

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council:

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Chairman:

Councillor Graham Roberts

To: Members of the Whitehaven Town Council

You are duly **SUMMONED** to attend an **EXTRAORDINARY** meeting of the **WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL** which will be held at

Venue: THE ENNERDALE ROOM, WHITEHAVEN CIVIC HALL, LOWTHER STREET, WHITEHAVEN

Date: Monday 8th October 2018

Time: 6.00pm

Signed.....*Marlene Jewell*.....Dated.....*2nd October 2018*.....
Marlene Jewell, Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interests by elected members in respect of Agenda items

If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

3. Public Participation

4. Report on Cemeteries

5. Report on Whitehaven Market – to follow

6. Report on Recommendations of the Events Advisory Group

IN PRIVATE

That prior to the following item of business the Chairman will move 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

7. St Nicholas Gardens

Cemeteries

Purpose of the Report and Recommendation

To consider a request from CBC to contribute to the maintenance of Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries and to consider the recommendation in paragraph 2.1.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council has regular monthly meetings with CBC to discuss any issues arising. At the last meeting on 24th September 2018 cemeteries were discussed as there had been a public meeting to discuss these and it was apparent that people were not happy with the standard of maintenance in cemeteries.
- 1.2 CBC wanted a partnership with the Council to provide an enhanced service to improve Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries.
- 1.3 The CBC Parks Manager said the cemeteries were cut 12 times a year which was not a high standard and it would be desirable to cut the grass every 2 to 3 weeks. He said it took longer to cut Whitehaven than other cemeteries as the mowers could not get into all the places and therefore some areas had to be strimmed which meant that grass scattered everywhere.
- 1.4 The Parks Manager said there would be improvements if:-
 - The grass was cut an extra 4 times a year on Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries at a cost of £15,000 (for 2019/20)
 - A new petrol mower was purchased which would mulch the grass at a cost of approximately £6,000. This includes the cost of an additional smaller mower to access smaller restricted areas.
 - Two extra cuts were carried out this year on both cemeteries at a cost of £7,000.

1.5 The request to this Council is for the Council to consider making contributions for the maintenance of Whitehaven and Hensingham Cemeteries as follows: _

I. 2018/19 (Current financial year)

- Two extra grass cuts costing £7,000
- The purchase of a large mower and a smaller mower costing approximately £6,000

II. 2019/20 (Next financial year)

- Four extra cuts costing £15,000.

1.6 The Council has a power to contribute towards the maintenance of cemeteries under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

1.7 So far as the Council's budget is concerned there is a budget for Other Environmental Improvements of £15,000 which has not been used and it is suggested that should the Council be agreeable to this the money could be vired from that budget.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Council considers making a contribution to CBC towards the maintenance of Whitehaven and Hensingham cemeteries as outlined in paragraph 1.5 above.

Whitehaven Market

Purpose of the Report and Recommendation

To consider a report on Whitehaven Market and to make a decision on the financing and the way forward.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At the Extraordinary Council meeting on 17th September 2018 it was resolved that the report on Whitehaven Market from CBC be rejected and that the appropriate officers from CBC be asked to meet with the Council as soon as possible to discuss the way forward.(Minute 1085/18 refers).
- 1.2 A meeting was held and it was agreed that a comprehensive markets report would be produced by CBC and that the Mayor of Copeland would attend at the next Council meeting to present the report. At the time of writing the markets report was still being finalised and will be forwarded to Councillors on receipt.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council considers the report from CBC and any proposals contained therein and makes a decision on the way forward for Whitehaven Market including the financing so far as the Town Council is concerned.

Recommendations from the Events Advisory Group

Purpose of the Report and Recommendation

To consider recommendations made from the Events Advisory Group

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At a meeting of the Events Advisory Group on 27th September 2017 Brian Holmes from CCC, the lights contractor informed the Council that extra festoons were required for King Street, extra LED bulbs and a 24v transformer and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask for quotes for these.
- 1.2 Gerard Richardson attended and it was agreed that he be co-opted onto the Group.
- 1.3 There was discussion on organising 3 or 4 events in town over the year and it was agreed that this was a good idea for the town
- 1.4 The Council has an Events budget of £25,000 and currently there is £13,000 remaining. The Council also has a budget of £24,000 for Christmas lights infrastructure and to date nothing has been spent and therefore the cost for extra Christmas lights could be vired from this.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EVENTS ADVISORY GROUP

- I. That Gerard Richardson be co-opted onto the Events Advisory Group
- II. That 150 metres of festoon be ordered
- III. That 75-100 LED strobe lights be ordered
- IV. That a small 24v transformer be ordered
- V. That a Science Exhibition be organised for 12th to 18th May 2019 from 9.00am to 6.00pm each day. The Exhibition could also include evening talks.
- VI. That a Garden Show be arranged for 2019
- VII. That a Cumbria and Continental Market be organised in summer 2019

At the time of writing the Council has not obtained 3 quotes for the extra Christmas lights but it is expected that these will be available for the Council to consider at the meeting

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Council considers the recommendations of the Events Advisory Group and decides whether or not to approve the recommendations