

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th March 2019

Present: Councillors C Maudling (Chairman); J Forster; C Hayes; J Kane; B O’Kane; Councillor Walmsley

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V Gorley, Trainee Assistant Town Clerk

Member of the Public

1232/19 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gill, Councillor Rayson and Councillor Roberts

1233/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1234/19 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

1235/19 Digital Signs

(i) At the Council Meeting on 28th February 2019 (Minute 1224/19 refers) it was resolved to suspend Financial Regulations to allow a digital sign to be purchased from Scrimsign.

The Council considered that resolution and the reasons for and the risks associated with the suspension outlined in the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor O’Kane that having considered the reasons for and the risks of suspending Financial Regulations that the Council suspends Financial Regulation 11 in accordance with Financial Regulation 18 to purchase the sign from Scrimsign.

RESOLVED – That having considered the reasons for and the risks of suspending Financial Regulations that the Council suspend Financial Regulation 11 in accordance with Financial Regulation 18 to purchase the sign from Scrimsign.

- (ii) The Clerk reported that it had been agreed that planning permission be sought for the sign if this was required. The Planning Department had informed the Clerk that planning permission was required and that

It was proposed by Councillor O’Kane and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the Council apply for planning permission for the sign at a cost of £462.00 and submit the application and ask that this go before the Planning Panel for decision in April 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Council apply for planning permission for the sign at a cost of £462 and submit the application and ask that it go before the Planning Panel for decision in April 2019.

1236/19 Whitehaven in Bloom

The Clerk informed the Council that there had been a meeting of the Whitehaven in Bloom Advisory Group on 7th March 2019 and asked the Council to note the following:-

- The Group was informed that the Council’s Ranger had been injured in a road traffic accident and was likely to be off work for some months.
- Alan said he would endeavour to provide cover for the days the Ranger worked but that there would need to be some flexibility.
- Alan said there were interviews being held for seasonal workers in the next week.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would provide Alan with a list of the permissions obtained for hanging baskets on shop premises and that CBC would count how many hanging baskets we had.
- It was agreed that the boxes to go on the railings would be taken to Bennett Bros by CBC.
- Alan said that St Nicholas had a small budget and wondered if this could be used for some work in St Nicholas grounds.
- Councillor O’Kane said he would contact Gen 2 to ask about the boats they promised to build for the Council.
- Stan said it would be easy to make contact with Britain in Bloom at the appropriate time.
- Alan said he would have a site visit to St Benedicts to ask about the 2 plastic planters behind the high fence.
- With regards to the 2 beds running down the sides of St Nicholas it was agreed that this would be discussed at the meeting with the Church.

No decisions were made on this as it was for information only.

1237/19 IN PRIVATE

That prior to the following item of business the Chairman moved the following Resolution

That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and/or press be instructed to withdraw.

RESOLVED – That the public and/or press withdraw from the room

1238/19 Pigeon Loft Complaint

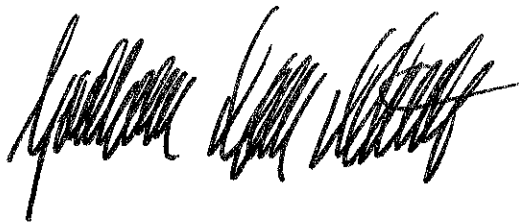
The Council considered a complaint received from a member of the public about a pigeon loft.

It was proposed by Councillor Kane and seconded by Councillor Hayes that both parties be requested to attend the Allotments Advisory Group to state their cases and that the Allotment Advisory Group make a recommendation to full Council on any action to be taken.

RESOLVED – That both parties be requested to attend the Allotments Advisory Group to state their cases and that the Allotment Advisory Group make a recommendation to full Council on any action to be taken.

The Meeting closed at 7.15

Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Kane', written over a horizontal line.