

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF
CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2010

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor K Ball

In attendance: MP J Reed, County Councillor F Morgan, Copeland Councillor H Branney, Mr B Fowler, Mr P Hodgson and Mr R Hardiman residents of the town. Mrs Messenger – Neighbourhood Watch, PC S Gyatt – Cumbria Constabulary, Clive Moth - CALC, and Helen Gilmour (Clerk)

001/10 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Cleator Moor Town Council held on 12th January 2010 be agreed and signed as a true record.

002/10 To formally approve the Cooption of Mr Barry Fowler

Resolved that Mr B Fowler be Co opted to serve Cleator Moor North. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

003/10 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.

Councillor W Southward declared an interest in Copeland Borough Council planning. Councillor J Hully declared an interest in Blue Skies, Standing Orders and Copeland Borough Council planning.

004/10 To update on actions from previous meeting

It was noted that an application to Copeland Borough Council to nominate a representative from the Parks Department to attend this meeting had been made.

005/10 Public Participation.

It was confirmed that Copeland Officer Cath Coombs is responsible for parks and open spaces issues in the absence of Toni Magean.

006/10 Cleator Moor Celtic - Centenary Celebrations

Mr P Hodgson, secretary of Cleator Moor Celtic, outlined plans for a celebration for the town. Initially it was to mark a 100 years of Cleator Moor Celtic but it has been decided to make it a town event drawing together other sports clubs, schools, Fire Service, Police, Phoenix Youth and other organisations. The date has been set for 3rd June 2010. A marquee at a cost of five thousand pound is being ordered. MP Jamie Reed agreed to take a stand and would contact the Sellafield Management Company to obtain their support. It was felt that the NHS would be interested in promoting the planned new surgery. The Town Council were invited to become involved.

007/10 Mr Clive Moth - To Discuss CALC Training for Council Members.

Members were advised on training opportunities available to councils. A one off session was recommended to cover issues such as the roles of the Chair, Clerk and the Council and the relationship of the Council with other bodies. The aim of the session is to equip Cleator Moor Town Council with the skills to be a better council and to enable improvements for the community. A brief discussion regarding Standing Orders followed.

008/10 CBC - Update on Jacktrees play area.

Members agreed that the play area on Jacktrees Road was not fit for purpose. Various problems were highlighted. It was agreed to hold a multi agency meeting in order to address the problems. Jamie Reed offered support. Green Pennant Status for the play area is currently being discussed with Copeland Borough Council Officer, Ruth Walsh and Mrs Messenger of the Neighbourhood Watch. Clerk to arrange a single item meeting.

009/10 Police Report.

Safer, Stronger Community meetings are being held monthly, where police deliver information to the community on the initiatives they are currently undertaking. A newsletter is also being produced to keep the community informed. Following the Neighbourhood Forum meeting at the beginning of the month, the Police, in agreement with the community, have agreed to have Aldby Street/Birks Road as their priority area. They will be knocking on doors and asking the community what their concerns are, and addressing them where possible. Incident report on Jacktrees Road play area have reduced over the winter months as expected, but it is hoped that by working together with other agencies improvements will be made in the area.

010/10 To approve the Boxing Club use of Allotment for the Siting of a Storage Facility and to sign associated paper work

Resolved that the Boxing Club have free use of the allotment at the rear of the Basket Ball Court to site a storage facility, providing all fly tipping is removed from the site and disposed of responsibly. The site should be kept in a neat and tidy condition. Clerk to arrange for two representatives from the Boxing Club to sign the appropriate paperwork.

011/10 Reports from other meetings.

Nigel Goddard, Enterprise Officer based in Phoenix House, met with the Clerk to advise on the work he is doing assisting people into business and those already in business in the town. The use of the Town Council's newsletter was offered to advertise his services.

012/10 To adopt the revised Standing Orders.

Resolved that the Standing Orders revised in December 2009 be adopted.

013/10 Bowthorn Footpath Update

Work on the footpath is to commence on Monday 22nd February and is expected to take approximately three to five days. Home have given approval for hardcore for use on the footpath, to be deposited on their land during this period.

014/10 To review Planning Applications:

- 04/10/2009/OF1- Mr Dennis Fitzsimmons - Extension to Ashville, Birks Road - "no observations" was agreed.
- 04/10/2034/OF1- Ms Joanne Crowe - Change of use from retail to offices, St Kevins Hall, 63a High Street - "no observations" was agreed.
- 04/10/2044/001 - Mr Owen Taylor - Renewal of outline application for three residential dwellings - Jacktrees Road, Cleator Moor - "no observations" was agreed.
- 04/10/2049/OF1 - Mr G Farrell - Vehicle Access at Birks Road - "no observations" was agreed.
- 04/10/2052/OF1 - Mr T Stones - Erection of two dwellings (semi-detached) on land to the rear of Kiln Brow, Cleator - Members request a site visit.
- 04/10/2048/TPO - Felling of Horse Chestnut Tree protected by a TPO - Ennerdale Hotel - Members questioned whether the tree should be replaced with three trees not one.

015/10 Correspondence

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was tabled.

| Date | From | Details | Action |
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| | Mayson Bros Ltd | Requesting permission to retain cabins on Todholes Road Garage Site. | Clerk to write to Home approving use of site, free of charge, for appointed contractor. |
| 1 st Oct 2009 | Sellafield Ltd | RSA Authorisation Review 2009/10 Report | For information. |
| 26 th Nov 2009 | Mrs B J Walker | High Street Allotments requesting path improvements and details of who is the allotment steward. | Clerk to respond to Mrs Walker. Councillor Woodburn to meet with Mrs Walker. |
| 2 nd Dec | Environment Agency | Radioactive Substances Act 1993 For comment before 8 th February | For information. |
| 11 th Dec 2009 | Cumbria County Council | Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework. For comment before 8 th February | For information |
| 15 th Dec 2009 | Cumbria Police Authority | Notice of meeting - 6 th January | For information. |
| 18 th Dec 2009 | RWE - The energy to lead | RWE npower's plans regarding possible nuclear development in Cumbria - Details of contact numbers and web site. | For information |
| Dec 2009 | Copeland Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team | Newsletter | For information |
| Dec 2009/ Jan 2010 | CALC | Newsletter | For information |
| 4 th Jan 2010 | Rural Services Network | Supporting the transfer of land and buildings from public sector to community ownership - offering advice | For information. |
| 5 th Jan 2010 | Highways Network Manager - John Robinson | Parish Assistance with winter service - making available a quantity of salt/grit | Accepted. |
| 6 th Jan 2010 | Northwest Regional Strategy 2010 | Newsletter | For information. |
| 6 th Jan 2010 | CCC - Frank Morgan | Winter maintenance update. | For information. |
| 12 th Jan 2010 | CBC - David Bechelli | Shoreline Management Plans - Full public consultation - 26 th January 2010 | For information |
| 13 th Jan 2010 | CBC - D Toner | Advising TC of problems on Jacktrees Road Play area. | Informed police. |
| 13 th Jan 2010 | RNEC - Sarah Mitchell | CVS - West Cumbria Community Engagement and Empowerment - Learning Event - Various dates | For information |
| 14 th Jan 2010 | Lake District National Park - Local Development Framework | Submission of Core Strategy Development Plan Document | For information |
| 15 th Jan 2010 | Sylvia Renney - Friends of the Park - C/Moor | Invitation to the launch of the MUGA - Thursday 18 th February 2010 - 12.00-2.00pm | Councillor Woodburn to attend |
| 22 nd Jan 2010 | Cumbria County Council | Flood affected households entitled to financial and other support | For information. |
| 26 th Jan | Colette Huitson | Requesting information on Town Council planned | Clerk to respond |

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| 2010 | Home North West | work for Mill Hill playing fields. | detailing the possibility of a housing development in the area delaying action. £500.00 earmarked to make improvements. Offer of planting trees by Army Cadets being considered. |
| 26 th Jan 2010 | RNEC - Sarah Mitchell | Cleator Moor Town Square - Feasibility Funds approved by Britain's Energy Coast Board | For information. |
| 26 th Jan 2010 | RNEC - Sarah Mitchell | Feasibility Funds to look at redeveloping Ehenside site have been approved by Britain's Energy Coast | For information |
| Jan 2010 | Overhead Wires Project | Winter newsletter 2009 | For information |
| Jan 2010 | The Beacon | Details of forthcoming events | For information |
| Jan 2010 | Clerks and Councils Direct | January Magazine | For information |
| Jan 2010 | Local Council Review | Winter Magazine | For information |
| Jan 2010 | Home | Employment, Training and Volunteering Fayre - Tuesday 16 th February - Whitehaven Civic Hall | For information |
| Jan 2010 | CALC | Request for nomination to Royal Garden Party 2010 | Councillor Fowler and partner nominated. |
| Jan 2010 | Copeland Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team | Newsletter | For information |
| Jan 2010 | Cumbria County Council | Flood Recovery - Roads and Bridges - FAQ's | Minor works planned on drainage in the Bowthorn area. |
| 1 st Feb 2010 | Citizens Advice Bureau | Letter of thanks for financial support | For information |
| 4 th Feb 2010 | CBC - Jane Salt | Issue of Travel Concessions 2010/11 | For information |
| 10 th Feb 2010 | Environment Agency - Jo Ratcliffe | Forming a Flood Group | For information |
| 10 th Feb 2010 | CCC | Flood Recovery - Roads and Bridges - FAQ's | For information |
| 10 th Feb 2010 | CBC - Hillary Mitchell | Draft Gender Equality Scheme - to be considered at CBC Full Council meeting on 2 nd March 2010 | For comment |
| 13 th Feb 2010 | The Methodist Church - Nan Pryde | Requesting a letter of support from the Town Council, for the Methodist Church - Connecting with the Community Project. Letter of support will be used to submit to funders. | Clerk to write a letter of support. |
| 16 th Feb 2010 | Cumbria CVS - Via Sarah Mitchell | West Cumbria Community Engagement and Empowerment - Training Opportunity over 4 days throughout the year | Councillor Hully to attend. |
| 16 th Feb 2010 | WCH | Newletter 3 | For information |
| 16 th Feb 2010 | RNEC | RNEC - Progress Report, Minutes and Agenda for meeting on 17 th February 2010 | For information |
| 16 th Feb 2010 | Richard Hardiman | Preliminary Expression of Interest in becoming a Town Councillor | For information |
| Feb 2010 | CALC | February 2010 Circular | For information |
| Feb 2010 | CALC | Spring Training Programme An Introduction to open space protection | For information |

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| Feb 2010 | Manor Care | Wyndham Manor Care Home - Brochure | For information |
| Feb 2010 | Senior Citizens Social Club - L Gates | Thank you card - for donation | For information |

016/10 CBC Christmas Lighting Survey to complete.

Clerk to research charges for Christmas lights over previous years for the next meeting. Completion of survey at that time.

017/10 Update on recruitment of Clerk

- **To adopt the 2009/10 National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks and agree payment to the Clerk in line with future annual increases.**

Resolved, that the 2009/10 pay scales be adopted and that salary payments to clerk be increased in line with future agreements.

- **To approve Clerk's Contract of Employment**

Resolved that the Clerk's contract of employment was approved and signed.

- **To approve admittance to the Local Government Pension Scheme.**

Resolved that the Clerk be admitted into the Local Government Pension Scheme.

- **To approve attendance at CALC training - Freedom of Information at a cost of £35.00**

Resolved that attendance be approved.

018/10 To approve a contribution of £4,000.00, during 2010/11 financial year, to the Community Lengthsman Scheme.

Resolved that £4,000.00 contribution be earmarked for the Community Lengthsman Scheme.

019/10 To approve the Zurich Local Council Policy Schedule and the renewal premium of £2037.38

Resolved that payment of £2037.38 be paid to Zurich. Clerk to request written confirmation from Zurich as to the scope of land/buildings covered by the policy and to confirm how often Zurich would expect the land to be inspected.

020/10 To approve the Landscape Service Delivery Contract 2010 and the renewal premium of £3010.70 exc vat.

Resolved that the Copeland Borough Council Landscape Delivery Contract for 2010 be approved at a cost of £3,010.70.

021/10 To consider Deed of Grant regarding land of Church Street, Cleator

It was resolved that the matter be deferred until an opportunity to speak to Cleator Moor Celtic regarding the field had arose. Clerk to advise Hayley Moffat, solicitor.

022/10 Finance: To approve payments of accounts including

Resolved that the following payments were authorised, British Gas - £342.47, E.on - £217.71, G E Capital Equipment - £364.73, Connaught Compliance Gas Service - £293.14, CALC - £75.00, Aquaid - £35.88, ADT Fire and Security - £101.34, Canon UK - £26.39, Neat Ideas - £85.22, Cash - £100.00, H Gilmour £1,181.51 and CALC - £35.00.

023/10 Request for finance:

Resolved that the following applications for financial support were approved.

- Whitehaven Methodist Circuit - £100.00.
- Cleator Moor Youth and Community Centre - £1,150.00 in 2009/10 financial year and £1,150.00 in 2010/11.

An application from the British Red Cross - Haiti appeal was refused.

024/10 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

- Allotments
- Christmas Lights Survey

Date of next meeting: - Tuesday 9th March 2010.

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