

Cockermouth Town Council



Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council to be held in the Town Hall, Cockermouth on **Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

Please submit apologies in writing with reason to the Clerk.

Jane Ollerenshaw

Jane Ollerenshaw
Town Clerk
16th February 2024

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please note that the meeting may be audio or video recorded. Please could members of the public who intend to record the meeting inform the Clerk so that other members of the public are not recorded without their permission.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** (2 minutes)
2. **To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Cockermouth Town Council Meeting of 17th January 2024.** (5 minutes)
3. **To receive the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting of 15th January 2024.** (3 minutes)
4. **Declarations of Interests** – Members to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registrable interest or any other interest and the nature of that interest in relation to any item on the agenda in accordance with the code of conduct. (2 minutes)
5. **Mayor's Announcements** – The Mayor will announce the events she has attended since the last meeting. (1 minute)
6. **Public Participation** (10 minutes)
 - a) To answer any questions from members of the public in accordance with the summary of public rights.
 - b) To receive a petition from a member of the public in accordance with the summary of public rights.
7. **Planning** To make recommendations on planning applications and applications for tree works. (20 minutes)
 - a) **Reference No: FUL/2024/0011**
 - b) **Reference No: FUL/2024/0016**

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Council of Europe Year 2000
Europe Prize
Previous Awards
Plaque of Honour, Flag of Honour
European Diploma

c) Reference No: ADV/2024/0002

d) Reference No: FUL/2023/0088

8. **Reports from Cumberland Councillors** (10 minutes)
9. **Exclusion of Press & Public** To resolve that under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meeting Act 1960, the press and public be removed due to the following items of business containing personal information relating to staff and commercially sensitive information relating to contracts. (2 minutes)
10. **Staffing Committee Recommendations.** To approve recommendations from the Staffing Committee arising from their meeting on 15th February 2024. (5 minutes)
11. **Town Hall Roof Repair.** To consider quotations received for the roof repair. (5 minutes)
12. **Press and public to be readmitted to the meeting.** (2 minutes)
13. **Financial - Projection for 2023-2024** To agree adjusted budget figures (10 minutes)
14. **Budget 2024-2025.** To review the budget for 2024-2025 due to extraordinary costs being incurred. (20 minutes)
 - a) **300-Interest.** To resolve to move £150,000 to a high interest account. (2 minutes)
 - b) **500-Allotment Rents.** To agree rent increases. (5 minutes)
 - c) **220-Wedding Room Hire.** To agree room hire costs increases. (5 minutes)
15. **Precept 2024-2025.** To agree the precept for 2024-2025. (5 minutes)
16. **IT Contract.** To resolve to renew the new 5-year contract and to authorise the Clerk to sign on behalf of the Council. (3 minutes)
17. **Garden Party Nomination.** To nominate a person to be put forward for an invitation to the Royal Garden Party. (3 minutes)
18. **Staffing Committee Terms of Reference.** To approve the Staffing Committee Terms of Reference. (3 minutes)
19. **Allotment Eviction.** To consider eviction of a tenant. (5 minutes)
20. **To agree the attached Schedule of Payments.** (2 minutes)
21. **Clerk's Report.** To receive the report and advise on any actions. (5 minutes)
22. **Banking Hub.** To consider a request to share a petition in support of the request for a banking hub. (5 minutes)
23. **To confirm the date of the next meeting of Cockermouth Town Council as 20th March 2024.**