

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of Ulverston Town Council. Monday 14 December 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), N. Bishop-Rowe, A. Butcher, H. Irving, P. Halfpenny, J. Jenkinson, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall, A. Rigg, P. Smith, D. Webster, M. Wilson. S.A. Wilson. Clerk. Public x 5. Press x 1

Before the meeting warm wishes and thanks were expressed by Cllr Jenkinson and Cllr C. Pickthall to Mr James Airey for his contribution towards the town councils' work and the entire council wished him well in his new career.

X266. Notification of Absence: Cllrs: Brown, Jones (unable to access zoom), Tennyson.

X267. Requests for dispensations: None received.

X268. Declaration of Interest:

Planning: Cllrs: Jenkinson, D. Webster, M. Wilson. Members and substitute members of SLDC planning committee.

Cllr S.A. Wilson: SL/2020/0816. Ford Park House.

Cllr J. Jenkinson. Agenda Item: UCE grant.

X269. Town Mayor's announcements:

The Mayor has visited all local shops to talk to them about issues during the current restrictions and has been encouraged by the response. She reported that Cumbria Community Rail Partnership would be making an announcement on 21 December about the accessibility feasibility study at Ulverston Station (TC has awarded 10k to this project) She sent best wishes to the Coronation Hall for its Christmas production of The Hare and the Moon.

X270. Public Participation:

Mrs M. Scrogam. Spoke against the pedestrianisation item on the agenda. She said that the town wasn't large enough to accommodate pedestrianisation and there were issues surrounding deliveries, taxis and parking for people with disabilities. She said it would devastate the town centre economy.

Four residents from South Ulverston spoke concerning the development of land for industrial units at Cross Lane which had received planning permission from SLDC. Residents were concerned that this development had also been approved by Ulverston Council in January 2018. The works have recently started and they were very upset about this and any future development on a flood risk area which could compromise their properties.

X271. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2020 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr. C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr. P. Smith.

Unanimously approved:

X272. Planning:

- SL/2020/0769 Wilman, Morecambe Road, Ulverston.
Approve
- SL/2020/0790 1 Nook Farmhouse, Colt House Lane.
Approve
- SL/2020/0770 12 Three Bridges, Ulverston.
Refuse by majority
- SL/2020/0804 42 Rydal Road, Ulverston.
Refuse by majority
- SL/2020/0759 The Moorings, Canal Foot, Ulverston.
Refuse
- SL/2020/0816 Ford Park House, Ford Park, Ulverston.
Approve
- SL/2020/0752 3 The Paddocks, Pennington Lane.
Approve
- SL/2020/0821 Beehive Business Park, Ulverston.
Refuse.
- SL/2020/0824 Far Mountbarrow Farm, Ulverston.
Refuse
- SL/2020/0829 Co Operative Retail Services Ltd, Priory Road.
Approve
- SL/2020/0832/3 18 Princes Street, Ulverston.
Approve
- SL/2020/0587 2 Alexander Road, Ulverston.
Refuse as this is a retrospective application
- SL/2020/0764/5 Site of Former Toll House, Daltongate.
Approve
- SL/2020/0852 Union Inn, Union St, Ulverston.
Approve
- SL/2020/0857 11 Church Walk, Ulverston.
Approve
- SL/2020/0859 31 Springfield Road, Ulverston.
Approve

X273. Update on Ulverston Community Enterprises.

Cllr Jenkinson will report at the next meeting.

X274. Stagecoach route to Furness College.

RESOLVED: Council to write to Stagecoach and Cumbria County Council asking the company to drop students travelling from Ulverston directly outside Furness College and not on Abbey Road.

Proposed: Cllr Rigg. **Seconded:** Cllr Jenkinson. **Unanimously approved.**

X275. Ulverston Town Band Premises:

Council **noted** the potential offer of a grant from SLDC to the town band to support the additional cost of renting the band room from SLDC.

X276. COVID-19 Vaccinations:

RESOLVED: Council agreed to consider ways in which councillors may support this programme when it is rolled out in Ulverston and to become involved in supporting the NHS if required. The clerk to contact Morecambe Bay Health Authority and local NHS leaders.

- X277. Ulverston Community Resilience Group.**
Council **noted** an update from Cllr M. Wilson on this new group which includes the Ulverston Covid Volunteer Group and the Ulverston Emergency Resilience group. He expressed his thanks to the original founders of the Emergency Resilience group.
- X278. Borderlands Project.**
RESOLVED: Council **noted** the update on the project from Cllr. M. Wilson and **nominated** Cllrs Brown and Jenkinson to represent the town council at the first meeting which is scheduled to be Thursday 28 January 2021 when terms of reference will be established.
Proposed: Cllr. M.Wilson. **Seconded** Cllr. A. Butcher. **Unanimously approved.**
- X279. Pedestrianisation of Ulverston Town Centre.**
RESOLUTION: Council to request Cumbria County Council (Highways) to undertake a consultation on pedestrianisation of Ulverston Town Centre.
Resolved: Following debate councillors said that now was not the right time to more this forward. The clerk reminded council that this issue could not be brought back for 6 months.
Proposed: Cllr J Jenkinson. **Seconded:** Cllr A Rigg. **Approved:** by 7 votes to 6
- X280. HR Standing Committee.**
1. Council **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting
 2. Council **approved** the HR documents including new contracts and Handbook and the timescale for advertising the assistant town clerk post.
 3. Council **approved** a £200.00 payment to Grange Town Council to contribute to the 2k+ costs of producing the document.
 4. Council **noted** the verbal update on the appraisal of the Admin and Finance Officer and a date for the appraisal of the clerk.
- X281. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee.**
1. Council **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting.
 2. **Council approved:**
 - Bank statements and bank reconciliation: November.
 - Interim Internal Audit.
 3. **Budget and precept 2021 - 2022:**
Council **noted** the clerks report and budget spreadsheet recommending a rise in the precept of 2% (£4044 net receipt) to cover rising costs including the appointment of a 15 hour per week Assistant Town Clerk to deliver projects and manage grant funding. Council also noted the proposal of an allocation of £10,000 for Ulverston Community Enterprises and that this be paid when UCE has produced a business plan and the Coronation Hall is open to the public.

Resolution: To increase the precept by 2% and to pay UCE a grant when a business plan was produced and the hall was open to the public.
Proposed: Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr Jenkinson. **Unanimously approved.**
 4. **Tenders.**
Council **approved** the recommendation to award the following contacts:
Wards: refurbishment of 3 x WC cubicles at the Gill Toilets.
Greaves Trees: Tree works on Gill Banks.

5. **Projects. Ulverston Revitalisation Programme.** Deferred until Jan 2021.
6. **Fire Risk Assessment.** Council **noted** that this has been commissioned for the office.
7. **Payments:** Council **approved** Cllr Halfpenny and Cllr D Webster to authorise the payments (virtually) the following day.

X282. Other Matters: Cllr Butcher raised concerns about development on Cross Lane and this was supported by three members of the public who were present. It was noted by councillors that UTC had agreed to the original planning applications, Council agreed that the MP should be contacted on this matter.

X283. Date of Next Virtual Meeting: Monday 18 January 2021 at 7.00pm.