 70 Kirkgate, Cockermouth CA13 9PH

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **LBC/2021/0039**

Proposal: Listed building consent to replace existing crittal windows, staircase, loft stairs with loft ladder, external side door, remove existing en-suite and remodel bathroom/loft access to include small utility and store

Location: 70 Kirkgate, Cockermouth, CA13 9PH

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **FUL/2021/0323**

Proposal: Re-submission of application FUL/2021/0029 for the conversion and extension of first floor from former bank facilities to three, one bed apartments

Location: 23, Station Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9QW

Recommended - Approval

#### **141a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That payments in the sum of £2,455.03 be approved.

#### **141b Budget and Precept**

Resolved – That our budget/precept for 2022/23 be set at £263,442.

#### **141c Internal Audit**

Resolved – That Georgina D Airey remain as our internal auditor.

#### **142a Local Government Reorganisation**

Kim Rennie has started her role as LGR Programme Director and attended her first Programme Board Meeting.

Kim has extensive leadership experience delivering improvement and change programmes within local government and will provide leadership for the programme working to establish two new unitary councils.

Agreed – That the contents of the LGR Town and Parish Council Newsletter be noted.

#### **142b Wildflower Area**

The Civic Trust is proposing to lead a project in association with the Cockermouth Loving Earth Group to create a wildflower area on St. Helens Street and was requesting the support of the Town Council in particular to ensure that the grass at this location is only cut between October and February.

Resolved – That the project be supported and our financial contribution towards the purchase of the wildflowers for the project be acknowledged.

#### **143 Clerk's Report**

Agreed – That the contents of the report be noted.

#### **144 Welcome Back Fund**

Those present discussed the Planter Sub Group's recommendations and costings for new planters for Main Street. These were agreed.

Other suggestions considered included the purchase of ropelight to restore our Christmas motifs, cleaning the Mayo statue, a Love our Local print and direct Marketing campaign, the purchase of replacement led bulbs for our Christmas festoon.

Resolved – a) That planters be purchased from Gordon Ellis & Co at a cost of £7,187.26

b) That the cleaning of the Mayo Statue be supported.

c) That a price to plant up the new planters be sought from Tivoli.

d) That a definitive answer about the funding of the Mural be sought from Allerdale. If funding is supported a price be obtained for appropriate boarding.

#### **145 Wildflower Meadow opposite Castle**

Those present discussed whether or not to allow an area of the land opposite the Castle in the Memorial Gardens to remain unmown and develop into a floodplain meadow.

Resolved – a) That this proposition be not supported as it was agreed that the site was not appropriate.

b) That alternative sites for a wildflower meadow be discussed at our next meeting.

**146 Fees and Charges**

Resolved – That fees and charges for 2022/23 be agreed.

**147 Risk Assessment**

Resolved – That the contents of the annual risk assessment be noted and agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm