

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Town Hall,
Cockermouth on Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Councillor J Laidlow, Councillor A Semple & Councillor Bennion.

Also Present: 1 member of the press and 2 members of the public were present.

32 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 June 2021.

33 Minutes

Resolved – That the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 1 July 2021.

34 Declaration of Interest

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

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

35 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had attended no social engagements since the last meeting.

36 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

37 Planning Applications

Reference: **ADV/2021/0007**

Proposal: New Aluminium fascia tray with solid build up letters and trough LED Lighting and a non-illuminated projecting sign.

Location: 23 Station Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9QW

Recommended – Refusal trough LED lighting out of character with conservation area.

Reference: **WTPO/2021/0020**

Proposal: Removal of T1 and T2 and reduction of T3 as marked on plan

Location: 6 Little Mill Close, Cockermouth, CA13 9DB

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **FUL/2021/0160**

Proposal: Removal of chimneys to rear of property

Location: 1 Ashgrove, Lorton Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9RQ

Recommended – Refusal out of character with conservation area

Reference: **HOU/2021/0162**

Proposal: Replacement side extension and single storey rear extension

Location: 11 Greyrigg Avenue, Cockermouth, CA13 9EJ

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **LBC/2021/0029**

Proposal: Listed building consent application for replacement workshop/general purpose shed following full-scale loss due to fire damage on site. The site has been fully cleared to make it safe.

Location: Castle Yard Workshop, Isel Road, Cockermouth, CA13 9HU

Recommended - Approval

Reference: **HOU/2021/0166**

Proposal: New timber gazebo within garden

Location: Radura, 3 Holmewood Gardens, Cockermouth, CA13 0DB

Recommended - Approval

38 Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £13,369.19 be formally approved for payment.

39 Financial Budget Comparison

Agreed – That the content of the financial budget comparison 1/4/21 – 30/6/21 be noted.

40 Environmental Project

The Allerdale Local Committee have received 200k for environmental projects.

Councillor Kennon suggested using ladybird larvae to control the aphids in the trees in Town. This project was put forward and the money ring-fenced.

Cost are anticipated to be in the region of £3k.

Resolved – That the scheme be supported.

41 Outdoor Touring Theatre

Resolved – (a) That Heartbreak Productions perform Wonder with Grimm in the Memorial Gardens at 7pm on Saturday 7 August 2021. The cost of £2,250 be paid by the Council from recent toilet business rate refunds although donations welcomed.

(b) That an alternative venue be sought in case of inclement weather.

42 Clerk's Report

Agree – That the content of the report be noted.

43 Provision for Youth

Discussion of this item was deferred pending Councillor Bennion's attendance.

44 Traffic Management in Cockermouth

Councillor Watson explained that several residents had expressed their concern about speeding vehicles on Simonscales Lane, Brigham Road, Lorton Road and Windmill Lane.

He suggested that more signage, traffic calming measures or the introduction of a 20 mph zone may help reduce speed.

Resolved – That the Town Clerk writes to County Highways, the Police and the Speed Camera Partnership regarding these concerns.

45 Use of SID on Lorton Road

The Traffic Management Team Leader asked if it was possible to utilise our SID on Lorton Road and share the data with the CRASH Group.

Those present discussed whether or not this was agreeable.

Concern was expressed that the current pole for mounting the SID on Lorton Road was not sited in the best placed to catch speeding vehicles.

Resolved – a) That our SID be utilized on Lorton Road and the data gathered shared with the CRASH Group.

b) That an additional pole be requested and be sited between Vicarage Lane and Skinner Street.

46 Memorial Gardens Toilet Refurbishment

Further to minute 27 (2021/22), Councillor Burns stated that lots of users of the gardens would like to see the toilets developed and that the Town Council should ask the three interested parties what they wanted to do.

Councillor Watson stated that there were no figures or costings attached to the proposals received. Questions remained regarding how much land was in question, how the refurbishment would be funded, how long a lease the parties would require, what kind of a return we would get. He added that receipt from Double Mills could be used to bring the toilets up to modern standards. Suggestions from the public on the usage could be sought. He was happy to listen to what the three interested parties had in mind.

Councillor Tyson moved that we do not sell or lease the toilets but develop them ourselves over time as we have the money to do so. This was seconded.

A vote was taken, 4 in favour, 5 against.

Councillor Burns moved that the legal aspects of leasing be explored and that the three interested parties be invited to outline their proposals within the next 3 months. This was seconded.

A vote was taken 4 in favour, 1 against.

Resolved – That the legal aspects of leasing be explored and that the three interested parties be invited to outline their proposals within the next 3 months.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm