

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor A Semple (Mayor)  
Councillor S Barnes  
Councillor I Burns  
Councillor A Kennon  
Councillor J Laidlow  
Councillor D Malloy  
Councillor C Smith  
Councillor A Smith  
Councillor R Watson

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Bennion, Nicholson & Tyson.

There was one member of the public present.

### **97 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2022 were signed as a correct record.

### **98 Minutes**

The minutes of the special planning meeting held on 6 October 2022 were signed as a correct record.

### **99 Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor had attended the following events since his inauguration:-

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Linking Lives, Christchurch Rooms
- Charity Quiz Night, Kirkgate
- Two warm places meetings
- Allotments and Private Gardens Awards Evening

### **100 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Smith declared a personal interest in item 7 due to being a member of the Development Panel.

### **101 Public Participation**

There was none.

## **102 Planning Applications**

### **FUL/2022/0228**

Change of use to dwelling including single storey extension

Orchard House, Strawberry How

Recommended – Approval

## **103 Applications for tree works**

Recommended – a) That CAT/2022/0019, Fitz Wood be approved.

b) That CAT/2022/0030, 33-35 Kirkgate be approved.

## **104 Finance**

Resolved – (a) That payments in the amount of £9,611.35 be authorised.

## **105 LGR Newsletters**

Cumberland HQs will be distributed across the administrative area and will include Allerdale House in Workington.

The majority of staff including Corporate Management/Leadership Team will work flexibly between the anchor buildings.

Agreed - That the contents of the 15 September, 30 September & 6 October 2022 newsletters be noted.

## **106 Community Energy Schemes**

Resolved – That a letter be sent to our M.P. asking him to write to the Secretary of State of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, asking that the Government include measures to support the growth of community energy schemes in any upcoming emergency energy legislation such as the amendments to the Energy Bill proposed by Baroness Bennett (Amendments 237-238)

## **107 Speed Indication Device**

Further to minute number 92 (2022/23), the Traffic Management Team Leader confirmed that the following 4 locations are suitable for use of the SID.

- Lamplugh Road
- Lorton Road
- Gote Road
- Castlegate Drive

If the Town Council have concerns of speeding in any other area of town, the should submit an enquiry via County's website, clearly stating their concerns, the location and it will be investigated through CRASH for its suitability.

The Traffic Management Leader also confirmed in her email of 10 October 2022 that the SID may also be mounted on lighting column 136 outside of Franklynn on Lorton Road providing that there are no existing attachments to the column.

Resolved – a) That the Town Clerk ask if the pole on Windmill Lane could also be Used (it was one of the original six, the pole at Gote Brow was now a bus stop)

b) That the Traffic Team Leader be asked about the protocol for use of the flashing speed limit signs.

## **108 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the contents of the report.

Resolved – a) That Christine Smith continue on Cockermouth & Papcastle Recreational Trust for another 4 year term from the end of April 2023.

b) Councillor Malloy to trim and sweep up the area around the Cenotaph prior to Remembrance Day.

c) That monies be put in the budget to clean and re-sand next year.

## **109 West Cumbria Squirrel Initiative (WLSI)**

Louise Edwards a volunteer with West Lakes Squirrel Initiative Group gave a detailed presentation regarding the work of their group and their concerns regarding the lack of sightings of red squirrels in Cockermouth.

WLSI wished to engage stakeholders, run a local awareness campaign and gain permission from landowners of woodland to install feeders and cull Greys when identified by WLSI volunteers.

Resolved – a) That the Town Council supports this initiative.

b) That WLSI be given permission to place feeders on Council owned land to carry out monitoring.

c) That the Town Council assists with raising awareness.

d) That should greys be identified on Council land next steps be discussed further with WLSI.

### **110 High Street Task Force**

The Town Clerk had been invited to a three hour meeting with 10-12 key attendees representing stakeholders from Cockermouth, led by a High Street Task Force facilitator aimed at reviewing advice from HSTF to identify key barriers to transformation in Cockermouth.

Recommended – That the Mayor also attend the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.07. pm