

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor A Semple (Mayor)  
Councillor G Bennion  
Councillor I Burns  
Councillor A Kennon  
Councillor J Laidlow  
Councillor D Malloy  
Councillor S Nicholson  
Councillor R Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Smith & C Smith.

There was one member of the press and two members of the public present.

### **188 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023 were signed as a correct record.

### **189 Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Burns declared an interest in item 10 due to her son and son in law being coaches at Cockermouth Junior Football Club.

### **190 Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor had attended the following engagements since his last meeting:-

- 83<sup>rd</sup> Rotary Charter Evening
- Unveiling of stone plinth commemorating 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Service
- Allerdale Borough Council's last ever Civic Dinner

The Mayor informed those present that at Allerdale's last ever Civic Dinner, Councillor Alan Smith was honoured by being made a Freeman of the Borough.

Resolved – That a letter be sent to Councillor A Smith congratulating him.

### **191 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

## **192 Planning Applications**

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

FUL/2023/0023

Erection of a single storey commercial building with associated infrastructure and landscaping

Triangle of land, Derwent Mills Commercial Park

Recommended - Approval

HOU/2023/0036

Side and rear single storey extension

26 Deer Orchard Close

Recommended - Approval

The following planning applications were determined at the meeting.

LBC/2023/0005 & FUL/2023/0037

Change of use from holiday accommodation to domestic and creation of an outside social space with storage

Double Mills

Recommended – Approval

VLBC/2023/0001

Variation to condition 1 of VBLC/2021/0001 for design changes to improve the ground floor internal arrangements

Cockermouth Cemetery Chapels

Recommended – Approval

LBC/2023/0010

LBC for formation of an en-suite at first floor and replacement ground floor window to side

Kirkgate House, Kirkgate

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2023/0047

Rear extension, front porch and driveway alterations

38 Limetree Crescent

Recommended - Approval

### **193 Finance**

Resolved – (a) That payments in the amount of £4,669.76 be authorised.

### **194 CCTV**

Those present considered the contents of a letter from the Chief Constable regarding the future of Cumbria Constabulary's public space CCTV system.

Members were please to note that the Constabulary is committed to the current agreement between the Town Council and the Constabulary and remained committed to continuing monitoring our camera.

Agreed – That the contents of the letter be noted.

### **195 LGR Newsletters**

Agreed - That the contents of the 17/1/23 & 3/3/23 LGR newsletters be noted.

### **196 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the contents of the report.

Agreed – a) That the content of the report be noted.

b) That a site meeting be held on Main Street (on a Wednesday) to agree the best location for the town noticeboard.

c) That 1,230 metres of Union Jack bunting be ordered for the Coronation in May and be hung along both sides of Main Street and both sides of Station Street.

### **197 Effectiveness of Internal Audit**

Resolved – That Mrs J Airey continue as our Internal Auditor.

### **197 Annual Risk Assessment 2022/23**

Resolved – That the Annual Risk Assessment for 2022/23 be noted.

### **198 Fees and Charges**

Resolved – That fees and charges be agreed subject to the cost of an allotment increasing by 10.1% (inflation) due to the fact that Water Plus were increasing their potable water block tariff for commercial customers from £1.7136m<sup>3</sup> to £1.91m<sup>3</sup> (11.46%) in 2023/24.

### **199 Tarn Close Depot Re-Development**

Murray Spiers & Des Wright attended the meeting to present the finalised plans and explore the possibility of the Town Council contributing to the project.

Costs were estimated to be around £400k. Phase 1 would include the development of the club house and phase 2 would include pitch improvements. Sport England funding was expected to cover 30%-50% of the total cost.

Resolved – a) That permission for the scheme (as landowner) be granted.

b) That Cockermouth Junior Football Club provides the Town Council with details of what a 'shared arrangement' would involve so that the matter could be explored further.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm

