

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Ulverston Town Council held at the Coronation Hall on Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr's: D. Webster (Chair), N. Bishop Rowe, B. Brown, A. Butcher, H. Irving, J. Jenkinson, P. Jones, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall, B. Rajan, P. Smith, C. Tennyson, M. Wilson, S. A. Wilson. **Apologies:** J. Airey, P. Halfpenny, A. Rigg, S. Webster.

Also present: Town Clerk. Sgt R Johnston, 6 members of the public, one representative from Homes for Ulverston. Two members of the press.

W175. Requests for Dispensations: None received.

W176. Declaration of Interest;

Cllr's: Jenkinson, Butcher and D Webster. Members of SLDC Planning Committee

W177. Town Mayor's announcements:

- Town WI FI: The BID is installing free wi fi in the town centre.
- Southern Boundaries Commission: The Mayor reported on an informal meeting with this group and advised of a meeting to be held on 7 May at 6.30 at Grizebeck Village Hall to which all members are invited to attend.
- Attended the South Cumbria Musical Festival.
- Attended litter picks organised by ward members.

W178. Homes4Ulverston: Val Holden made a presentation to council to update members on the group's ambition in particularly in respect of the former Robinsons Brewery site.

Cllr's Jones, Jenkinson, Tennyson and Wilson asked questions which were answered. Council was generally supportive of the groups work.

W179. Public Participation:

Stephen Rae: Netting on hedges at the blue light hub. Cumbria Wildlife Trust issued a statement on Friday that the netting has been on the hedges for two years now. He said that there is online petition for parliament to make hedge netting illegal.

Pat Appleton. Concurred with previous speaker.

W180. Minutes: Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 March 2019.

Proposed: Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr M. Wilson. Unanimously approved.

W181. Public Bodies.

(Admission to meetings Act 1960) excluded item: Council resolved to approve item 17 being of a confidential nature to be considered without the presence of the press and the public pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Section II.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkinson. Seconded: Cllr Bishop Rowe. Unanimously approved.

W182. Update:

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.

During the last 30 days in Ulverston: 56 reported crimes including 7 assault with injury, 6 assault without injury. (All crimes have named offenders) 1 residential burglary, 2 shoplifting offence. A number of crimes has been identified of thefts of tools from vans.

Calls for the police in this area 33 with 119 in Ulverston in the last 30 days.

10 Off-Licences were tested for under age sales with only 1 failure. The seller was issued with a fine of £90.00 and will be retested in the near future.

Questions from Councillors:

J. Pickthall: Congratulated the police on officers walking the streets more often and more visibly.

M. Wilson. Asked about details on the police monitoring the use of mobile phones whilst driving. Police. No details of the outcome as yet.

Clerk: The clerk reported correspondence received that day from Network Rail which stated that "*subject to the usual checks, and agreeing acceptable terms, that some form of arrangements could be put in place to enable the footpath/cycleway from the Canal to Next Ness to be progressed*". Council noted this and thanked the clerk.

SLDC. Cllr. M. Wilson. Public health policy has been adopted by CCC and SLDC. He reminded council of Clean Air Day, 21 June.

CCC. Cllr M. Wilson: The County Council has approved the Fire Service Integrated Risk Strategy. 2019 – 2023.

W183. Planning:

Street Naming:

Council **approved** the proposal to name for 5 houses off

Colthouse Lane: 1 – 5 Malkins Banks, Colthouse Lane, Ulverston.

SL/2019/0146 Land at Oubas Hill, Ulverston.

McDonalds

Opposed: Cllr M. Wilson. Seconded: Cllr N Bishop Rowe.

Cllr's C Pickthall and Tennyson voted against.

Approved by majority

SL/2019/0139 Land at Oubas Hill, Ulverston.

McDonalds

Siting of various digital signs.

Previously approved by SLDC

SL/2019/0140 Land at Oubas Hill Ulverston.

McDonalds

Installation of remote non-illuminated directional sign.

Previously approved by SLDC

SL/2019/0152: Land at Oubas Hill, Ulverston. McDonalds
Installation of 5 illuminated fascia signs.
Previously approved by SLDC

SL/2019/0257: Demolition of existing retail store and erection of new retail store on adjacent site, new car park on the existing site and alterations to vehicular access and turning area at Priory Rd. Co-operative Retail
Approved.

Subject to the fence between the estate and the supermarket being made higher to provide better screening.

SL/2019/021729: Garden Terrace, Ulverston. Rachel Martin
Conversion of garage into annexed living accommodation.
Councillors were concerned about privacy issues and questioned whether the development of the garage would make additional accommodation
Refused by majority with one abstention.

SL/2019/0263: The Oast House, Colt House Lane, Mr & Mrs T. Jackson
Rebuilding of conservatory to form garden room.
Approve.

W184 Twinning: Council noted the minutes of the Twinning Association AGM.

W185. Merchant Navy Day: Council **approved** a request from Seafarers UK (Kings George's Fund for Sailors), a registered charity to fly a red ensign on Merchant Navy Day. Cllr Jenkinson requested that F&GP consider a flagpole on or adjacent to the town council office.
Approve: Cllr Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr Jones. Unanimously approved

W186. Sunflower Lanyard Scheme.

The Sunflower Lanyard scheme is currently in use in airports and by some major retailers. It lets people know that the wearer has an invisible disability. Council approved the scheme and requested that F&GP consider how it could be best delivered together with costs involved.

Proposed: Cllr N. Bishop. Rowe. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Pickthall. Unanimously approved.

W187. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee.

1. Council **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Council **noted and approved** the bank reconciliation statement and breakdown of deposit account fund, together with the interest received for 2018/2019.
3. **Finance and General Risk Assessment:** Council approved the Financial and General Risk Assessment 2019 –20 whilst noting some amendments previously raised with the clerk.
4. **Community Grants.** Council approved the recommendations for Community Grants.
5. **Shop Front Improvement Grant:** Council approved the recommendations for Shop Front Improvements grant.

6. **CCTV:** Council approved the cost of a survey by Tellemachus, involving the police, members and electricians at a cost of £520.00. The survey would enable the company to pinpoint where the cameras would go and clarify ongoing costs for the council.
7. **Pavements repairs and improvements:** Council noted that additional costings are being sought from Cumbria County Council.
8. **Payments.** Council approved Cllr Smith and J. Pickthall to authorise payments the following day.

W184. Other Matters:

- Cllr Jenkinson Highways England cut the grass on the area of the A590 in her ward, but not ,so far, the area by Trinity Church. She said she would monitor this. She also explained why it was necessary but not necessarily desirable to put up netting but said that she thought nature was very resilient.
- Cllr Irving: Concurred with this view.
- Cllr Smith: Thanked the Rotary club for a recent litter pick. He was disappointed at young people doing cycle stunts on the county square roundabout.
- Cllr D. Webster. County Council are taking over Marsh House for day services for a temporary period because they are coming out of Ford Park House.
- Cllr Jones. Said she could not attend a forthcoming tourism summit but would be recommending by e mail that it consider a funicular railway to the monument.

W185. Public:

Norma Samson: Referred to the lanyard scheme and said whilst she thought it was a good idea in principle that some people do not like to be identified in public as having any disability.

Pat Appleton: Witnessed stunts on the grass next to the Swan pub. She was very Concerned about the birds are getting caught up in the netting.

Mr Rae. Said the netting also prevented barn owls from accessing the nearby building. Cumbria Wildlife Trust say netting should be checked three times per day.

W186 Date of Next Meetings and notable events:

- Annual Town Meeting: Monday 13 May 2019 at 7pm.
- Annual Meeting of the Town Council: Monday 20 May 2019 at 7pm.
- Civic Sunday: Sunday 9 June 2019

W187. Part II

Freedom of the Town. Town Mayor. Council proposed to move into Part II