

Minutes of a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 17 June 2009 at 7pm

Members

S Coates (Mayor)

C M Jackson	A Kennon
D Newton	L G Lytollis
E W Nicholson	A Smith
A Tyson	M Wood

Apologies: Councillors C Smith & S Standage

Also Present: 1 member of the Press and 1 member of the Police

- 18 **To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2009 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 May 2009.**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2009 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 May 2009 be signed as a correct record.

- 19 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Tyson declared a personal interest in relation to item 7a due to his membership of the Development Panel.

Councillor Smith declared a personal interest in relation to item 7a due to his membership of the Development Panel and item 9b due to his membership of Cockermouth Rural Safety Group.

- 20 **Mayors Announcements**

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

These included:-

- Workington's Civic Service
- Speakers Club lunch
- AGM of Age Concern
- AGM of Allerdale Borough Council
- Mitchell's Exhibition
- Broughton School Football Competition
- Strawberry Tea, Abbeyfield
- Lioness' lunch
- Joyce Hartley's 90th birthday celebration

21 **Attendance by Police**

The Community Police Officer informed those present that there had been a further incident of exposure in the Derwent Mills area. A male has been arrested and is on police bail. Guest House owners had been warned to be vigilant and take payment up front where possible to prevent guests leaving without paying.

Youth disorder and anti-social behaviour has once again been agreed as our community priority. Police will patrol area around Challoner Street especially on Friday night when the youth club closes due to youths causing a nuisance in the area. Councillor Nicholson requested that police also monitor youth behaviour around the bungalows behind Melbreak Avenue.

Total crime in All Saints ward has decreased by 20.6% whilst the crime in Christchurch ward has increased by 21.3%.

Operational orders are now complete for Cockrock and Cockermouth Carnival.

22 **Public Participation**

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

23a **Planning Applications**

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

2/2009/0319

Construction of a new conservatory to the rear of the property

8 Albermarle Street, Cockermouth

Recommend Approval

2/2009/0321

Proposed single storey playroom extension to existing kindergarden

28 Mayo Street, Cockermouth

Recommend Approval

2/2009/0333

Proposed illuminated pole mounted box sign

Aldi Foodstore Ltd, Low Road, Cockermouth

Recommend Approval

2/2009/0337

Installation of wood burning stove with flue (retrospective)

37 Beech Lane, Cockermouth

Recommend Approval

2/2009/0343

Demolition of existing single storey garage structure erection of new two storey extension to side of property and lean-to porch to front elevation.

4 Willow Lane, Cockermouth

Recommend Approval

2/2009/0356

Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 2/2003/0637 to allow storage of materials.

Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd, New Road, Cockermouth

Recommend Approval

2/2009/0376

Replace existing metal single glazed windows with upvc double glazed tilt and turn windows

First floor Flat 2, Lorton Road, Cockermouth

Recommend Approval subject to window style matching the rest of the property.

2/09/9013

Erection of 1 no. Free standing parents waiting shelter and fixing of 1 metre high palisade fencing to top of boundary wall to rear of school.

Fairfield Infants School, Gallowbarrow, Cockermouth,

Recommend Refusal, Town Councillors would prefer the shelter to be placed in a less visible location i.e. in behind the wall. Style and materials used must be in keeping with a listed building in a conservation area

Clerk to investigate if planning permission was required for the new bright red plastic signs recently erected.

23b 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.

23c Applications for Tree Works

Two applications for tree works had been received.

Resolved (i) That the approval by Allerdale Borough Council of the removal of dead branches on three trees situated in or overhanging 11, The Parklands be noted.

(ii) That the felling or reduction of the tree at 2, Challoner Court be recommended for refusal.

23d Tree Preservation Orders

Resolved – (a) That the receipt of TPO No 3 2009, 11 Parklands be noted.

(b) That the receipt of TPO No 4 2009 and Tree Preservation (Revocation) Order 4 2009, land a Derwent Mills be noted.

23e Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Resolved – That no representations be made with regard to the Site Allocations Policies and Proposals Map.

23f New Build in Cumbria?

The Nuclear Institute Cumbria Branch are holding a series of six public lectures titled 'New Build in Cumbria' at the Sellafield Centre on Tuesday evenings from 16th June to 21st June starting at 17.30.

Agreed – That the dates of the lectures be noted.

23g Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance and Toolkit – Workshops

A series of workshops are due to be held around the County during June and July 2009 focussing on landscapes found in that area.

Agreed – That the dates of the workshops be noted.

24 Highways Matters

24a Highway Steward

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

24d Cockermouth Rural Safety Group

Members noted the matters discussed at the 11th June 2009 meeting. Members were also informed that the meeting scheduled to take place on 16th July 2009 had been cancelled.

Agreed – That the matters discussed at the 11th June 2009 meeting be noted.

25 Financial Matters

25a Schedule of Payments

Resolved – That the schedule of payments in the sum of £12,841.56 as set out in the expenditure transactions approval list be formally approved for payment.

25b Cockermouth Rural Safety Group

Members considered a request from Cockermouth Rural Safety Group regarding the Town Council purchasing a Smart Speed Indication Device (SID). Despite lengthy and extensive fund raising the Safety Group still had a shortfall of almost £500.

Members also discussed at length where the Smart SID should be located within the Town.

Resolved – (a) That the Town Council purchases the Smart SID at a cost of £3272.00 subject to Cockermouth Rural Safety Group contributing the £2824.49 raised to date.

(b) That the £426.75 vat element be reclaimed at the end of the next vat quarter.

(c) That the Smart SID be added to the Town Council insurance cover.

(d) That the six brackets kindly donated by Cumbria County Council be affixed at:-

- Castlegate Drive
- Windmill Lane/Slatefell
- Lorton Road (between Towers Lane and Rose Lane)
- Low Road/Crown Street
- Fairfield View
- Gote Road

25c Lioness Golf Competition

Resolved – That a grant of £50.00 be given to the Lioness.

25d Harrington Scout Group Marvejols trip

Resolved – That no grant be given due to Harrington Scout Group due to our grant giving policy preventing grants being given to organisations outside the Cockermouth area.

25e Pride of Cumbria

Agreed – That the letter of thanks regarding our £100 donation be noted.

25f Cockermouth After School Scheme (CASS)

Agreed – That the letter of thanks regarding our £100 donation be noted.

26 Schedule of correspondence, notices and publications

26a Cockermouth Memorial Park

Priority Sites Limited are presently developing 12 new industrial units at Derwent Mills, they are seeking consent to place a For Sale/To Let sign on the corner of the Memorial Gardens for approximately a 6 month period.

Agreed – That permission be granted for a fee of £300 subject to the Town Council agreeing the design and Priority Sites Limited obtaining any necessary permissions.

26b Service X58: Maryport – Dearham – Cockermouth - Keswick

Agreed – That the introduction of this new service Monday to Saturday commencing on the 17 July and running to 29 August 2009 be noted.

26c Service 217, Frizington

Agreed – That no comment be made regarding the summary of proposed changes to the service.

26d Letter from Miss Erlston regarding trees, Low Road

Agreed – That the letter be noted.

26e Eco Centre

The Facilities Manager at the Eco Centre was offering Town Councillors tours around the facility.

Agreed – That the offer be noted.

26f Cadet 150 Tree Planting Scheme

The Cadet Tree Planting Scheme aimed to plant over 150,000 trees during its 150th anniversary in 2010. Community tree packs consisting of 30 trees were available to interested parties.

Resolved – That the Clerk requests a community tree pack for the Memorial Gardens.

26g Calc Circular

The joint meeting with Allerdale Borough Council had been arranged for 29th June 2009 in Victoria Hall. Issues to be discussed included 'managing radioactive waste safely', Environmental Services in Allerdale and the election of a representative on the Allerdale Standards Committee.

Agreed – That the contents of the circular be noted.

26h Luxury Apartments for over 55's

Gillian Telford had expressed her surprise to read that greater provision for an ageing population in Cockermouth was unnecessary; she requested that the Town Council reconsidered its decision to recommend the refusal of planning permission or consider granting it if appropriate adjustments to the detailed specification were made.

Agreed – That the contents of the letter be noted.

26i A66 Trunk Road – Lay-by works

The Highways Agency will be undertaking lay-by works on the A55 Trunk Road at various locations. The works involve installing kerbing, installing verge hazard marker posts and hardening the verge to minimise damage caused by vehicles parking on the grass.

Agreed – That the works be noted.

26j Bus Stop adjacent to 9, Lamplugh Road

A complaint has been received from the Civic Trust regarding this bus stop. The bus stop is sited on a part of the road that parking is allowed this is causing problems for elderly passengers. The Civic Trust would like the bus stop re-sited away from the parking zone.

Resolved – That the complaint be forwarded to Ed Noble at Capita in Lillyhall.

26k **Core Strategy: Localities Workshop**

Allerdale Borough Council is reviewing its local plan, as part of this work an extensive assessment of issues facing local areas and communities has been developed. Two workshops have been organised on 13 July and 16 July to discuss their findings.

Resolved – That the Clerk requests that the profile be considered by the whole of the Town Council at a future Town Council Meeting.

27 **Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerks report.

Resolved – (a) That the water fountain be removed by ISS Waterers at a cost of £125.00.

(b) That the granting of permission by Allerdale Borough Council for the removal or thinning of 44 trees in the Memorial Gardens be noted.

(c) That Wordsworth House and Garden and the Eco Centre be nominated under the Special Awards Category for Cumbria in Bloom.

(d) That the £200 estimate for the exterior beading repairs on the two windows in the Chamber be agreed.

(e) That the £100 estimate for the removal of the water cylinder be agreed.

(f) That progress regarding switch on day be noted.

(g) That the completion and distribution of the festival leaflet be noted.

(h) That the transfer of the cleaning operative on 8th June 2009 be noted.

(j) That the progress regarding the visit by the poet laureate be noted.

(k) That permission be given to the Town Clerk to take up the unpaid position of Secretary to the Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreational Trust.

28 **Cittaslow**

Cockermouth Area Partnership would like Cittaslow to come under the control and management of the Tourist Information Centre as they feel that Cittaslow is principally another marketing activity for the town.

Resolved – (a) That D Keir, Allerdale Borough Council be invited to the next meeting To discuss the benefits of the scheme.

(b) That the Civic Trust be approached regarding the management of Cittaslow.

29 Fishing Permits in Town Waters

Members considered in detail:-

- The proposed revisions to the existing permit
- Proposed revisions to charges
- Enforcement Proposals
- Notice Board Content

Resolved – (a) That the current permit wording be revised as per the report.

(b) That as of 1st April 2010 permit fees be increased as follows:-

- Juveniles Accompanied under 16's free
- Adults £20 per season
- Seniors £10 per season
- Unwaged £10 per season

(c) That the Town Clerk and two town councillors be authorised to inspect the new permits on an adhoc basis and that the appropriate photo id cards be purchased.

(d) That grant aid be sought in relation to two new notice boards.

(e) That the Clerk investigates opening up the Town Waters to residents of the CA13 postcode.

30 Date of the next Meeting

Agreed – That the date of the next meeting be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm