

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 21st March 2018

Present: Councillors B O’Kane (Chairman); R Gill; J Kane; J Laine; C Maudling; J Rayson; G Roberts

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
V. Gorley Trainee Assistant Town Clerk

Ian Fisher, Rod Eglin from Royal British Legion

931/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Forster, Councillor Guest, and Councillor Lowrey

932/18 Declarations of Interest

The Clerk reported that Councillor Laine had sent an email to declare a personal interest in the last item regarding the appointment of a solicitor.

933/18 Public Participation

There was no public participation

934/18 Silent Soldier Campaign

The Council considered a report and listened to a presentation from the Royal British Legion about the Silent Soldier Campaign. Each Standing Soldier cost £250.00 and if purchased would have the Council’s logo on it and would be sited where the Council wanted it. The Council were informed that because this was part of the poppy appeal any expenditure would have to be under s137 which meant that the Council had to be satisfied it would be of direct benefit to all or some inhabitants and that the direct benefit was commensurate to the amount of money expended. The Council was satisfied that the purchase of a Standing Soldier would satisfy the s137 criteria and following a discussion it was

RESOLVED – That two Standing Soldiers be purchased at a total cost of £500.00 and that it be agreed between Councillors where they be sited.

Councillor Kane left the meeting and did not return.

935/18 IN PRIVATE

That prior to the following items 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 this be approved and the public and/or press left the room during the continuance of the following items of business

936/18 Quotations for Grass Cutting

The Council considered quotations received for grass cutting

RESOLVED – That the quotation received from Copeland Borough Council be accepted and that Copeland Borough Council be asked to give a quote on what it would cost to remove the grass cutting.

The Chairman asked that item 7 be heard next and this was agreed.

937/18 Quotations for Hanging Baskets

The Council considered quotations for the provision of 100 hanging baskets for Whitehaven town centre.

Councillor Laine came into the meeting during the discussion on this

RESOLVED – That the quotation from Colour Gro be accepted for the provision of hanging baskets in Whitehaven town centre

938/18 Quotations for Allotment Maintenance

The Council considered quotations received for allotment maintenance.

RESOLVED – That the quotation received from Copeland Borough Council be accepted

939/18 Grant applications

Councillor Laine declared an interest in the application for Whitehaven Community Tennis as her sister-in-law was a member and was present. The Chairman informed the Council that Taste Cumbria had withdrawn their application to a later date.

The Council considered 4 applications for grants and heard presentations from the applicants.

- (i) **RESOLVED** – (a) Rosehill Youth Theatre and The Solway Hall -That no grant be awarded.

Councillor Gill proposed that grants be awarded as follows:-

Whitehaven Community Tennis - £1,000

Active Cumbria Park Run - £1,000

Safety Net - £2,000

This was seconded by Councillor Roberts.

Councillor Laine proposed an amendment that the grants be deferred until the next financial year when the Council could vire more money to help all of them to get the financial support they need. This was seconded by Councillor Rayson.

Councillor Laine then changed her amendment in order to vire money from whichever pot applicable in order to financially support Whitehaven Community Tennis, Active Cumbria and Safety Net tonight. This was seconded by Councillor Rayson. The vote was as follows:-

2 Councillors voted for and 4 Councillors voted against.

The amendment fell.

Councillor Maudling put an amendment to Councillor Gill's proposal and he along with his seconder accepted this amendment. Councillor Maudling proposed that grants be awarded as follows:-

Whitehaven Community Tennis - £1,000

Safety Net - £1,500

Active Cumbria – Park Run - £1,500

Councillor Gill seconded this proposal

Councillor Laine wished her vote to be recorded and the result was:-

4 Councillors voted for

1 Councillor abstained

Councillor Laine voted against because she wanted the money vired over.

- (ii) **RESOLVED** –(a) Whitehaven Community Tennis -That a grant of £1,000 be awarded
(b) Active Cumbria – Whitehaven Park Run. - That a grant of £1,500 be awarded
(c) Safety Net (UK) Ltd -That a grant of £1,500 be awarded

940/18

Appointment of a Solicitor to deal with a claim against the Council

Councillor Laine declared an interest in this and left the meeting and did not return.

The Council considered a report on the appointment of a solicitor to act on the Council's behalf regarding a claim made against the Council. Councillor Gill proposed that Burnetts solicitors be appointed to act on the Council's behalf and this was seconded by Councillor Roberts.

A recorded vote was held and the result was:-

Councillor O'Kane	For
Councillor Gill	For
Councillor Maudling	For
Councillor Rayson	Against
Councillor Roberts	For

RESOLVED – That Burnetts solicitors be appointed to act on the Council's behalf in this case.

The meeting closed at 8.20



Chairman