

# ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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*Before the meeting commenced council received an informal briefing from the Fire Service Operational Commander Stuart Dolan and Ulverston Watch Manager Ian Westall*

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Ulverston Town Council held at the Coronation Hall on Monday 18 March 2019 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr's: D. Webster (Chair), J. Airey, N. Bishop Rowe, B. Brown, A. Butcher, P. Halfpenny, H. Irving, J. Jenkinson, P. Jones, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall, B. Rajan, A. Rigg, P. Smith, S. Webster, M. Wilson, S. A. Wilson. **Apologies:** C. Tennyson  
**Also present:** Town Clerk. 11 members of the public.

**W165. Requests for Dispensations:** None received.

**W166. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllrs Jenkinson, Butcher and D Webster. Members of SLDC Planning Committee C. Pickthall. SL/2019/0090.

**W167. Town Mayor's announcements:**

Attended the Marine Band concert.  
Congratulated Jess Gillam on her new role with BBC Radio 3.  
Reminded members about Great British Spring Clean dates.  
Asked council if Item Agenda 13 could be brought forward to Item 5.  
Council unanimously **approved** this proposal.

**W168. Public Participation:**

- M. Gilbert: Expressed concern about global warming and welcomed the council's proposals to discuss initiatives in Ulverston. Concerned about building on greenfield land because it was simply cheaper than brownfield.
- C. Loynes: Spoke for himself and Ulverston Green Party. Applauded the council's decision to discuss global warming issues. He said that there were a number of concerns about environmental degradation in the town. They have concerns about the McDonalds planning application including chains competing with independent cafes and restaurant, more out of town and additional traffic generated on the A590.
- G. Goosnor: Said that people create litter not McDonalds.
- N. Nibbs: Updated council on the aerial issue at Croftlands which he said was illegal. A further planning application was expected from Vodaphone.
- W. Gardener: Expressed concern about a letter received from the Freedom Camping Club by some residents regarding camping on Ford Park.

**W169. Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

**W170. Updates:**

**Clerk:**

- Network Rail. Clerk met on site with a senior member of Network Rail Property Services last week together with Cllr C Pickthall. The meeting went well, a formal response from Network Rail is expected shortly regarding next steps. The clerk will report though F&GP to town council in April.
- Chief Police Commissioner. Can meet with the town council at 6pm prior to the next town council meeting on Monday 15 April. *Council agreed that the meeting should be informal and not at a town council meeting.*
- Homes4Ulverston. The group met recently with Cllr Jenkinson and Cllr J. Pickthall and the clerk to update on progress so far on their ambitions to develop Robinsons Brewery where they are one of two preferred tenderers. *Council agreed that the group would meet formally with town council as part of the formal town council meeting on 15 April.*
- Southern Boundary Partnership. Correspondence has been received from the Southern Boundary Partnership. This was originally formed from 17 parish councils coming together regarding the proposed extension of power lines from the west coast at Moorside. The group has changed its terms of reference and is now working in partnership with the Friends of the Lake District to build the case for an extension of the National Park in the southern and western areas. The chair Mr Savage, would like to meet informally with the town council to update members and discuss the town council's views.
- CCTV. Figures for CCTV have been received but were too late for this month's meeting. A report will be sent to F&GP and then to full council in April.

**SLDC:**

Cllr M. Wilson: SLDC has awarded £20,000 for playground improvements at North Lonsdale Road as part of an £80,000 project from the Locally Important Projects fund.

**W171. Ford Park.**

Cllr Rigg outlined the issues which arose after some residents near to Ford Park received a letter from the Freedom Camping Club about camping on the park. She queried why TC was not notified so members were aware of this. She asked why a planning application had not been submitted for additional amenities and whether a caravan would be able to be on site for several weeks. She had understood that following the development of new houses that the remaining green space would be for community group

*Council agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the Ford Park CEO to speak*

Jill Salmon reassured members that Ford Park are not seeking to open a year-round camping facility on Ford Park. Camping would only be permitted, as it is now, on selected weekends linked to festivals, for up to 28 days per annum as happens at present. She said that they would like to continue doing what they are already doing, but to regularise and formalise the position by allowing camper vans on site which is why they had partnered with Freedom Camping Club who can provide this formal regulatory framework. There is no intention to open a year-round camping site on Ford Park. Ford Park wished to have the correct permissions in place.

Councillors Airey, Irving, Jenkinson, Halfpenny, Jones, Bishop-Rowe, Rigg S.A. Wilson, J. Pickthall, C. Pickthall, Rajan and Smith commented on this Issue. Cllr Jenkinson proposed the following resolution:

**Resolution:** Council to write to Ford Park, Freedom Camping and SLDC:  
*“This council is apprehensive that Ford Park has partnered with Freedom Camping and is concerned about the potential negative impact that this proposal would have on the greenspace at Ford Park and on local residents because of the increased volume of traffic and usage that this could bring”*

**Proposed:** Cllr Jenkinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Airey.

8 in favour 8 against. Chair’s casting vote was in favour of the proposition. The resolution was carried

**W171: Town and Country Planning Act:**

Council **noted** correspondence from SLDC concerning planning enforcement case 16/158 relating to 11/11a Market Street Ulverston (Betfred)

<b>SL/2019/0146</b>	Land at Oubas Hill, Ulverston. Erection of freestanding single storey restaurant with associated drive-thru, car parking and landscaping and associated works, 2 customer order displays with associated canopies and play area.	<b>McDonald’s Restaurants Ltd</b>
<b>SL/2019/0139</b>	Land at Oubas Hill, Ulverston. Siting of various digital signs.	<b>McDonald’s Restaurants Ltd</b>
<b>SL/2019/0140</b>	Land at Oubas Hill Ulverston. Installation of remote non-illuminated directional sign.	<b>McDonald’s Restaurants Ltd</b>
<b>SL/2019/0152</b>	Land at Oubas Hill, Ulverston. Installation of 5 illuminated fascia signs.	<b>McDonald’s Restaurants Ltd</b>

*It was unanimously resolved to defer any decision on McDonalds until more details had been received from the company, as requested by Highways England, on the number of vehicles anticipated to visit the site, and the potential effect on the A590 as a strategic road network.*

<b>SL/2019/0062</b>	Stone Cross Mansion, Daltongate. Approved by majority. One against. 2 abstentions.	<b>Persimmon Homes</b>
<b>SL/2019/0096</b>	Land to south west of Sir John Barrow Way No Decision	<b>Oakmere Homes</b>
<b>SL/2019/0095</b>	20 Garden Terrace, Ulverston. Approve	<b>Mr. Steven Bailey</b>
<b>SL/2019/0104</b>	19 Hest View Road, Ulverston. Approve	<b>Mrs.J. Coulthard</b>
<b>SL/2019/0133</b>	Land adjacent to Red Lane, Priory Park Farm, Approve	<b>Mrs. MA. Bowes</b>
<b>SL/2019/0090</b>	Land adjacent to Sunny Bank, Three Bridges <b>Reject.</b> 5 votes to 6 because of highways access issues. Cllr C Pickthall abstained	
<b>SL/2019/0086</b>	Part of OS Field No. 7239 Swarthmoor Approve	<b>HF &amp; LM Morphet</b>
<b>SL/2019/0087</b>	33 The Gill, Ulverston. Approved	<b>Mr. Steve Benn</b>

**W171. Minutes.** Council **noted** the minutes of Ulverston Community Partnership.

**W172. Community Governance Review. SLDC (papers attached)**

**Resolution:** No further comments would be made to SLDC on this issue.

**Proposed:** Cllr Jenkinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Irving. 11 in favour, 3 abstentions, 1 against.

**W173. Fire Service.** Cllr Bishop Rowe

**Resolution:** To thank the fire service officers for the presentation and clarification of several concerns.

**Proposed:** Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Airey. Unanimously approved.

**W174. Global Warming.**

**Resolution:** Council supports the need to tackle global environmental degradation, and resolves to seek practical contributions which UTC can make, within its powers, to reduce harmful waste and promote beneficial environmental actions in the town. Councillors J. Pickthall, C. Pickthall, Jenkinson, Halfpenny and Smith would meet to discuss the paper in more detail and report back to full council.

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

**W175. Healthwatch Survey.**

**Resolution:** Council approved the amended survey and noted that it would be distributed on 1 April 2019.

**Proposed:** Cllr M. Wilson. **Seconded:** Cllr S Webster. Approved

**W176. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee.**

1. **Minutes.** Council **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. **Bank Statement.** Council noted and **approved** the bank statement and breakdown of deposit account funds.
3. **CCLA.** Council **approved** a transfer a further £10,000 into the council's account with CCLA. **Proposed:** Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded;** Cllr H Irving.
4. **Mayor's Charity Account.** Council **approved** a recommendation from F&GP to transfer the account known as the Mayor's Charity from Nat West to the Cumberland Building Society and re name it *The Mayor's Fund for Ulverston*.
5. **Charter.** Council **approved** a recommendation from F&GP to cancel the Charter private Gardening competition for this year but to continue with making awards for businesses and allotments. A group will be set up to develop proposals for Charter day with the clerk, it will be led by the Deputy Mayor.
6. **Christmas Lights.** Council **approved** a recommendation from F&GP to extend the Christmas lights coverage to Brogden Street and County Square at an additional cost per annum of £2487.00 in 2019.  
**Proposed:** Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr Jenkinson. Approved
7. **Projects.** Council **approved** the current project proposals for 2019/2020, including projects that were approved in 2018/209 which have been carried over. It was also agreed that the installation of bus shelters at Oubas Hill on the A590 would be added to the list.
8. **Terms of Reference.** Council **approved** the amendments to the F&GP Terms of Reference.
9. **Payments.** Council **approved** payments and assigned Cllrs Smith and Halfpenny to authorise payments the following morning at the council office.

**W172. Other Matters:**

Cllr Jenkinson: Requested Highways England be contacted concerning the date the speed counter pipes would be installed on the A590 and when HE would be

installing bus shelters at the Blue Light Hub.

Cllr Halfpenny: Asked that signs be put up when the town hall is refurbished stating that Queens Court is accessible for pedestrians.

Cllr Bishop Rowe: Commented on the poor state of signs and lines in the town; Cllr Wilson will take this forward.

Cllr C Pickthall: Said that somebody was picking the daffodils in Lightburn Park that had been planted by the Friends of Lightburn Park

**W173. Public:**

W. Gardener. Commented that modern housing had narrow roof spars which would not support solar panel fitting,  
P Appleton. In support of signs in car park to stop idling engines.

**W174. Date of Next Meeting:**

Council **noted** the date of the next meeting of Ulverston Town Council which is:  
**Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.00pm.**

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