

# WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b> Meeting of Full Council	<b>Location / Date / Time:</b> Civic Hall 1900hrs 28/01/16
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<b>Present: (Participants)</b> Cllr. M Guest Cllr R Gill Cllr B O’Kane Cllr C Arrighi Cllr J Laine Cllr J Forster Cllr J Kane Cllr N Williams Cllr G McKew Cllr G Roberts Mr L Abrahams (Clerk) Register Signed by all above	<b>Observer:</b> Public participation + Lindsay Tomlinson CBC John Travakis Allotments Sec + others Press Sarah Armstrong <b>Apologies</b> Cllr D Elliot
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ITEM	DETAIL	INITIALS
170/16	<b>Welcome to Meeting of FC – Opened by Cllr MG as Chair</b> Three points of order <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All Cllrs should follow meeting protocol as set out in standing orders.</li> <li>2. All Cllrs need to work as one body to a common goal.</li> <li>3. All Cllrs need to understand their collective responsibility as an employer.</li> <li>4. Finally I apologies to the public on behalf on the council for events at the last meeting of Full Council.</li> </ol>	MG MG MG
171/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 1</b> <b>Apologies for absence</b> None received. The meeting commenced by consensus at 1800hrs	LA
172/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 2</b> <b>Motion to approve of minutes from meeting of full council held on 070116.</b> Proposed: MG Seconded GR Cllr Gill moved to amend minutes to include individual votes taken. <b>RESOLVED to move approval of amended minutes to next meeting of FC.</b>	MG GR
173/16	<b>Motion to approve of amended minutes from meeting of full council held on 261115.</b> Proposed: MG Seconded GR <b>RESOLVED to approve.</b>	MG GR
174/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 3</b> <b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr Arrighi asked in Declarations can be made as each agenda item comes up. <b>NOTED by the Clerk</b>	LA



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175/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 4</b>  <b>Public Participation</b>  Gordon Neill  Commended good work by FinCom with regard to budget.  Question: Why was the news article so negative?  Question: What degree of response comes from Council?</p> <p>Julie Grayson-Parents group Whitehaven Academy  The Headmaster has made significant progress in last 9 month but has poor stakeholder relations.  It is suggested WTC contact the school to look at cooperation.  <b>Noted for the record by the Clerk</b></p>	ALL       LA
176/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 5</b>  <b>Planning Applications.</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> No objections to applications appended to the Agenda. Clerk to notify the planning authority.</p>	MG LA
177/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 6</b> (missing-numbering error)</p>	
178/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 7</b>  <b>Ward Priorities 2016/17</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> – Individual ward grant to be amended from £5K to £2K as recommended by FinCoM.</p>	JL CA
179/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 8</b>  <b>Staffing Committee</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Full Council to accept Cllr o Kane’s resignation as Chair. Staffing Committee to meet before next FC to select new chair.</p>	MG
180/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 9</b>  <b>Finance Committee Report – PRECEPT 2016/17 19% increase.</b>  <b>Motion to Approve: Proposed by Cllr Laine, Seconded by Cllr Arrighi</b></p> <p><b>6 VOTES AGAINST</b>  <b>GM/RG/NW/BOK/JF/JK</b></p> <p><b>4 VOTES FOR</b>  <b>MG/JL/CA/GR</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To reject recommended Precept increase of 19% and review at next meeting of full council.</p>	JL CA       ALL
181/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 10 KIE PARK</b>  Recommendation of Finance Committee  In October 2015 Whitehaven Town Council resolved to support the KIE Park project with a grant of £10,000.  Recently after reviewing the budget for KIE Park the group; Friends of Kie Park have request further support of £30,000, This is in addition to the previous approved assistance of £10,000, thus a total support package of £40,000.  KIE PARK submitted a detailed grant application to the Clerk of Whitehaven Town</p>	JL GR

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	<p>Council on the new format for full consideration by the Finance Committee.          The Finance committee discussed the grant application for further money at great length and potential issues were identified in key areas such as lighting, wardens and anti-social behaviour – clearly these issues need resolving prior to going forward. The high level of civil works cost also needs to be reviewed.          The Finance Committee reached a decision that we may conditionally consider further funding of the KIE Park but on the proviso that we can generate income externally to help pay for it as it has not been factored into the WTC 2016-2017 budget.          It has been reliably brought to the attention of the Finance Committee that funding for this application may be realised from an external independent source. This funding stream if achieved which could be ring-fenced for Kie Parks financial aid. The Finance Committee at this stage cannot make an informed decision on this application without carrying out further due diligence on our part.          It is therefore proposed that we offer a conditional acceptance that is subject to our commissioned due diligence report and external funding realisation.          Our decision is deferred to the next meeting of full council to be held on 25th February 2016 when we will be in a position to make a final decision on this matter.          Proposed Cllr Laine          Seconded Cllr Roberts  <b>RESOLVED</b> as per motion.</p>	<p>JL GR</p>
182/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 11</b>  <b>COMMITTEE STRUCTURE</b>          Cllr Laine presented the revised committee structure.          Proposed Cllr Laine          Seconded Cllr Roberts  <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the new structure.</p>	<p>JL GR</p>
183/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 12</b>          Shop Front improvement Grant- Cllr Laine          Motion to accept recommendation from Finance Committee.          Cllr Arrighi &amp; Cllr McKew made a declaration of interest and abstained.</p> <p><b>VOTE FOR APPROVAL</b>          JL/GR/MG/RG/NW/BOK</p> <p><b>VOTE AGAINST APPROVAL – None</b></p> <p><b>ABSTAIN</b>          CA/GMcK/JK/JF</p> <p><b>7 For</b>  <b>0 Against</b>  <b>4 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to accept motion.</p>	<p>JL CA</p> <p>ALL</p>
184/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 13 – DUPLICATE</b></p>	

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185/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 14</b>  <b>FINANCE REPORT</b>          The clerk presented the Finance report</p>	LA
186/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 15</b>  <b>ALLOTMENTS REPORT</b>          Cllr Forster presented the allotments report.          Clerk to check with CBC over allotments transfer documents.</p>	JF
187/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 16</b>  <b>GENERAL UPDATES</b>          Accommodation &amp; Website updates given by the Clerk.</p>	LA
188/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 17</b>  <b>PUBLIC CONSULTATION</b>          The Clerk reported there had been a number of inquiries regarding the town centre regeneration match funding grant.</p>	LA
189/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 18</b>  <b>The Lengths-man Scheme</b>          Cllr O Kane gave an overview of the scheme.          Discussion          GR: What will the money be spent on?          BOK: We need an expert from works for you to review needs and costs.          GR: Need detailed estimates.          CA: It should go to tender.          JL: Better to employ than tender contracts.          RG: Lengthmans financing to end by March 16. The advantage is value for money. The cost is £68K for 2 years and they have all the equipment. It will be more costly to employ.          JL: If CBC owns the land they should cut the grass.          We are the Whitehaven Town Council and we have more urgent priorities than spending all our money solely cutting grass.          Copeland Borough Council, have that responsibility as they own the land we have to work in the best interests of the whole electorate.          We do not own the land and need to ensure sure the electorate are not paying TWICE through their taxes for grass cutting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To review status of the Lengthman scheme and report back to Full Council. (Cllr O Kane)</p>	BOK
190/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 19</b>  <b>Cllr Allowances</b>          JL: Members have not realised the amount of work and time that we would be putting in being a Councillor and forming the new Town Council. Borough Cllrs receive an allowance and it was mentioned within the Finance Committee that some Town Councillors are spending a lot more time on voluntary duties than they are for the District authority.          RG: This question should be put before an independent remuneration panel.</p>	JL



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	Motion to review at Finance Committee. <b>RESOLVED to review at FinCom</b>	RG
191/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 20</b> <b>Bus Shelters</b> Motion to obtain costs and place hospital as first priority Proposer RG, Seconded BOK <b>RESOLVED: The Clerk to research bus shelter costs and report back to FC.</b>	RG BOK
192/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 21</b> <b>ST Bees Cycle Path</b> <b>RESOLVED to Grant the sum of £2000 towards a feasibility study.</b>	JL GR
193/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 22</b> <b>Locality Partnership</b> <b>RESOLVED defer to next meeting of full council</b>	CA JL
194/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 23</b> <b>Cllr Matters</b>  MG: Kells street lights, who is responsible for bulb replacement. RG: Motion for agenda of next meeting to appoint Mayor & Deputy Mayor. BOK: Railway station improvements going on. BOK: Need to look at agencies involved in parking and develop long/short term solutions. JK: Food bank 4Q 2015 increased use. Families allowed 3 visits with one voucher. 84 Families in Disington. JF: Junction at Market place & Barclays needs markings, contact Highways. GMcK: Local Flooding, top of Hill Crest where it meets Red Lonning. CA: Market place 5 street lights out. JL: Traffic Lights at top of Mirehouse, timing out. Contact Highways RG: Issue of traffic back log on Inkerman. GR: Need to liaise with County for traffic control BOK: Support Whitehaven Academy.	ALL
195/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 24</b> Carried forward 122/15 No information awaiting CBC finance department 123/15 discussed	LA
196/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 25</b> Items for next agenda GR: Appointment of student Governors GR: Proposal for town twinning scheme	ALL GR GR
197/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 26</b> Thanks to Interim Clerk <b>RESOLVED: Send Flowers/Wine/Card (BOK)</b>	BOK RG

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198/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 27</b> Time and date and place of next meeting <b>RESOLVED: Thursday 250216 Civic Hall</b>	MG GR
199/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 28</b> A motion to exclude Press and Public Not Applicable  The Chair meeting closed at 9.30PM  END  Signed as a True copy  Chair_ Cllr M Guest 	MG