

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Ulverston Town Council held at the Coronation Hall on Monday 20 January 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), J. Airey, B. Brown, 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, 6 members of the public

- X128. Notification of Absence:** Cllr's: A. Butcher, B. Rajan.
- X129. Requests for dispensations:** None received.
- X130. Declaration of Interest:**
Planning: Cllrs Jenkinson and D. Webster. Members of SLDC planning committee
- X131. Town Mayor's announcements:**
Attended: Christmas Day visited Elmhurst and Abbeyfield. UVHS Christmas Festival, UVHS Senior Prize Giving, Rotary Club Houghton Weavers Concert. Barrow Dock Museum art exhibition. Mayor has been invited to attend the formal appointment of Mrs Julie Barton as High Sherriff in March.
- X132. Public Participation:**
Pat Appleton. Queried the ongoing issue with speed on the A590. She would like a speed monitoring devices on the road and is speaking with the police and also the Chair of the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association.
- X133. Minutes:** The minutes of the council meeting on 18 December 2019 were approved.
Proposed: Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr H. Irving. **Unanimously approved.**
- X134. Update:**
Police: Written report from Sgt Johnson..
Cumbria force area show a rise in recorded crime and a fall in anti-social behaviour.
South of the county show a fall in both areas.
Ulverston and Furness – Recorded crime 749 for year to date.
Reduction in anti-social behaviour calls 117 compared with 177 in last full year.
Figures for December:
- Reported crimes - 57
 - ASB calls for service in November – 8
 - Dwelling Burglary - 1
 - Commercial Burglary – 0
 - Shoplifting – 1

- Assaults with injury – 7.
- Assaults without injury – 9
- Off-License underage sales operation took place this month; no sales were attempted.

Clerk:

Minute X118. The council meeting on 16 March will be at the Methodist Centre.

Minute X119. Reduction in bus services from town centre to Croftlands during winter. The operator had reduced the service without notification to the public; it will be re-instated. The clerk had asked Stagecoach to install timetable display cases on all of the town councils bus shelters to which they had agreed.

SLDC:

- Cllr M. Wilson. Attended SLDC Overview and Scrutiny meeting. Received a talk from police about traffic accidents and causes. Reminded council of Holocaust Memorial Day next Monday.
- Cllr Jenkinson: Northern Rail. Staff will now be working on Sundays as a part of their contract from May which should improve services.
- Cllr Airey: Chasing up the issues regarding the footpath to Birkrigg. Should have an outcome on the pedestrian crossing survey together with plans for Church Walk and Daltongate shortly which he will report at the next council meeting.

X135. Planning:

SL/2019/1003 Road Frontage of Beehive Business Park. Rawden

Approve by majority (9 approve, 1 against, 2 abstained)

SL/2019/1020 57B Lightburn Avenue, Ulverston.

Mr. Mike Dobson

Approve

SL/2019/1035 Bank Hurst, Ulverston.

Paul Glass

Approve.

X136. Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.

Council noted the updated from Cllr M. Wilson on the progress of the Borderlands grant fund. He outlined the partnership opportunities in Ulverston which would require a town board and the production of a town plan. Cllr Jenkinson said it was a very exciting project similar to the Market Town Initiative and highlighted the important strands within the programme. She and Cllr D. Webster expressed concern about the content of the initial outline proposals which had been compiled by SLDC and CCC but recognised that it had to be produced to a tight timescale. Cllr C Pickthall expressed concern over the potential beurocracy of the scheme which he hoped would not hamper delivery or create an alternative town council.

X137. Healthwatch Cumbria.

Council commented on the Healthwatch study and agreed it was a good report. Cllr S. A. Wilson said it was a very useful baseline for services moving forward but asked that a further survey is conducted which aimed at younger people. Cllr Jenkinson said mental health and drugs is an issue for the area.

Resolution: The report recommendations are welcomed. Cllr Shirley Anne Wilson to be the mental health champion for the town council as highlighted in the report.

Proposed. Cllr C. Pickthall. Seconded Cllr J. Jenkinson. Unanimously approved,

X138. England Coast Path: Silecroft to Silverdale. Natural England.

Cllr C. Pickthall summarised the report which was part of a Government proposal to make a continuous route around the coast. He expressed concern about the proposed route in the Ulverston area because of the danger that any footpath may

be inundated by tides and rivers. He suggested that council may wish to formally ask Natural England to include the former trackbed as a potential footpath and cycleway to avoid any inundated coastal footpath. Council may wish to ask the Secretary of State to call in the Levens Estuary proposals in their entirety to look at the proposals again. Cllr Tennyson said that any new footpaths could be flooded or washed away which would be a waste of public funds.

Resolution. Cllr Halfpenny proposed that a sub-committee be established quickly to look at the proposal and make a recommendation to full council. The committee would include Cllrs: C. Pickthall, Airey, Irving, Tennyson, D. Webster, Smith and Halfpenny. The meeting would take place on Wednesday 29 January @ 6pm.

Proposed: Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr Airey. Unanimously approved.

X139. CCTV Update: The clerk said confirmation had been received from the office of the PCC that the council would receive a grant of £3000.00 per camera. The council has previously agreed this expenditure.

She said the police would be making an official announcement on the matter tomorrow. (Tuesday)

X140. Environmental Sustainability Standing Committee.

Council noted the minutes of the meeting and the progress Mayor and Cllr Pickthall going to Church Walk to talk about recycling. Cllr D. Webster arranged for Judy and he to talk to the youth parliament about climate change.

X141. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee: Cllr C Pickthall.

1. Council noted and approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Council noted and approved the bank statement and breakdown of deposit account.
3. Payments: Council approved payments for December and appointed Cllr M. Wilson and A Rigg to approve the accounts.

X142. Other Matters:

Cllr Bishop Rowe: Requested two items on the agenda for February. Traffic speeds on the A590 and pedestrian crossing on Priory Road.

Cllr J. Pickthall: Intends to write to bus companies who service schools to request that the switch engines off whilst waiting for students

Cllr Jones: Asked if other SLDC councillors not on the town council should be invited to attend the meetings. It was generally agreed that if any other councillors attended there was room in the public seating areas and everybody is welcome to attend.

Cllr. S. A. Wilson: Reminded members of the domestic abuse update meeting with the police next week.

X143. Public: P. Appleton asked who the councillor was for Ainslie Street.

X144. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17th February 2020 at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.15

