

# **WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30th March 2017**

**Present:** Councillors R Gill (Chairman); C. Arrighi; D. Elliott; J. Forster; M. Guest; J. Kane; J. A. Laine; G McKew; B. O’Kane; G.Roberts

M. Jewell, Interim Clerk to the Council  
Anne Simpson, Whitehaven and District Operatic Society  
Ann Timson, Rosehill Theatre  
Stephen McDowell, Kie Park  
Members of the Public  
The Press

### **642/17 Apologies For Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **643/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 and the continuation meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

A discussion was held on the Minutes. The amendments shown below were agreed and there was a recorded vote on the approval of the Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 the result of which was as follows:-

Councillor R Gill	For
Councillor C Arrighi	For
Councillor D Elliott	Did not vote
Councillor J Forster	For
Councillor M Guest	Against
Councillor J Kane	Did not vote
Councillor J Laine	Against
Councillor G McKew	For
Councillor B O’Kane	For
Councillor G Roberts	For

There was also a vote on the approval subject to amendments of the Minutes of the continuation meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 the result of which was 7 Councillors voted for approval and 1



Councillor Arrighi	Abstained
Councillor Elliott	Did not vote
Councillor Forster	Against
Councillor Guest	For
Councillor Kane	Did not vote
Councillor Laine	For
Councillor McKew	Abstained
Councillor O'Kane	Abstained
Councillor Roberts	Against

- That an appendix be added to the Minutes containing the recommendations from BDO. Recorded vote:-

Councillor Gill	Did not vote
Councillor Arrighi	Did not vote
Councillor Elliott	Did not vote
Councillor Forster	Against
Councillor Guest	For
Councillor Kane	Against
Councillor Laine	For
Councillor McKew	Abstained
Councillor O'Kane	Against
Councillor Roberts	Against

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**Declarations of Interest**

Councillor M Guest declared that he was a member of Kells Rugby Club.

Councillor McKew declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Rosehill Theatre

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**Public Participation**

- (i) Peter Tyson raised the question of a venue for Town Council meetings and quoted what the Chairman had said at the last Council meeting. The Interim Clerk said the six month rule did not apply and the Chairman said the matter would be discussed at a future Council meeting.
- (ii) Charles Maudling raised the matter of £360 to Corporate Finance
- (iii) Graham Sunderland asked if he could only comment on items on the Agenda and the Chairman said he would get clarity on that.

- (iv) Julie Rayson raised the issue of the Jolan concert and asked for a refund for her godson and two adult tickets. She was concerned about the cost of food and drink and could not see where the money had gone.
- (v) Julie Rayson questioned where the Notice of the Town Council had been displayed. She said the website didn't seem to be getting updated and was concerned because money was being paid to someone to do this.
- (vi) Julie Rayson said there were key points not included in the Minutes. She said that in Town Council meetings if it is not on the Agenda it can't be discussed and she wanted to discuss Whitehaven school and asked if the Council could meet with the Principal of Whitehaven Academy. She said she had 3 concerns – The Jolan Concert; the Council's website and Whitehaven Academy. It was agreed that the Interim Clerk contact the Principal of Whitehaven Academy to arrange a meeting with the Council.
- (vii) Charles Maudling said the Council was paying a lot of money for storage of seagull proof bags and that they should be distributed to businesses in town. The Chairman told Mr Maudling that the Council was not paying for the storage of these bags as they were being kept in the Civic Hall

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### Planning Applications

- (i) The Council considered a Schedule of planning applications received and Councillor Laine raised an issue with Planning Application No. CH/4/17/2103/F1 relating to 96 dwellings at Edgehill Park, Whitehaven. Following a discussion it was

**RESOLVED:-** (i) That a letter be sent to Copeland Borough Council Planning Department asking that the Community Infrastructure Levy be imposed on Story Homes in respect of this Development and

(ii) that the Planning Department be informed that there were no comments on any of the other applications

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**Financial Report**

- (i) The Council considered a Financial Report. Following a discussion on the approval of payment of invoices there was a recorded vote:-

Councillor Gill	For
Councillor Arrighi	For
Councillor Elliott	For
Councillor Forster	For
Councillor Guest	Against
Councillor Kane	For
Councillor Laine	Against
Councillor O’Kane	For
Councillor McKew	For
Councillor Roberts	For

**RESOLVED:-** That the invoices shown at Appendix 1 be authorised for payment

Councillor Arrighi left the meeting and did not return

There was also a recorded vote on the approval of the remainder of the Financial Report:-

Councillor Gill	For
Councillor Arrighi	Left Meeting
Councillor Elliott	Abstained
Councillor Forster	For
Councillor Guest	Abstained
Councillor Kane	For
Councillor Laine	Against
Councillor O’Kane	For
Councillor McKew	For
Councillor Roberts	For

**RESOLVED:-** (i) That the Cashbook and Income and Expenditure shown at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 be noted and approved

(ii) That £50,000.00 be transferred from the deposit into the current account

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**Grant Applications**

(i) Whitehaven and District Operatic Society

The Council heard an application deferred from the previous meeting for a grant of £5,000.00 for a production of “Oliver”.

After hearing a presentation from the Whitehaven and District Operatic Society it was:-

**RESOLVED** – That a grant of £5,000.00 be awarded.

(ii) Kie Park

The Council heard an application for a grant of £30,000.00 (£10,00 had already been paid) from Kie Park.

The representative from Kie Park said that they now only wanted £10,000.00 for new fencing, benches and waste bins.

Councillor Laine moved a motion that Kie Park should be awarded the £30,000.00 with £15,000.00 being given now and £15,000.00 over the next two years. Councillor Guest seconded this.

Councillor Kane moved a second motion that Kie Park be awarded what they had asked for at the meeting.

For the second motion there was a unanimous vote to award £10,000.00. For the substantive motion 2 Councillors voted for; 1 voted against and 6 voted against.

**RESOLVED:-** That a grant of £10,000.00 be awarded to Kie Park

(iii) Rosehill Arts Trust

Councillor McKew left the room during the discussion of this item and took no part in the decision

The Council heard an application deferred from the previous meeting for a grant of £5,000.00 from the Rosehill Arts Trust for Music Makers which was a school singing project to provide community concerts .

Following a presentation it was

**RESOLVED** – That a grant of £5,000.00 be awarded.

(iv) Kellsfest

An application for a grant of £10,000.00 from Kellsfest was before the Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED** – That consideration of the grant application be deferred to the next meeting in order that the applicants can attend to present their case.

(v) Ward Grant

It was reported that an application had been received from Councillor Gill for a Ward Grant of £500.00 to go towards the Sandwith village pantomime and the pensioners Christmas party.

**RESOLVED** – That the Ward Grant be paid.

**649/17** The Chairman moved a motion that because of lack of time Item 8 (Insurance Policy) and Item 9 (Allotments Contract) be deferred to the next Council meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Roberts.

**RESOLVED** – That Items 8 and 9 be deferred to the next Council Meeting.

**650/17** **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

The Interim Clerk reported that following the last meeting Fiona Rooney had been contacted about the provision of an internal audit service but no reply had been received. The Interim Clerk said it was important that an internal auditor be appointed as it was now the year end and that the two people who had submitted quotes were well qualified and experienced. Following a discussion on the appointment of an Internal Auditor (JW) there was a recorded vote:-

Councillor Gill	For
Councillor Arrighi	Left meeting
Councillor Elliott	For
Councillor Forster	For
Councillor Guest	Against

Councillor Kane	For
Councillor Laine	Against
Councillor O'Kane	For
Councillor McKew	For
Councillor Roberts	For

**651 /17** **RESOLVED** – That JW be appointed as Internal Auditor to the Council  
The Chairman proposed that as Items 11 and 12 were verbal reports that they be deferred to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That Items 11 and 12 be deferred to the next meeting

**652/17** The Chairman said it was now 9.30 and that in order to continue it was necessary to suspend Standing Orders for 30 minutes to consider the exempt item and proposed that this should be done. This was seconded.

**RESOLVED** – That Standing Orders be suspended for 30 minutes

**653/17** The Chairman proposed and the Council **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be conducted that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of the following item.  
The public and press left the room .

**654/17** **Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer and Appointment of Trainee Assistant Town Clerk**

A report was given by the Chairman of the Staffing Committee that interviews had been held for these two posts and that two people had been offered the positions.

**RESOLVED:-** That this be noted

The Meeting closed at 10.00pm



Chairman



