

# ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Ulverston Town Council held at the Coronation Hall on Monday 17 February 2020 at 7.00.

**Present:** Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), J. Airey, B. Brown, A. Butcher, N. Bishop Rowe, H. Irving, J. Jenkinson, P. Jones, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall, A. Rigg, P. Smith, C. Tennyson, D. Webster, M. Wilson, S. A. Wilson. Also: Clerk, 5 members of the public.

- X145. Notification of Absence:** Cllr's: B. Rajan.
- X146. Requests for dispensations:** None received.
- X147. Declaration of Interest:**  
Planning: Cllrs Jenkinson and D. Webster. Members of SLDC planning committee
- X148. Town Mayor's announcements:**  
Attended Church Walk School with Cllr J Pickthall for a recycling project. Launch of school no parking signs event organised and donated by Siemens. The Mayor attended Ulverston Pantomime Society's performance of Sleeping Beauty and attended and introduced 'There is No Planet B' event.
- X149. Public Participation:** None
- X150. Minutes:** The minutes of the council meeting on 20 January 2020 were approved.  
**Proposed:** Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr Airey. **Unanimously approved.**
- X151. Update: Police:** Written report from Sgt Johnson:  
Cumbria force area: Rise in recorded crime and a fall in anti-social behaviour.  
Ulverston and Furness: Recorded crime 835 for year to date. Reduction in anti social behaviour calls 138 compared with 202 in last full year.  
Figures for January:
- Reported crimes – 56; ASB calls for service in November – 7
  - Dwelling Burglary – 2; Commercial Burglary – 0
  - Shoplifting – 3; Assaults with injury – 9.
  - Assaults without injury – 12
- Series of thefts from sheds, garages and cars at Croftlands on 6 February 2020. Enquiries are ongoing. Police expect to have a positive update for the March meeting as enquiries are developing positively.
- Comments from councillors:*  
Cllr Halfpenny: Concerned about the 101 Police telephone line regarding recent events in Ulverston shops when the line was very busy.

Cllr Butcher: Asked for clarity on the date of the offences at Croftlands.  
Cllr C. Pickthall: Queried recorded crime going up and anti-social behaviour figures going down and asked whether methods had changes.  
Cllr Jenkinson: Said the recording method had been changed. She thanked Sgt Johnson for organising the recent meeting on domestic abuse and Cllr S.A. Webster for instigating the event.

**Brief Updates:**

**Clerk:** SLDC's consultation on the Local Plan 2040 will be Monday 9 March 3 – 7.30 at the Coronation Hall. This is an open event.

**CCC.** Cllr Wilson referred to the recent floods and said that Ulverston has not been badly affected to date.

**X152. Planning:**

SL/2020/0012	38 Oxford Street, Ulverston.	J & S Woodhouse
Approve		
SL/2020/0025	Beehive Business Park,	Marks & Spencer
Approve		
SL/2019/0451	The Elms, North Lonsdale Rd,	Luscombe Plant Hire
Approve		
SL/2020/0052	10 Campfield Road, Ulverston.	Mrs E Harrison
Approve		
SL/2020/0054	16 Lime Tree Road, Ulverston.	Mr Michael Bowes
Approve.		

**X153. Twinning Association:** Council **noted** the minutes of the twinning association

**X154. VE Day:** Council **noted** the draft arrangements for events to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day.

**X155. South Lakeland Local Plan 2040:**

Council **noted** information from SLDC regarding the Local Plan to 2040 and timescales for consultation and engagement period from 17 February – 15 May 2020. Cllr Jenkinson said that a detailed briefing with council would be important as the process developed.

**X156. Environmental Standing Committee:** Cllr. J. Pickthall

- 'No Planet B Event'. Council was updated on the outcome of this event.
- Great British Spring Clean; 20 March – 13 April 2020. Council agreed that litter picks would be organised. Cllr Irving would co-ordinate dates for the conservative group, Cllr. J. Pickthall For the Labour group and inform the Clerk.
- On the 4 March SLDC is organising a Climate Conversation event at the Coronation Hall between 7 – 9.
- A recycling bin will to be trialled in the indoor market for 6 months and will be officially launched by the Mayor.

**X157. A590 Air Pollution:**

Cllr Bishop Rowe presented evidence that showed increased pollution affecting the A590 through Ulverston which was exacerbated by the stop start flow of traffic. The average micrograms caused by traffic delays have potential to increase respiratory illness to users and residents. He said that heavy metals are not recorded only nitrous oxide.

Cllr D. Webster reminded council that Cllr's Airey, M. Wilson, Jenkinson and he

had attended Highways England workshops where Highways England and Cumbria County Council are working on a comprehensive plan for roads in and around Ulverston which would go out to consultation and would consider this matter as well.

**Resolution;** The town council request an update on the comprehensive review.

**Proposed:** Cllr D Webster. Seconded Cllr. Jenkinson. Unanimously approved.

**X158. Pedestrian Refuge Priory Road:**

Cumbria County Council is proposing a pedestrian refuge be sited on Priory Road, together with junction improvements in response to the development at West End Lane. Cllr Bishop Rowe expressed concern about this.

Cllr J. Airey said that it was important that this crossing went ahead and the detail of its siting could be looked at by councillors and residents as more detail was available to ensure it was fit for purpose.

**X159. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee:**

- a. Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
- b. Council approved the bank statement and breakdown of deposit account funds, including recent CIL receipts, and CCLA investment.
- c. Council noted that previously agreed projects are to be paid from CIL funds.
- d. Carols at the Coro. Council note the outturn of the concert.
- e. Council approved the transfer £20,000 from the reserve account (unallocated) to the CCLA Deposit account. **Proposed:** Cllr D. Webster. Seconded: Cllr J. Pickthall. Unanimously approved
- f. Council approved closure of the Town Mayor's account at the Nat West and the move of all funds to the town council's revenue account at the Cumberland where income and expenditure will be accounted for separately and where payments of donations can be made by electronic banking.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. D. Webster. Seconded Cllr Irving. Unanimously approved.
- g. It was **noted** that the CCC Area Manager would attend the next meeting of F&GP to update members on the Borderland project and to discuss ways to work more closely with County Highways.  
It was agreed that all members should be invited to attend and a larger room should be booked. Cllr Jenkinson also requested that SLDC Locality Officer for Ulverston be invited to an F&GP meeting to talk about her role in Ulverston, and all members should be invited to this. The clerk was asked to look at the library as a venue.
- h. Coastal Footpath/Natural England. Council approved the paper produced by the working group to submit to Natural England.
- i. SLDC Overview and Scrutiny. Council approved proposals outlined in the minutes to submit to O/S as proposals for discussion and also requested that Air Quality be added as a topic.
- J. Council approved payments and authorised Cllr Halfpenny and Cllr M. Wilson. to attend the following morning at the council office.

**X160. Other Matters:**

Cllr. M. Wilson: Updated on the Emergency Planning Group and said that more volunteers were required, leaflets and articles had been published.

Cllr. Irving. Parking around the former Sandside school was an issue.

**X161. Public:**

Norma Samson. She supported the proposed refuge on Priory Road and said they are a very good way of slowing traffic down. She asked why there was not a call back service for the Police 101 line.

Andrew Hudson. Concerned that the Saltcoats Farm footpath is not safe.

Nick Nibbs. Queried date of Croftlands burglaries. He also queried the reported increase in recorded crime and asked for more clarification

Pat Appleton. Expressed concern about parked cars with idling engines.

**X162. Date of Next Meeting:**

**Monday 16 March 2020 at 7.00pm at the Blackburn Room, Methodist Church, Neville St, Ulverston**