

# WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Present:** Councillor B O’Kane (Chairman); Councillor C Arrighi; Councillor E Dinsdale; Councillor G Dinsdale; Councillor C Hayes; Councillor C Maudling  
Councillor R Redmond; Councillor G Roberts

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

### **1533/20**    Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Gill, Councillor J Rayson, Councillor C Walmsley and Councillor L Walmsley

### **1534/20**    Declarations of Interest

Councillor Roberts declared that he had been appointed to the Board of Age UK.

### **1535/20**    Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **1536/20**    Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**1537/20**      **Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**1538/20**      **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**1539/20**      **Planning Applications**

The Council considered planning applications received and shown at Appendix 1. The only application objected to was CJH/4/19/2233/001 relating to land to the South of Elizabeth Crescent. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes that an objection be lodged with CBC that this application should first be discussed by the CCC Local Committee before being decided by CBC and that there were no objections to the other planning applications on Appendix 1.

**RESOLVED** – That an objection be lodged with CBC that this application should first be discussed by the CCC Local Committee before being decided by CBC and that there were no objections to the other planning applications on Appendix 1.

**1540/20**      **Finance Report**

The Council considered a Financial Report.

- i. The Council considered Appendix 1 and the Assistant Clerk said that 11 additional invoices had been received (details of which had been circulated) in the sum of £46,249.36. It was proposed by Councillor Maudling and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the invoices shown on Appendix 1 and the 11 additional invoices be approved and paid.

**RESOLVED** – That the invoices shown on Appendix 1 together with the 11 additional invoices mentioned above 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 Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the Cashbook and the Income and Expenditure at Appendices 2 and 3 be approved and noted.

**RESOLVED** – That the Cashbook and Income and Expenditure at Appendices 2 and 3 be approved and noted.

**1541/20**      **Contract for Ranger and Assistant Ranger**

The Council considered a report containing the Contracts for 2020/21 for the Ranger and the Assistant Ranger. Following consideration of the Contracts it was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the Contracts for the Ranger and Deputy Ranger be approved and that they be signed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman on behalf of the Council.

**RESOLVED** – That the Contracts for the Ranger and Deputy Ranger be approved and that they be signed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman on behalf of the Council.

**1542/20**      **Car Parking**

The Council considered a report on the position on car parking for Officers and Councillors on the Civic Hall Car Park. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Maudling that the Council pay for one parking space for one year at a cost of £ 820.00

**RESOLVED** – That the Council pays for one parking space for one year at a cost of £820.00.

Councillor G Dinsdale came into the room

**1543/20**      **Champions**

The Council considered a report containing feedback from Councillors on becoming champions for particular issues/causes (Minute 1518/20 refers). It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor O’Kane that the following Councillors be appointed as follows:-

Councillor Arrighi	Mental Health Champion
Councillor E Dinsdale	Autism Champion
Councillor G Dinsdale	Youth Champion
Councillor Roberts	Continue as Bus Shelter Champion
Councillor Roberts	Older People (Pensionable Age) Champion

**RESOLVED** – That the above mentioned Councillors be appointed as Champions as stated above.

**1544/20**     **Quotes for Marquee**

The Council considered a report on quotes received for the hire of a marquee for one week in May 2020 to house inter alia a photographic exhibition. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Maudling and seconded by Councillor O’Kane that Quote 3 be accepted in the sum of £1,475.00. It was unanimously

**RESOLVED** – That quote 3 be accepted in the sum of £1,475.00

**1545/20**     **Renewal of HPE Support Package**

The Council considered a report about renewing the 1 year support service Contract with Hewlett Packard Enterprises for hardware support at a cost of £77 excl. VAT. It was proposed by Councillor Maudling and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the support services contract for hardware support with Hewlett Packard Enterprises be renewed for one year at a cost of £77 excl. VAT

**RESOLVED** - That the support services contract for hardware support with Hewlett Packard Enterprises be renewed for one year at a cost of £77 excl. VAT.

**1546/20**     **Cumbria Tourism**

The Council considered an email received from Cumbria Tourism which asked if the Council wished to become a member of Cumbria Tourism at a cost of £260.00 plus VAT per year. After considering the benefits of having Cumbria Tourism Membership it was proposed by Councillor Maudling and seconded by Councillor O’Kane that the Council become a member of Cumbria Tourism at a cost of £260.00 plus VAT per annum.

**RESOLVED** – That the Council become a member of Cumbria Tourism at a cost of £260.00 plus VAT per annum.

**1547/20**     **Police Report**

The Council considered a report from the Police on Whitehaven and District for February 2020.

The report was noted.

**1548/20**     **VE Day Celebration**

The Chairman gave an update on the preparations for the VE Day Celebrations and the Beacon Portal targeting all primary schools in the area which made the following points:-

- The marquee will be run with photographs, mini exhibits but there was a problem with logistics as the marquee would be open from Monday to Saturday and therefore a rota of volunteers to man the marquee would be required. Perhaps we could ask RBL or the local Rotary Club.
- The Beacon was acting as host for some schools in the area and would be doing a hands on project in the Beacon Portal
- We should target all schools in our area and ask them if they want to participate although the biggest problem was getting the school into the town and if we need to provide transport then those costs would have to be factored in
- There was concern about what to do on the Saturday – possibility of asking Cleator Moor Brass to perform.
- VE Evening on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – The cost would be £25.00 a ticket and it was anticipated that approximately 150 would attend. The band had been booked and would be doing two 45/50 minute sessions
- Tony Pearce had volunteered to do the disco for £150 for the full night and the Council’s approval was being sought for this

It was proposed by Councillor O’Kane that Tony Pearce be booked to provide the disco at a cost of £150.00 and this was seconded by Councillor Hayes.

**RESOLVED** – That Tony Pearce be booked to provide the disco at a cost of £150.00

#### **1549/20**     **Allotments**

It was reported that there was an issue with the communal access at Crow Park Allotment Site which was in a poor state. The Council’s contractor had scraped the surface away and said that the access should be covered and filled with plainings. It was estimated that it would require 20 tonnes of plainings at a cost of £200.00. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that 20tonnes of plainings be purchased at a cost of £200.00.

**RESOLVED** – That 20 tonnes of plainings be purchased at a cost of £200.00

#### **1550/20**     **Councillor Ward Matters**

- i. Councillor Robert said there was a lot of dog dirt in Harras Ward
- ii. Councillor Hayes said there had been a Kells Ward meeting on Tuesday night and there had been a good turn out and Councillors from all 3 Councils were present. There had been good feedback on what was being done in Kells and they were getting on top of the dog dirt.
- iii. Councillor Maudling said youths were continuing to terrorise people in Whitehaven with bikes cutting in in front of traffic

- iv. Councillor E Dinsdale asked about meetings for the Events Advisory Group and the Whitehaven in Bloom Advisory Group and the Clerk said they were being arranged for the following week.
- v. Councillor G Dinsdale asked if there was any update on the bus shelter at Tower Hill. The Assistant Clerk said there was not and we were waiting to hear from CCC
- vi. Councillor G Dinsdale said she had been invited to an event run by Inspira and wondered would the Town Council be open to hosting school children for work experience in the future. The Clerk said that was a good idea and would be possible when the new office building was operational but unfortunately not at the moment as the present office accommodation was limited.
- vii. Councillor O’Kane said the litter bins had been sorted out on Hillcrest but that he had still be unable to arrange a meeting with CCC about the roads

**1551/20**     **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Council Meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.30pm in the Dunboyne Hall, Whitehaven Civic Hall

**IN PRIVATE**

**1552/20**     Prior to the following items of business the Chairman moved the following:-

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 in view of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and or press be instructed to withdraw.

**1553/20**     **Grant Application**

Councillor Arrighi and Councillor Redmond declared an interest and left the room during the consideration of this item.

The Council considered a grant application received from FSC.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor O’Kane and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the application be put on hold and that the Applicant be asked to come to the next Council Meeting to present the application and to answer any questions that the Council had.

**RESOLVED** – That the Applicant be asked to come to the next Council Meeting to present the application and to answer any questions the Council had.

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman

These Minutes were approved to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record by Delegated Authority of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman after consultation with all Councillors under the High Consequences Diseases and Delegated Authority Policy.

