

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF
CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010 in CLEATOR MOOR TOWN
COUNCIL BUILDING

Present: Cllr D Hully (Chair)
Cllr W Southward
Cllr J Hully
Cllr S Butterworth
Cllr B Woodburn
Cllr S Sim
Cllr K Ball
Cllr G Carruthers

Apologies for absence: Councillor B Fowler, Copeland Borough Councillor H Branney.

In attendance: Mr R Hardiman resident of the town, Mrs Messenger and Ms M Denwood- Neighbourhood Watch, PC D Whild – Cumbria Constabulary, and Helen Gilmour (Clerk)

025/10 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 16th February 2010 be agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

026/10 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.

Councillor Southward declared an interest in planning matters and Councillor J Hully declared an interest in Planning and Connecting Communities Meetings.

027/10 Governance

- **To accept the resignation of Councillor Crowe.** The resignation of Councillor Crowe was noted. Clerk to issue a letter of thanks and to inform Copeland Borough Council.
- **To confirm Councillor Moorby's cessation of qualification.** The automatic disqualification, due to Councillor Moorby's non attendance at a Town Council meeting in six months was noted. Clerk to advise Councillor Moorby and to inform Copeland Borough Council.

- **To Coopt Steve Butterworth to serve on the North Ward.** Resolved that Steve Butterworth be co opted to serve Cleator Moor North. The declaration of acceptance of office and the notification of members interests was signed. Clerk to inform Copeland Borough Council.
- **To ratify the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2009.** Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6th October be formally agreed.
- **To approve meetings schedule for 2010/11.** Resolved that the meeting dates as outlined in the tabled schedule be approved. Members noted that the schedule may be subject to change at a later date.

028/10 Public Participation.

- Lindsay Hollerin attended the meeting to discuss Phoenix Youth Group's Fun Day, which is scheduled to be held on 7th August 2010. The event will be free for the community with a range of activities and entertainment planned. Members were all invited to attend and to assist with stalls. Councillor , Carruthers, Butterworth and Ball volunteered to provide support on the day.

029/10 Police Report.

P C Dave Whild informed members that checks into the licensed premises on Aldby Street and Birks Road, and discussions with the housing providers regarding problem tenants were ongoing. It was noted that there had been no reports of anti social behaviour in that area in recent weeks. Copeland Borough Council have been supportive with litter picking with the County Council reviewing the possibility of improving the street lighting.

Generally crime for Cleator Moor is reducing. Anti social behaviour reports in the the south are down from 30 to 11 incidents.

The priority area for the next four weeks will be Frizington.

It was noted that the Manor Care Home is due to be opened on Monday 22nd March. The need for extra vigilance to protect vulnerable people from any anti social behaviour in the surrounding area was highlighted.

P C Whild confirmed that tickets had been issued to the owners of cars parked at Crossfield, that are being offered for sale.

Following a report from the Council, P C Whild agreed to investigate anti social behaviour at the Bighill. Clerk confirmed that Phoenix Youth Group would also be carrying out some outreach work in that area.

Problems with young people drinking alcohol and other anti social issues at the former Kangol site were discussed. P C Whild advised that police patrols were asked to pay passing attention to the area. The Neighbourhood Watch group agreed to work alongside Mr Hardiman on this issue. Clerk to advise the owners of the buildings, Hampton Court Trust, that problems are being reported.

030/10 Reports from other meetings.

- Play Builder Workshop – Councillor Butterworth and Mrs Messenger and Ms Denwood of the Neighbourhood Watch attended this workshop held on 9th March. The Neighbourhood Watch are working to have a proposal ready for 6th April to refurbish the play area on Jacktrees Road. So far 80 people have been interviewed, traffic surveys have been carried out, discussions with The Local Links Office, Cleator Moor Heritage Group and the Library have taken place. A better community space that can be used for all elements of the town is planned. Members agreed to issue a letter of support for the group.
- Annual meeting between Copeland Borough Council and Parish and Town Councils. A verbal report of the meeting, which was attended by Councillor Southward and the Clerk, was delivered.

031/10 To review Planning Applications:

Members reviewed application, 04/10/2008/001 – Erection of dwelling at Birks Road – Mr N Fitzsimmons. Members questioned whether the application would be considered as “backfill.”

032/10 Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed:

Dated	From	Regarding	Action
12 th Feb 2010	CBC	Controlled Waste Transfer Note to be completed on annual basis.	Clerk completed and returned
20 th Feb 2010	A Sharkey	Requesting information.	Clerk responded on 23 rd Feb 2010
22 Feb 2010	CCC	Building Bridges – connecting communities	For information.
25 th Feb 2010	Cumbria Police Authority	Notice of Meeting and minutes of Community Liaison Forum held on 6 th Jan 2010.	For information.
Feb 2010	Copeland Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team	February Newsletter	For information.
Feb 2010	Cumbria in Bloom	Launch of Project – 20 th March 2010	For information.
1 st March	CBC – Sandra Carter	Commercial Waste Service Prices 2010/11 Trade Sacks (100) = £135.00	For information.
3 rd Mar 2010	Works 4 You	Details of Lengthsman duties – January and February 2010	Clerk to issue a letter of gratitude for work delivered.

Mar 2010	Cumbria CVS	Your Funding News	For information
4 th Mar 2010	Simon Walker - Locality Manager	Connecting Communities Steering Group - Wednesday 10 th March at 4.30p.m. in Cleator Moor Civic Hall	For councillors to attend
Mar 2010	Resource Cumbria	Recycle Review - Newsletter	For information.
4 th Mar 2010	CBC - Planning	Planning Panel Site Visit - 18 th March at 9.45 - Kiln Brow	Clerk to attend.
4 th Mar 2010	CCC - Andrea Bonacker	Parish Paths Initiative 2010/11 - Inviting grant applications	For information.
4 th Mar 2010	The Methodist Church	Letter of thanks for grant aid and letter of support.	For information.
Mar 2010	Clerks and Council's Direct	Magazine	For information.
9 th Mar 2010	Wyndham Manor Care Home - Mr R Pattinson	Invitation to the Open Day - Monday 22 nd March 1.00-6.00p. Official opening at 1.45p.m.	For information.
9 th Mar 2010	CBC - Martin Jepson	Guidance to Councillors on their responsibilities as members of outside bodies.	For information.
9 th Mar 2010	RNEC - Alan Hurton	RNEC Board Meeting - Wednesday 31 st March at Phoenix House - 5.30p.m. Papers to follow	For information.
9 th Mar 2010	CBC	Dispatches Issue Five - Newsletter	For information and display.

033/10 To approve a date for CALC Training.

Members agreed to advise the Clerk on the most suitable day before Wednesday 17th March 2010.

034/10 CBC Christmas Lighting Survey to complete

Resolved that members would consider improvements to Christmas lighting, but more information would be required. Clerk to advise Mr D Toner.

035/10 Allotments

- To approve Councillor Woodburn's role as Allotment Steward. Resolved that Councillor Woodburn would undertake the role of Allotment Steward and would seek to make improvements.
- Assessment of required work - An estimated cost of preliminary work to be presented to the meeting scheduled for 13th April 2010.
- Approve sum of £200 to commence work - Resolved that this sum should be set aside.
- Investigate water leak. Further discussion has indicated that there may not be a leak, but that improvements to the pathways would assist in drainage of excess surface water.
- Increase rental of plots from £22.00 to £25.00 in year 2011. Resolved that the increase to 25.00 be approved from April 2011, in order to provide adequate notice to tenants.

036/10 Finance:

- To approve payments of accounts. Resolved that the following payments were authorised C/Moor Youth and Community Centre - £1150.00, The Methodist Church - £100.00, Zurich - £2139.24, Works 4 You - £2104.43, BT - £180.18, E.ON - £41.44, G E Capital - £25.00, H Gilmour - £1148.31, H Gilmour - £40.07 (car allowance) Cash - £100.00, CALC - £423.0, CALC - £13.50, United Utilities - £48.36.
- To approve membership of the Zurich Local Council Advisory Service - £155.00 for the first year, £95.00 for subsequent years. Resolved - Members approved membership of the above scheme at a cost of £155.00 for the first year.

037/10 Request for finance:

- Cleator Moor Celtic - Centenary Celebrations. Resolved that a grant of £500.00 be issued.

038/10 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

- Estimate of charges for works on the High Street Allotment site.
- To nominate representatives on outside bodies.
- Policy and Budget for grant aid 2010-11.
- Bowthorn Footpath approval to spray.
- Town Council Stand for the Cleator Moor Celtic Centenary event.
- To authorise use of Town Council's electricity supply for the Phoenix Youth Group Fun Day on 7th August 2010.

Meeting closed at 2045hrs.

Date of next meeting: - 13th April 2010.

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