

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Meeting of Full Council	Location / Date / Time: The Civic Hall – Ennerdale Meeting Room 1900hrs 04/08/16
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Present: (Participants) Cllr R Gill (RG) - Mayor Cllr G Roberts (GR) – Deputy Mayor Cllr J Laine (JL) Cllr J Forster (JF) Cllr C Arrighi (CA) Cllr J Kane (JK) Cllr O Kane (BOK) Mr L Abrahams (Clerk)(LA) Register Signed by all above	Observer: Public participation Press Whitehaven News Sarah Robinson Apologies Cllr. M Guest (MG) Cllr. D Elliot (DE) Cllr G McKew (GMcK) Absent Cllr N Williams (NW)
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ITEM	DETAIL	INITIALS
435/16	The meeting opened by Mayor Gill AGENDA ITEM 1 Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr Guest Cllr Elliot Cllr G McKew (GMcK) Cllr N Williams (NW) (no apology – clerk to contact)	RG LA
436/16	AGENDA ITEM 2 Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 300616 Motion for Mayor to sign minutes as a true and correct record. Cllr Gill proposed a vote for the Minutes to be recorded as a true and accurate record of the meeting. RESOLVED as a true and accurate record of the meeting The Mayor signed the minutes	RG
437/16	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 300616 Motion for Mayor to sign minutes as a true and correct record. Cllr Laine proposed that it be noted that she voted against . Agreed. Cllr Laine proposed that initials be added to a recorded vote. Agreed. RESOLVED: Council Agreed minutes can signed as a true and accurate record with agreed amendments.	RG

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438/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 3 Declarations of interest To receive declarations of interest by elected members in respect to Agenda items. Cllr Arrighi declared of interest on Agenda Item 8 Market Regen. This is a DPI and the Member will leave the room and not vote. Cllr Laine declared an interest on Agenda item 17 Grant application. This is not a DPI, the declaration is noted. Cllr Laine declared an interest on Agenda item 27 NuGen. This is a DPI and the Member will leave the room and not vote.</p>	ALL
439/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 4 Public Participation C Ross: Raised a question with regard it item 19 Asset Register. Is the logo one of your assets? RG replied no. Do you own it? RG No, the town owns it. It appears to me that it may be a plagiarised version of the Whitehaven Rugby League badge and I am wondering why you have adopted this as the TC heraldry when there is perfectly good heraldry hanging on the side of the civic hall. Mayor Gill stated that the use of the badge and the modernised version had been agreed at Full Council and that the coat of arms was presented to Whitehaven Borough Council by the Right Honourable Hugh Cecil, the Earl of Lonsdale in 1894 upon the first Mayor of Whitehaven taking office. Mayor Gill showed the badge of office with the above noted inscription. The badge represents Whitehaven Town Council.</p> <p>J Travaskis: Asked to organise a meeting of the allotments committee. Stated there is a lacking of discussion about NuGen at WTC meetings and there should be an open meeting about the Mirehouse proposals for people to have their say and maybe next meeting there should be a meeting of the people. Mr Travaskis was informed there had been a number of open meetings about the MH proposal with two held at the Mirehouse Labour Club. The elected Mayor of Copeland stated that the people of Mirehouse need to have their say and they deserve to have their say and get the best outcome and gave a brief outline of the NuGen project and its implications.</p> <p>C Maudling: Christmas Lights switch on will be on 20th November 2016. RG there is debate on this and you will be invited to the Christmas events meeting.</p>	PUBLIC

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	<p>G McNeill: Is there a survey available of the electrical boxes for Christmas lights and is it available. Also with regard to Financial regulations has the price mentioned at REGEN been through a procurement process. RG the clerk is meeting with the relevant officers at Copeland to obtain the relevant information and way forward. Cllr Laine stated that she has prepared a Christmas report which may clarify the question. Phil McCormack: Whitehaven Cricket Club, asked for funding. RG stated, speak to the Clerk.</p> <p>On behalf of Hensingham Rugby club, say thanks to Cllr Elliot for £1000 donation.</p>	
440/16	<p>Motion to change order of the agenda to: 7a – 7 – 8 Proposed RG Second GR</p>	RG
441/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 6 Planning Committee Report: Cllr McKew (Lead) To consider Planning Applications received. Motion for the Clerk to respond RESOLVED</p>	RG
442/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 7 Regeneration Committee – Cllr Arrighi (Lead)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 51 Sellafield graduate available for community work. (b) Empty shops, propose posters of Whitehaven to improve the outlook. (c) Floral display awards to say thank you to businesses that put in the effort. (d) Cllr Forster added that Hensingham Square had a boat and floral display. (e) Need to contact Balfour Beatty (f) Need to contact NuGen re planters (g) Need to contact SL re potential socio-economic funding. (h) A mosaic of the town to be on the grass outside the Castle pub. (i) Cllr Laine stated Whitehaven had a galleon which is now at Maryport. (j) Cllr O’Kane stated we are trying to change the face of the town and we need to interface with other areas and work together. <p>Motion to review and accept recommendations</p>	CA

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444/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 7</p> <p>Market Regeneration Presentation by the elected Mayor of Copeland Mike Starkie. (a precis noted)</p> <p>Two weeks ago REGEN met and agreed funding for Whitehaven Market.</p> <p>We have a Market Plan but we had to make a decision on the market and the impact on traders.</p> <p>We took into account how markets are operated around the country.</p> <p>Keswick is the best example and grew from 15-60 stalls.</p> <p>A market will increase town centre footfall.</p> <p>We need to support town centre regeneration.</p> <p>We are planning a three day launch in September.</p> <p>It still needs a lot of work in a short time.</p> <p>CN media want to get involved and the TC will be included in all conversations.</p>																																		
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	<p>e) Agreed pro rata – CBC employee with two year limit. f) Agreed pro rata subject to clarification g) Deferred</p> <p>Marketing plan to be agreed. Cllr Laine objected to the use of s.136 of the LGA 1972.</p> <p>The clerk responded with an explanation of s.136. The Clerk has taken legal advice on this matter and obtain clarification on the matter and use of s.136.</p> <p>Cllr Laine asked to defer the meeting. Cllr Gill stated he is quite satisfied that the processes being adopted are legal and lawful . Cllr Gill proposed to accept the motion</p> <p>Cllr Laine asked for an amendment:</p> <p>“that Whitehaven Town Council provide the requested grant subject to (a) confirmation from an independent legal advisor that we have the correct legal power to make the grant. (b) satisfy the s.137 of the LGA can be met and that that is the correct legal power. (c) a formal agreement between WTC & CBC and that if the project does not succeed then WTC can dispose of the goods and retain proceeds of the sale, (d) all income from the project be re-invested into the two and that there be equal shares in the market”.</p> <p>Cllr Gill asked for a seconder for the amendment. There was no seconder therefor Cllr Laine’s proposed amendment is recorded as FAILED.</p> <p>Cllr Gill asked for a vote on the original motion.</p> <p>Motion to ACCEPT the grant award to CBC as proposed. RESOLVED One vote against – Cllr Laine.</p>	<p>LA</p> <p>JL</p> <p>RG</p> <p>JL</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RG</p> <p>CA</p>
446/16	Note: Cllr Arrighi returned to the meeting.	LA
447/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 9 Audit Status Report RESOLVED to accept report</p>	<p>RG</p>

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448/16	<p>Agenda Item 10 Finance Committee In the absence of a legally constituted Finance Committee a motion to merge FINCOM with POLICY & RESOURCES Cllr Laine nominated herself for this Committee. Agreed RESOLVED</p>	RG
449/17	<p>AGENDA ITEM 11 Policy & Resources Motion to meet & constitute Committee before next FC Motion to review Standing Orders Motion to review Financial Regulations RESOLVED</p>	RG
450/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 12 Staffing Report – Cllr. McKew (Lead) Staffing Committee Report No Report due to Cllr McKew getting married. NOTED</p>	JF
451/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 13 Allotments Report – Cllr Forster (Lead) Update on current status from Committee NOTED</p>	LA
452/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 14 Financial Report – By Clerk Update up to 29thth July expenditure/income –And Payments for approval Motion for Mayor to sign report RESOLVED to accept report and for Mayor to sign.</p>	LA
453/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 15 Public Consultation – Clerk – URGENT MATTERS ONLY Inkerman Terrace Road Works Coach road-road works for 5 weeks NOTED</p>	RG
454/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 16 Grants Motion for grants process and funds allocation to be reviewed. Extraordinary meeting of Fc to review applications and awards every 2 months with first proposed date Thursday 18th August RESOLVED</p>	

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455/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 17 Grants (Time sensitive) Cumbria Lakers – Presentation RESOLVED to grant £2730.00</p>	PUBLIC
456/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 18 Local plan & Strategy meeting of Whitehaven Town Council – Location Civic Hall Proposed dates 9/10/11 August 5PM or 2PM Proposed venue Civic Hall or Golf Club RESOLVED Wednesday 10th August</p>	LA
457/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 19 Asset Register Motion for Council to accept asset register RESOLVED – Mayor to sign</p>	LA
458/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 20 Risk Register - Financial Motion for Council to accept risk register RESOLVED – Mayor to sign</p>	LA
459/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 21 Events report – Round up Picnic in the Park NOTED</p>	CA JK
460/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 22 CALC/NALC Motion to renew membership RESOLVED</p>	RG N/A
461/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 23 DUPLICATED – DELETE</p>	
462/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 24 Christmas Events Motion to meet & constitute Committee before next FC Motion to recommend date to FC Motion to provide FC with a budget for approval Cllr Laine circulated a report to council. Cllr Laine asked for new member to join the committee. NONE RESOLVED as per original motions</p>	JL

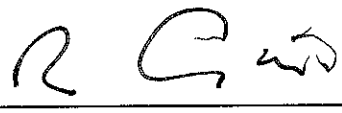
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463/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 25 Bank Account (a) Motion to change bank account to monthly statement account. (b) Motion to obtain a debit payment card (c) Motion to obtain internet banking Amendment to open separate account for Mayor’s charities. (all in accordance with FINREGS) RESOLVED</p>	RG
464/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 26 Chairman’s Allowance Review of 2015-16 allowance utilisation NOTED</p>	BOK
465/16	NOTE: Cllr Laine left the room	JL
466/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 27 CBC Response to NuGen Stage 2 Proposals All Members were sent a copy of the consultation document as published by CBC. Motion to support CBC response REJECTED</p>	RG
467/17	Note: Cllr Laine returned to the meeting	JL
468/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 28 Public Toilet in Whitehaven Motion to commission the clerk to prepare a study for provision of a public toilet on the Irish Street side of the Civic Hall & present to REGEN RESOLVED</p>	RG
469/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 29 Councillor Matters JK: I am on the Nuclear Industry SFM committee and I am aware that the SL have passed all socio-economic management to the NDA. They have a £2Bln budget and none of it is coming our way. We need to write to the NDA. JL: Steps of cattle arch, quotes obtained. £17K is best option. GR: Need a lower Brantsy parking petition, emergency vehicles cannot get access. Need to ask CCC for yellow lines. CA: Whitehaven Rugby League have asked if we will sponsor a banner at their ground.</p>	ALL

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470/16	<p>JF: Hensingham currently be re-surfaced in some areas. Need to look into bus problems. BOK: Parking issue, we need to write to CBC to request that the enforcement team are more rigorous. Schools signage Parking in housing estates. Need to join with other Town Councils to bring pressure to bear of the NuGen impact of the hospital</p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 30 Items from previous meeting carried forward: NONE</p>	RG
471/16	<p>AGENDA ITEM 31 Date & Venue of Next Meeting 250816 1900hrs Civic Hall</p>	
472/16	<p>Meeting closed at 2050Hrs ends END Signed as a True record</p> <p>Mayor_ Cllr R Gill </p>	

