

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk: Jayne Kendall
Town Mayor: Cllr. Sharon Webster
Deputy Mayor: Cllr. Amanda Rigg

Our Ref: JK/SYI



Ulverston Town Council Office
County Square
Ulverston
Cumbria
LA12 7LZ

Telephone: (01229) 585778
E-mail: admin@ulverstoncouncil.org.uk
Website: www.ulverstoncouncil.org.uk
Twitter: [@UlverstonTC](https://twitter.com/UlverstonTC)

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 2.00pm
Friday – 9.00am – 12.00pm

Minutes of the Meeting of Ulverston Town Council held at the Coronation Hall on Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), N. Bishop Rowe, B. Brown, A. Butcher, P. Halfpenny H. Irving, J. Jenkinson, P. Jones, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall, A. Rigg, P. Smith, D. Webster, M. Wilson, S. A. Wilson. **Apologies:** J. Airey, B. Rajan, C. Tennyson. Council noted the difficult medical conditions of Cllrs Airey and Rajan and sent the councils best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Also present: Town Clerk, Carl Burrell (Lamont Pridmore), Sgt R Johnston, 9 members of the public.

X01. Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor Cllr D Webster thanked all members for their support over the past year. Cllr C. Pickthall and Cllr J. Jenkinson thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Labour and Conservative groups. This month the Mayor attended the Girl Guides presentation, the tourism summit at Ford Park, St Georges Parade in Barrow and the opening of Hoad Cycles in Ulverston together with Kendal Mayor making.

X02. Election of Mayor.

Council unanimously elected Cllr Sharon Webster as Mayor for 2019/2020.

The Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office.

Council approve the Mayor's allowance of £2000.00 for the coming year.

The Mayor presented the town council medal to the former Mayor Cllr D Webster

X03. Deputy Town Mayor:

Council unanimously elected Cllr Amanda Rigg as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year 2019 – 2020.

The Deputy Mayor signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Council approved the payment in June of the Deputy Town Mayor's allowance of £320.00.

X04. Requests for Dispensations: None received

X05. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Jenkinson and Cllr D. Webster – members of SLDC planning committee,

X06. Town Mayor's announcements:

The Mayor thanked the council for its support and said she looked forward to her year in office.

X07. Council Draft Accounts 2018/2019

Council received a presentation by Karl Burrell from Lamont Pridmore Accountants

Resolved: To approve the accounts for 2018-2019

Proposed: Cllr M. Wilson. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Jenkinson.

Unanimously approved.

X08. Public Participation:

Norma Samson: Said that by adding 55 to the end of a 999 call, police operators would know that the caller was unable to speak.

Pat Appleton: Congratulated Cllr S. Webster and Cllr Rigg on their appointments.

David Smith: Asked for clarification on the council's decision to support the recent McDonalds planning application highlighting the significant opposition in the town.

X09 Minutes:

Council **approved** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 April 2018 subject to a minor amendment.

Proposed: Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Jenkinson.

Unanimously Approved.

X10. Election to committees:

a. Finance and General Purposes:

Cllrs; Airey, Jones, Jenkinson, J. Pickthall, C. Pickthall, M. Wilson, D Webster. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are ex officio members of all committees.

b. Allotments: Cllrs: Irving, D. Webster. A. Butcher.

c. Townlands Trust:

It was resolved to re-elect Mrs Margaret Hornby as a representative to Town Lands Trust from November 2019 for the next 4 years.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkinson. **Seconded:** Paul Smith. **Unanimously approved.**

d. External Organisations:

Council resolved to request Finance and General Purposes committee to review the list of organisations members are appointed to and to make proposals to clarify the position of councillors in particular regarding their potential legal responsibilities in respect of trusts and similar organisations and to report back to full council.

X11. Updates. Police:

- Cumbria force area and south of the county show a rise in recorded crime for the year to date and a reduction in anti-social behaviour.
- Ulverston and Furness also show a rise in crime, 74 compared with 71 and ASB down currently 22 from 23.
- During last 30 days in Ulverston: 46 reported crimes compared to 56 for April, 3 assault with injury, 4 Assault without injury. All but two crimes have named offenders, 2 residential burglaries. There have been some thefts of expensive bikes from garages.
- Calls for the Police in this area are 263 with 151 in Ulverston in the last 30 days.

Questions from Councillors:

Cllr M Wilson: Suggested putting alarms on bikes.

Cllr M. Wilson: Asked what the outcome was concerning prosecution of drivers using mobile phones when driving. Police: In one half an hour period 8 people were stopped and issued with a fixed penalty notice and a fine.

Cllr Smith: Witnessed a large police presence at the Gill during the fair.

Police: This was pre planned.

Cllr Smith: Young adults have been causing concern at Gill Rise, he asked if there had been any incidents of anti-social behaviour. Police: Nothing reported.

Cllr Smith: Conishead Road. Some cars have been damaged due to parking on both sides of the road, and asked if any incidents have been reported. Police: Parking is an issue for Cumbria County Council. Police have responded on two occasions to report of damaged vehicles.

Cllr Halfpenny: Queried the penalty for driving using a mobile phone. Police: 6 penalty points and a £200.00 fine.

Cllr J. Pickthall: Asked if there was any legislation on noise levels from vehicles. Police: The Road Traffic Act deals with noise levels from exhausts. In addition, the vehicle would not pass an MOT.

Cllr Bishop Rowe: Reported anti-social cycling in the town centre.

SLDC/CCC:

Cllr M Wilson: Busy time in electoral services.

Day Services Shared Lives event at the Coronation on June 18th 2019

Raising mental health awareness week event will be held at the Coronation Hall led by South Lakes Housing on 19 June 2019.

Cllr D Webster. Beehive retail development; queried if the new Screwfix outlet was retail or wholesale.

X12. Planning:

SL/2018/0291 1 Rachel's Court, The Ellers, Ulverston. Mr. G. Brady

Approved by majority.

SL/2019/0271 1 Stockbridge Court, Daltongate, Mrs.M. Dickinson

Approved by majority with one abstention

SL/2019/0301 25 Birchwood Drive, Ulverston. Mr David Tyson

Approved.

SL/2019/0233/34 39 The Gill, Ulverston. Dr. P. Ward

Approved by majority with one abstention.

SL/2019/0329 21 Dorchester Crescent, Ulverston. Mr. A. Maddox

Approved.

SL/2019/0354 Swarthmoor Hall, Ulverston Mr. R. Harrington

Approved.

SL/2019/0361 20 Kennedy Place, Ulverston. Mr & Mrs Nisbet

Approved.

SL/2019/0368 3 Old Hall Drive, Ulverston. Mr & Mrs V McGuire

Approved.

X13. A590 Highway Lining:

Council unanimously approved a request be sent to Highways England to re mark yellow road markings throughout Ulverston, including yellow boxes and directional arrows at Tank Square and Princes Street, together with repair to potholes at the Victoria Road junction.

Proposed: Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Seconded:** Cllr B. Brown

Unanimously approved.

X14. Ulverston Canal Towpath - Dog Fouling.

Council to request SLDC to take measures including 'stencils' on the Canal Towpath to encourage the proper disposal of dog waste. Clerk to contact canal owners NPL.

Proposed: Cllr D Webster. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Jenkinson

Unanimously approved.

X15. CCTV.

Council **noted** an update from Cllr D Webster regarding a site meeting which was held with Tellemachus, CCC, Cumbria Constabulary and members to consider sites for cameras; three locations were highlighted. A further report will come to council when costs are known.

X16. Progressing the Climate Change policy.

A meeting will be held on the 10 June to discuss actions that could be delivered by the town council. Councillors and the community were asked to feed proposals in to the working group.

X17. Finance and Grants Standing Committee:

1. **Council approved** the minutes of the meeting.

2. **Financial Management:** Council **noted** that the Chair of F&GP has signed the bank reconciliation and bank statement.

3. **Annual Return.**

Council **approved** the timetable for the Annual Accounting Statement and the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 as follows:

- The prescribed period for public examination is from Tuesday 18 June until Monday 29 July 2019.
- The submission of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 for external audit (PFK Littlejohn) by 2 July 2019.

4. **Accountants and Auditors:**

Council **approved the appointment of:**

- Lamont Pridmore Chartered Accountants as the council's accountants for 2019/2020.
- Jean Airey as the council's internal auditor for 2019/2020.

5. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Council noted the sums received to date for CIL together with future projections.

6. **Expenditure:**

Council **approved** the follow expenditure:

- £ 950.00: New computer
- £1,750.00: Repair and upgrade monument floodlighting.
- £ 189.20 Emptying bin at Croftlands.

Council requested that all SLDC and CCC councillors who received a budget for projects ensure that ongoing revenue costs are taken into account when entering into projects. Council also requested that SLDC be asked to examine the siting of bins in the town and re-site those that are not being used.

7. **United Charities.**

Councillors, as trustees of United Charities. approved the apportionment of the annual dividend as follows: £300.00 - UVHS. £300.00 - Local Foodbank. £300.00 - Churches Together in Ulverston.

8. **Payments.**

Council approved payments for the months and assigned Cllrs Bishop Rowe And Smith to authoriser payments the following morning.

X18. Other Matters:

Cllr Jones: Requested a microphone system in the room for council meetings.

Cllr M. Wilson and Cllr C Pickthall: Concurred with Cllr Jones on the need to improve the problem with some members unable to hear discussions.

Cllr Jenkinson: Congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointments. She reported that Cllr Airey remains as leader of the Conservative group whilst she is Deputy Leader. She reported that grass cutting has been carried out on the A590 verges in her ward.

Cllr Smith: Reported that potholes at the top of Benson Street had been repaired.

Cllr Bishop Rowe: Invited all councillors to attend the 75th Anniversary commemoration of D. Day at 10.45 on Thursday 6 June at the Market Cross.

Cllr M Wilson: Suggested the redundant flag pole at the town hall be used for the town council's office.

The Clerk: Reported that the Rev Alan Bing would like to come to town council in July to outline proposals for the Parish Centre and the Parish Church.

X19. Public:

Rebecca Rook: Introduced herself to council; she has established a Greener Ulverston Group in the town.

Pat Appleton: Explained the background to the installation of the Croftlands bin.

David Smith: Queried why the question about McDonalds had not been answered. The clerk advised that councillors do not comment during public question. She said that if he contacted her by e mail she would respond.

X20. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17 June at 7.00pm.