

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th July 2018

Present: Councillors G Roberts (Chairman); J Forster; R Gill; J Kane; C Maudling;

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

Members of the Public

Lorraine Smyth and Fran Richardson from ACTion with Communities in Cumbria

1026/18 **Apologies For Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Laine, Councillor Lowrey, Councillor O’Kane, Councillor Poland and Councillor Rayson

1027/18 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Maudling declared that he was a member of CBC Planning Panel

1028/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th June 2018**

Councillor Maudling proposed that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record and this was seconded by Councillor Forster

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1029/18 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

1030/18 **Planning Applications**

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

RESOLVED – (i) That the Clerk inform the Planning Department of the Council's objections regarding planning application no. CH/4/18/2287/001.

(ii) That a letter of support be sent on behalf of the Council in respect of planning application no. CH/4/18/2292/0F1 for redevelopment of the former bus station site

1031/18 **Financial Report**

(i) The Council considered a Financial Report.

During consideration of Appendix 1 it was reported that 2 further invoices had been received which were due for payment before the next Council meeting and the Clerk asked if these could also be considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the invoices shown at Appendix 1 and the 2 additional invoices be approved and paid

RESOLVED – That the invoices shown at Appendix 1 and the 2 additional invoices be approved and paid.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Kane 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.

1032/18 **Report of the Events Advisory Group**

A report was considered on a meeting of the Events Advisory Group on 17th July 2018 to discuss the infrastructure for the Christmas lights which are due to be switched on on 18th November this year.

It was pointed out that this year there would be an extra cost for the Christmas lights switch on as a road closure order would be required from CCC and this (including advertising costs) would cost in the region of £1,000.00.

RESOLVED – (i) That the report be approved and noted

(ii) That the points raised in paragraph 2.0 of the report be actioned and reported back to the Events Advisory Group

(iii) That the next meeting of the Advisory Group be held in mid August.

- (iv) That a letter of thanks be sent to Brian Holmes for all his help

1033/18 **Report of the Allotment Advisory Group**

A report was considered on the meeting of the Allotments Advisory Group on 20th July 2018. The site representatives from Cartgate, Crow Park and Midgey attended.

- RESOLVED** – (i) That the report be approved and noted
(ii) That a letter be sent to all the tenants on Midgey asking them to park outside their allotment for loading/unloading purposes only
(iii) That all the requests shown in paragraph 2.2 of the report be approved and actioned.

1034/18 **Councillor Matters**

- i. Councillor Forster referred to the paths around Ullswater and said it was CCC who were responsible and Councillor Wonnacott said he was going to walk around and put a report in.
- ii. Councillor Forster said there was cracked tarmac because of the heat on Red Lonning opposite the school.
- iii. Councillor Gill referred to the roundabout in the middle of Lakeland avenue and asked if CCC could be contacted to go and have a look at it.
- iv. Councillor Gill said he had been around his ward with ACTION with Communities in Cumbria.
- v. Councillor Maudling said that there was a team of volunteers going in to do the paths etc in St Nicholas gardens.
- vi. Councillor Maudling said the police were patrolling St Nicholas more because of the problems there.
- vii. Councillor Maudling referred to the hanging baskets and the Clerk said that 100 hanging baskets had been put up in town.
- viii. Councillor Maudling said that there had been a good response in the town to the new benches that the Council had installed
- ix. Councillor Kane said he had seen someone doing a structural survey on the band stand in Castle Park and asked who was doing this and why and said the Council should ask CBC what was happening.
- x. Councillor Kane said it was time the Council wrote to CBC and asked them what the cleaning schedule was for Castle Park.
- xi. Councillor Kane said some residents were asking about the roofs on houses on Coach road and why some had been replaced and others not. He said it was difficult to get in touch with Home Group.



- xii. Councillor Roberts said that he was going round his Ward with Action with Communities in Cumbria the following Wednesday.
- xiii. Councillor Forster said that the former Richmond pub had been lying empty for nearly a year and that it belonged to Spar and that she had been looking to get access to it.
- xiv. Councillor Maudling said that the biggest eyesore in town was Whittles shop.
- xv. The Clerk said that Councillor O’Kane had asked that the Council consider nominating Whitehaven Academy Action Group for an award in the West Cumbria Community Heroes Awards 2018 in view of all the work they had done in respect Whitehaven Academy and it was agreed that a nomination would be submitted.

1035/18 Date of next Council Meeting

RESOLVED - The date of the next meeting be 30th August 2018 at 6.30pm

1036/18 ACTion with Communities in Cumbria

Lorraine Smyth and Fran Richardson from ACTion with Communities in Cumbria attended the Council meeting. They had asked to meet with the Council after the Council meeting had closed but as they were in attendance the Chairman proposed that the matter be dealt with in advance of the last item on the Agenda which was in private and it was

RESOLVED – That this be agreed.

1037/18 Update on the Community Plan

Lorraine Smyth Fran Richardson attended to give an update on the Community Plan and said they had been trying to meet with the Council on a monthly basis and trying to make progress to get an action plan to take the Council forward. They said what had been done was as follows:-

- Two meetings had taken place to start proceedings
- They were starting to unpick the information received as a result of those meetings
- They were starting to get in at ward level
- That all of the information received would help to shape a more detailed questionnaire to go out in September. However they needed something from each ward so that that feeds into the questionnaire
- They wanted to have lots of conversations with lots of people
- That a stakeholder meeting was very important

It was agreed that the scheduled meeting with the Council on 8th August 2018 would take place.



There was no formal resolution on this as it was a discussion not a formal Agenda item.

1038/18 IN PRIVATE

Prior to the two following items of business the Chairman moved that in view of the special or confidential nature of business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public and/or press be instructed to withdraw.

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded.

1039/18 Grant Applications

The Council considered five applications for grants. One Applicant attended the meeting to present their application.

- RESOLVED** –(i) Kellsfest – that no grant be awarded as it fell outside the Council's criteria.
(ii) That it be noted that The Colourful North had withdrawn their application.
(iii) Greenbank Community Association – That a grant of £1,000 be awarded
(iv) Mirehouse Community Centre Association – That following Councillor Laine's offer to give a grant of £832.00 from her Ward Grant that this be accepted and the grant awarded.
(v) Whitehaven and District Amateur Operatic Society – That a grant of £1,000 be awarded

The meeting closed at 8.15pm



Chairman