

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 16 July 2009 at 7pm

Members

S Coates (Mayor)

I Burns  
A Smith  
A Tyson

L G Lytollis  
C Smith  
M Wood

Apologies: Councillors D Newton, A Kennon, C M Jackson, E Nicholson & S Standage

Prior to the meeting commencing, David Armstrong and Chris Hemingway, Cockermouth School outlined their proposals with regard to the Christmas Crib design.

31 **To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 17 June 2009.**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2009 be signed as a correct record.

32 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillors A Smith and A Tyson declared a personal interest regarding item 8 due to being members of the Development Panel.

33 **Mayors Announcements**

The Town Mayor gave details of the events he had attended since the last meeting.

These included:-

- Civic Reception for French Rotary
- Cockermouth Carnival
- Flag Raising for Armed Forces, Allerdale House
- Children's Society Open Gardens
- Opening our Art Exhibition
- Harmonic Society, All Saints Church
- Civic Service
- Storytelling
- Civic Reception for 12 children from Chernobyl
- Wind in the Willows
- Castlegate Singers
- Big Band Stand
- Gala Trio
- Drama Event

34 **Cittaslow**

This item was deferred due to D Keir, Allerdale Borough Council being away on holiday.

35 **Attendance by Police**

The Police were not in attendance.

36 **Public Participation**

No questions or petitions were received from members of the public.

37a **Planning Applications**

Resolved - That the Council's observations on the following planning Applications received to date be forwarded to the Chief Planning Officer:-

**2/2009/0228 (amended plan only)**

Full application for a mixed use residential development of a continuing care retirement community (comprising 114 use class C2 residential apartments with care for persons aged 55 and over) 51 Townhouses and apartments and outline consent for up to 34 affordable units.

Former Highway & Gas Holder Site, Sullart Street, Cockermouth

The Town Council's objection remains the same.

**2/2009/0415**

Replace windows with wooden sliding sash double glazed windows.

3 The Croft, South Street, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0416**

Advertisement consent for 1 fascia sign, 1 projecting hanging sign, 2 hoarding and 4 white flood lights.

Wordsworth Hotel, Main Street, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0419**

Change of use from light industrial to physiotherapy clinic.

4 Europe Way, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0420**

Rear Extension

3 Vale Close, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0421**

Replacement of 8 no. timber lodges with 4 no. larger timber lodges and replacement of retaining wall.

Wyndham hall, Wyndham Hall, Caravan Park, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0428**

Replacement of windows

Methodist Church, Lorton Street, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0429**

Variation of condition 3 of planning approval 2/2007/1109 to allow B8 use to units 13 & 15 (formerly units 8 & 10)

Land at Derwent Mills Commercial Park, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0431**

Alterations of the method of disposal of the surface water drainage relating to planning approval ref: 2/2008/0250

1,3,5,7,9,11,13 & 15 Market Street Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0436** plus amended plans

Listed building consent for erection of illuminated and non illuminated signs to exterior of the building.

The Wordsworth, 43 Main Street, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0460**

Listed building consent to replace windows with traditional sliding sash timber

1 The Croft, South Street, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0461**

Single Storey rear extension to provide enlarged kitchen and ground floor WC.

15 South Street, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0464**

Erection of garden shed

1 Culgarth Avenue, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0465**

Extension/alterations to existing dwelling and erection of detached garage

3 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth

No objection

**2/2009/0470**

Change of use of former joiners workshop to holiday let including minor external Changes and alterations to elevations

The Stable, Sullart Street, Cockermouth

The Town Council would prefer to see the workshop converted into rented accommodation rather than a holiday let.

**37b Notification of decisions from Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council**

Agreed - That the various notifications of planning decisions as received from the Borough Council and County Council be noted.

**37c Site Visit regarding 2/2009/0141 & 0142, Demolition of Manor Court**

The Mayor, S Coates attended the site visit and gave the views of the Town Council. The application was subsequently refused at the Development Panel.

**37d Planning Application 2/2008/0854, 14 South Street**

Agreed – That the receipt of an appeal against refusal to grant consent for a change of use to food takeaway including the installation of an external flue be noted.

**37e Grassmoor Sports Centre**

Agreed – That the receipt of an appeal against an enforcement notice relating to breach of planning control in relation to the change of use of land for the storage of a container be noted.

**37f Locality Profile, Cockermouth**

Resolved – That the contents of the profile be noted and that the following recommendations be suggested:-

- Lack of affordable rented accommodation ring fenced for Cockermouth people is a major concern
- Aging population is a major concern and not a minor concern
- Relatively low representation of non-food goods in retail sector is a moderate concern and not a minor concern.

**37g Cockermouth Rugby Club**

Red Raven Design Limited expressed their desire to attend the August meeting of the Town Council to be given the opportunity to present and discuss their proposals for a mixture of open market and social housing and improved facilities at the Rugby Club.

Agreed – That Red Raven Design Limited be invited to the next meeting.

**38 Highways Matters**

**38a Highway Steward**

Agreed – That there were no matters for the Highway Steward this month.

**39 Financial Matters**

**39a Schedule of Payments**

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £10,192.39 as set out in the amended expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

**39b Budget Comparison**

Agreed – That the content of the budget comparison be noted.

**39c Auditors Report**

Agreed – That the content of the report be noted.

**39d North West Twinning Federation**

Resolved – That Cockermouth Town Council does not subscribe to the NW Twinning Federation.

**39e Rotary Golf Tournament**

Resolved – That a £50 donation be given to the Rotary Club of Cockermouth.

**39f Insurance Cover**

Agreed – That our part B insurance cover regarding loss of revenue be increased from £15,450.00 to a more realistic £53,000 at an additional annual premium cost of £58.91.

**40 Schedule of correspondence, notices and publications**

**40a Cockermouth Area Partnership**

Agreed – That the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for 14 July 2009 be noted.

**40b Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

Agreed – That the minutes of the general meeting held on 29 June 2009 be noted.

**40c Cumbria Community Foundation**

Agreed – That the contents of the Foundations Spring Newsletter be noted.

**40d Managing Radio Active Waste Safely**

Resolved – That the content of Cumbria Association's position statement be

endorsed.

**40e Restoring Rivers in Your Area**

Agreed – That the factsheet from the Environment Agency and Natural England be noted.

**40f Tree Planting**

Members considered a request from Miss Brown regarding the possibility of planting a horse chestnut in the Memorial Gardens near to the Rotary Club trees.

Resolved – That the horse chestnut be planted in the Memorial Gardens at a location to be determined by the Mayor.

**41 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – (a) That the winners of the Garden Competition 2009 be noted and that the social evening be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

(b) That the general consensus of the majority of representatives present at the initial clustering meeting be noted.

(c) That Cockermouth Town Council develops its own Community Led Plan.

**42 Date of the next Meeting**

Agreed – That prior to the next meeting scheduled to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> August at an earlier start time of 6.30pm, a special meeting of the Town Council be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm to discuss the fireworks.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm