

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 8th October 2018

Present: Councillors G Roberts (Chairman); Councillor Hayes; Councillor Lowrey; Councillor O’Kane; Councillor Maudling; Councillor Rayson

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V Gorley Trainee Assistant Town Clerk

Mike Starkie Mayor of Copeland

Mike Graham, Political Advisor

1110/18 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Forster, Councillor Gill and Councillor Kane.

1111/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

1112/18 Public Participation

There was no public participation

1113/18 Cemeteries

The Council considered a report on cemeteries and the difficulties that CBC were encountering. Following a discussion it was decided that contributions towards maintenance should be made and it was:-

- i. Proposed by Councillor Lowrey and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the two extra grass cuts in 2018/2019 for Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries costing £7,000 and funding for the purchase of a large and smaller mower by CBC costing a total of £6,000 be approved.

RESOLVED – That the two extra grass cuts in 2018/2019 for Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries costing £7,000 and funding for the purchase of a large and smaller mover by CBC costing a total of £6,000 be approved

- ii. Proposed by Councillor O’Kane and seconded by Councillor Hayes that £15,000 for the cost of the extra 4 grass cuts for Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries in 2019/2020 be included in the budget for 2019/2020

RESOLVED - That £15,000 for the cost of 4 extra grass cuts for Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries in 2019/2020 be included in the budget for 2019/2020

1114/18 **Whitehaven Market**

The Council considered a report from CBC on Markets which was presented by Mayor Starkie. He said that the Market Place itself had undergone a transformation and the area was much improved and that the market itself could work much better if we had the right marketing strategy. There was a discussion on the costings for the provision of the market and the market days themselves. It was proposed by Councillor O’Kane and seconded by Councillor Hayes that proposed that:-

- i. The Council should support what financially it was being asked to contribute towards the market in 2018/2019 (£14,590)
- ii. The Council support financially what it was being asked to contribute financially for 2019/2020
- iii. A project Board should be put together
- iv. Councillor Maudling should be the Markets Champion

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ii That the Council support financially what it was being asked to contribute financially for 2019/2020
iii A Project Board be put together
iv Councillor Maudling be appointed Markets Champion

1115/18 **Recommendations from Events Advisory Group**

The Council considered a report and recommendations from the Events Advisory Group regarding future events. The Council were informed that 4 companies had been asked to quote for extra lights but only Blackpool Council had responded. Following a discussion the following proposals were made

- i. Councillor Lowrey proposed and Councillor Maudling seconded that Gerard Richardson be co-opted onto the Events Advisory Group and that 150 metres of festoon, 75-100 Led strobe lights and a 24v transformer be ordered from Blackpool Council at a cost of £912.59 plus delivery

RESOLVED – That Gerard Richardson be co-opted onto the Events Advisory Group and that 150 metres of festoon, 75-100 LED strobe lights and a 24v transformer be ordered from Blackpool Council at a cost of £912.59 plus delivery

- ii. Councillor Hayes proposed and Councillor Lowrey seconded that a Science Exhibition be organised for 12th to 18th May 2019 plus a Garden Show and a Cumbria and Continental Market on dates to be arranged in summer 2019

RESOLVED – That a Science Exhibition be organised for 12th to 18th May 2019 plus a garden Show and a Cumbria and Continental Market in summer 2019.

1116/18 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 press withdraw from the room

1117/18 St Nicholas Gardens

The Council discussed all aspects of St Nicholas Gardens including the partnership between the two authorities and the anti social behaviour in the gardens

There was no decision made as it was a discussion only

The Meeting closed at 7.05

Chairman

