

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th November 2018

Present: Councillors G Roberts (Chairman); J Forster; R Gill; C Hayes; J Kane; C Maudling; B O’Kane; C Walmsley

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V Gorley, Trainee Assistant Town Clerk

Members of the Public

1155/18 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Poland and Councillor Rayson

1156/18 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Maudling declared that he was a member of CBC’s Planning Panel. Councillor Roberts declared an interest in Item 16 as he was a member of Cumbria County Council.

1157/18 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th October 2018

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the Minutes for the Council Meeting on 25th October 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 25th October 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1158/18 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 8th November 2018

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Maudling that The Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 8th November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 8th November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.



1159/18 **Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15th November 2018**

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Gill that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 15th November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15th November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1160/18 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation

Councillor Kane and Councillor O’Kane entered the meeting at this point

1161/18 **Planning Applications**

The Council considered a report on planning applications received and shown at Appendix 1.

The Council made no representations about any of the planning applications and it was:-

RESOLVED – That CBC’s Planning Department be informed that the Council had no objections/representations to make on the planning applications shown at Appendix 1.

1162/18 **Financial Report**

The Council considered a Financial Report.

(i) Since the Agenda had gone out it was reported that 2 further invoices had been received from Amberol in the sum of £8,315.81 and the Information Commissioners in the sum of £40.00 It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Forster that the invoices shown at Appendix 1 and the two extra invoices be approved and paid.

RESOLVED – That the invoices shown at Appendix 1 including the two extra invoices be approved and paid.

(ii) It was reported that the first three invoices listed on Appendix 1 were to reimburse Councillor O’Kane for items of local interest he had purchased to present to the Mayor of Memphis during a recent appointment in Memphis with him. (Whitehaven is a community in Memphis Tennessee). Councillor O’Kane said that if Members did not feel it was appropriate to pay this

expenditure then he was willing to pay for the items himself. He said he would take no part in any discussion or vote on this. The Council considered that it was appropriate that Councillor O’Kane should be reimbursed as it was fostering good relations world- wide. It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the expenditure be reimbursed and (with the exception of Councillor O’Kane who took no part) it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the expenditure be reimbursed.

(iii) The Council considered Appendices 2 and 3 relating to the Cashbook and Income and Expenditure.

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Gill that Appendices 2 and 3 be approved and noted.

RESOLVED – That the Cash Book and Income and Expenditure shown at Appendices 2 and 3 be approved and noted.

(iv) It was reported that CBC had requested funding of £2,000 in respect of the 2 Christmas Markets on 8th and 15th December 2018. Following a discussion on this it was proposed by Councillor Gill that the £2000 be not paid and this was seconded by Councillor Kane

Councillor O’Kane made an amended proposal that £1,000 be paid and this was seconded by Councillor Hayes.

A vote was held on the amended proposal and 3 Councillors voted for and 5 Councillors voted against the amended proposal.

RESOLVED – That the amended proposal failed and that £1,000 be not paid

The original proposal was then considered and 5 Councillors voted for the proposal and 3 Councillors voted against

RESOLVED – That the original proposal be approved and £2,000 be not paid

1163/18

Allotment Report

The Council considered a report on Allotments and considered action that had been taken contained in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 of the Report and a recommendation contained in paragraph 2.8 to allow the installation of a chemical toilet on Cartgate Allotment Site.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Walmsley that paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 be noted and approved and that the recommendation to allow the installation of a chemical toilet on Cartgate Allotment Site be approved

RESOLVED – That paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 of the report be noted and approved and that approval be given for the siting of a chemical toilet on Cartgate

Allotment Site.

1164/18 **Update on Community Plan**

The Council considered an update on the Community Plan following a recent meeting with ACTION with Communities. The next meeting with ACTION with Communities would be on 9th January at 6.00pm.

RESOLVED – That this be noted and approved

1165/18 **Whitehaven in Bloom**

The Council considered a report on Whitehaven in Bloom following recent meetings of the Advisory Group.

Following a discussion on this it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the report be noted and approved and that the recommendations in paragraphs 2.11.1 to 2.11.4 of the report be approved together with Councillor Hayes' offer to pay the £16 for the Christmas tree

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and approved and that the following recommendations be approved:-

1. An extra Christmas Tree be purchased at a cost of £16.00 and be placed with the ones already donated. This to be paid for by a donation from Councillor Hayes
2. To purchase 4 x barrier baskets to be placed on the window ledges at Wilkinsons to try to combat anti-social behaviour
3. That the Council makes a resolution that in accordance with Financial Regulations 18, Regulation 11 be suspended to allow the Council to purchase the additional window planters and self- watering baskets from the preferred supplier of Amberol
4. Based on quotes received and on quality that the Council makes a resolution that in accordance with Financial Regulation 18, Regulation 11 be suspended to allow the Council to purchase all plants and flowers for 2019/2020 from the preferred supplier of Bennett Brothers

Councillor O'Kane thanked the 2 volunteers on the Whitehaven in Bloom Advisory Group for all their input and from Copeland operatives for their help.



1166/18 Feedback on Remembrance Sunday

It was reported that despite atrocious weather it had been a very successful day with large crowds attending and it had been good to see so many children being involved.

The pie and pea lunch in the Civic Hall following the Church service was a success with people commenting on how enjoyable it had been.

There was left over pie and this was donated to The Foyer on Irish Street. Thanks were given to Reays coaches who supplied, free of charge, a fully liveried Remembrance day coach to transport people to the Church and back to the Civic Hall.

The Chairman gave his personal thanks to The Clerk and the Trainee Assistant Clerk for all their hard work in arranging Remembrance Sunday and the lunch.

There was no decision on this as it was an information item.

1167/18 Feedback from Christmas Lights Switch on

Charles Maudling a member of the Christmas Festivities Committee reported on the Christmas Lights switch on and said

- The event was well supported
- Santa's Sleigh had been visited by 1241 children
- There had been a lot of good feedback on social media
- The entertainment went well
- There had been 1 lost child who was quickly reunited with a parent
- The total cost had been £8234 and the Committee had raised £3314
- The collection on the day for Parkinsons had raised £179.00
- Thanks were given to WTC for their support
- Special thanks were given to Brian Holmes and his team
- Thanks were given to WTC staff for their help
- Thanks were given to the Mayor of WTC for switching the lights on

Councillor Gill thanked Charles Maudling and the Christmas Festivities Committee for all they had done in organising a successful event.

There was no decision on this as it was an information item.

1168/18 WTC Advertisement Boards for Whitehaven AFC

Further to Minute 1065/18 the Council considered designs that had been created for the advertisement board.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Kane that the design on page 40 of the report be accepted subject to the words "Supporting Whitehaven AFC" being in bold.

RESOLVED – That the design on page 40 of the Report be accepted subject to the words “Supporting Whitehaven AFC” being in bold.

1169/18 **The Guide Media Group**

The Council considered an email received from The Guide Media Group offering advertisements in The Guide for Feb/March, April-May, June-July, Aug-Sept, Oct-Nov. The cost of a ½ page advert for these 5 editions would be £2675 with art work (if required) for the five editions costing £180. This would be supported with editorials to accompany the Council’s adverts at no extra cost. There would also be online and media support throughout.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the Council take out advertisements in the Guide for the 5 periods stated at a cost of £2675.00 plus any art work costs required. A vote was held and 6 Councillors voted for this proposal and 2 Councillors voted against.

RESOLVED – That the Council take out 5 ½ page advertisements in The Guide for 2019 for the Feb-March, April-May, Aug-Sept and Oct-Nov editions at a cost of £2675.00 plus any art work costs to a maximum of £180.

1170/18 **Meeting with CCC Local Committee**

The Chairman said he had spoken to Keith Hitchen, the Chairman of CCC Local Committee who said he would welcome a meeting with WTC. So it was up to the Council to decide how it wished to approach the Local Committee.

Councillor Gill urged all Councillors to attend the 3-tier meeting to be held on 6th December 2018 at 6.00pm in the Copeland centre.

Councillor O’Kane proposed that when the CCC Local Committee examine any issues affecting the Whitehaven area that they consult with WTC prior to any decisions being made. This was seconded by Councillor Gill

RESOLVED – That when the CCC Local Committee examine any issues relating to the Whitehaven area that they consult with WTC prior to any decisions being made.

1171/18 **Whitehaven A595 Consultation Response Form**

The Council considered a Whitehaven A595 consultation Response Form which needed to be returned to Newcastle by 19th December 2018 and it was

RESOLVED -That Councillors consider the form and send their comments to the Clerk in the next few days so that they can be forwarded to Highways England.

1172/18 **Whitehaven Academy**

The Chairman read out an email from Julie Rayson regarding the public meeting that had taken place at Whitehaven Academy the previous week and considered an article in the Whitehaven News about the public meeting. The Council considered that there were no answers only criticisms
The Council wished to support the parents and register its concerns about what was happening in the school and how things were going for the future and it was

RESOLVED – That a letter be sent from the Council to Damien Hinds to register the Council's support for the parents and to express the Council's concerns about what has happened and how things will go for the future.

1173/18 **Councillor Matters**

- i. Councillor Kane referred again to the state of Castle Park
- ii. Councillor Kane referred to outside Union Hall and the fact that there was no pavement for pedestrians and they had to walk on the road. The Clerk said this was a County Council matter.
- iii. Councillor Maudling said that Donald Dixon had been complaining that he had been getting muck in his shop from this.
- iv. Councillor O'Kane asked that Craig McCarron from CCC be asked if he could attend regular meetings with WTC.
- v. Councillor Maudling referred to St Nicholas which he said had been talked about already.
- vi. Councillor Hayes said he had a meeting a week later with the people of Kells to go through things.
- vii. Councillor O'Kane said that he had had an email from Rev Jackson to say that he was closing the café at St Nicholas for 2 days because of anti social behaviour and that the Council should be looking to having a joint meeting with everyone concerned because the behaviour in Whitehaven town centre was becoming beyond reproach.
- viii. Councillor Maudling said the Police Commissioner was going to be in Tesco's at Whitehaven next Friday between 9.30am and 11.00am.

1174/18 **Date and Time of next Meeting**

That the date of the next Council Meeting be Thursday 31st January at 6.30pm

1175/18 **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 the public and or press withdraw from the room.

1176/18 **Office Accommodation**

Further to Minute 1154/18 the present position with respect to the building survey was noted.

RESOLVED – That the matter be fully discussed at a future meeting of the Council when more information is available and that Councillor O’Kane and Councillor Maudling arrange to meet with BEC.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John D. O'Connell', written over a horizontal line.