

# ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



## **Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of Ulverston Town Council. Monday 16 November 2020 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), J. Airey, N. Bishop-Rowe, B. Brown, A. Butcher, H. Irving, P. Halfpenny, J. Jenkinson, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall (left at 7.50) A. Rigg, P. Smith, D. Webster, M. Wilson. S.A. Wilson. Clerk. Police x 1. Public x 2

**X250. Notification of Absence:** Cllrs: Jones and Tennyson,

**X251. Requests for dispensations:** None received.

**X252. Declaration of Interest:**

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

SL/2020/0664: Gill Toilets planning application. Full council to abstain.

**X253. Town Mayor's announcements:**

Visited all shops and businesses in Ulverston with the High Sheriff to thank them for their work during the pandemic.

Attended Remembrance Sunday.

Unveiled the Covid 19 memorial bench on Gill Banks.

**X254. Public Participation:**

Member of the public: Raised concerns about proposed development on SLDC land at North Lonsdale Road and asked that council write to SLDC to ensure that it is retained as green space with links to the canal and that no building takes place on a flood plain

**X255. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2020 were approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr. C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr. D. Webster

**Unanimously approved:**

**X256. Updates:**

**Police: Sergeant D. Murray.**

- 11 Logs for ASB – 4 of these were for youth nuisance and 4 incidents were reports of Covid breaches.
- There have been 51 crimes:  
Stalking and Harassment with 13 recorded crimes – 6 of which are for harassment, 4 for malicious communications and 3 for Stalking.
- 3 crimes for Burglary Residential – Bardsea Leisure Park, Springfield Avenue and Bankfield Hall.
- Highest reported incidents are RTC with 29 recorded incidents.

*Questions from councillors:*

Cllr. S Webster: Had the police been notified of dead swans on the canal.

Police: No log of this.

Cllr Halfpenny: Regarding anti-social behaviour do the police visit and let the caller know of the outcome. Police: Yes. All goes through to HQ at Penrith and despatched to the relevant office to deal with.

Cllr M. Wilson. Breaches of Covid Regulations. Police: It is up to the public to understand the Covid regulations, fixed penalty notices can be issued

Cllr Butcher: Members of the public are not all wearing masks in shops. Can the retailers challenge the: Police: Yes, but they don't always.

Cllr Smith: Is the rise in anti-social behaviour down to Covid. Police: Potentially.

Cllr Bishop Rowe. Thanked the police for their presence at Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day in Ulverston.

**Clerk:**

**Christmas Lights.** The Christmas tree and lights are going up and will be switched on informally Friday 27 November.

**20mph speed limit.** No information from county as yet on when this will be extended to Soutergate, Brewery and Fountain Street.

**Cumbria County Council. Cllr M. Wilson.**

Cumbria Resilience Group now meeting fortnightly not weekly. The Ulverston Resilience group has been relaunched with members from the Ulverston Covid Volunteer group.

**X257. Planning:**

SL/2020/0694	3C, 3 Benson Street, Ulverston.	Approve
SL/2020/0707	6 Rydal Road, Ulverston.	Approve
SL/2020/0713	15 Trinity Court, New Church Lane,	Approve
SL/2020/0737	8 Old Hall Drive, Ulverston.	Approve
SL/2020/0718	7 Green Bank, Ulverston.	Approve
SL/2020/0664	Public Conveniences, The Gill,	Abstain
SL/2020/0739	4 Star Street, Ulverston.	Approve
SL/2020/0753	34 Kennedy Street, Ulverston	Approve
SL/2020/0755	28 West Hills Drive, Ulverston	Approve
SL/2020/0742	Owl Mews, Back Lane, Ulverston.	Refuse by majority

**X258. Land at North Lonsdale Road:**

The town council has had a presentation by consultants for SLDC (BE group) concerning SLDC's land at North Lonsdale Road. It resolved to approve the following response:

*It is unacceptable to build houses or any other structure on SLDC land at North Lonsdale Road around the depot because of the history of flooding in the area. The town council request SLDC develop plans for a managed green "wild" parkland area, with industrial heritage pathway connecting to the Canal and bridge together with a playground for children.*

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

**X259. Unitary.**

Council debated the current proposals for a unitary authority which are currently *One Cumbria* and *Morecambe Bay*. Members expressed disquiet about how the budgetary and operational demands of the Police and Fire service would be delivered as the Morecambe Bay proposal effectively incorporates parts of the existing Cumbria and North Lancashire forces. They also expressed very serious concerns about the critically complex issues of the delivery and management of children's services, social care and health work and how this would be funded and managed. Whilst several members were unhappy about the current Cumbria

arrangements for these and other services, they remained unclear how any new arrangements would improve service delivery for the benefit of the community and how delivery would be managed in the complex transition period which would inevitably follow any decision. Members also understood that other options may even now come forward and were concerned that detailed community consultation had not taken place.

**Proposal:** Council to wait until Government respond with its initial thinking on the matter and more details are available on precisely how any new arrangements will impact Ulverston before firmly committing to either of the current proposals.

**Proposed:** Cllr Airey. **Seconded:** Cllr M. Wilson.

**Approved by majority.** Cllrs: C & J. Pickthall voted against.

**X260. Ulverston Town Band.**

**Proposal:** Council to write to SLDC expressing concern about the 400% increase in rental of the premises at Canal Head and ask SLDC to reconsider.

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

**X261. Environmental Sustainability Standing Committee.**

Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting

**X262. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee:**

- a. **Minutes:** Council **noted** and **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting.
- b. **Statements and Bank Rec:** Council **noted** and **approved** the bank statements and bank reconciliation for October.
- c. **Transfer:** Council **approved** the recommendation to transfer £40,000 from the reserve account to the council investment account with CCLA. **Proposed:** Cllr Jenkinson. **Seconded** Cllr C Pickthall. **Unanimously approved.**
- d. **CIL Breakdown.** Council **noted** the breakdown of allocated funds and non-allocated funds.
- e. **Variiances:** Council noted the variances in the agreed budget and the underspend which was principally because of the Covid 19 virus which had meant that events had not proceeded
- f. **Staffing recommendation:**  
**Proposal:** Council **approved** the appointment of a 15 hour per week Assistant Town Clerk from spring 2021 on salary scale of LC2 (19) £24,799 - £25,481 pro rata together with a review of staff accommodation. **Proposed:** Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr D Webster. **Unanimously approved.**
- g. **Budget Setting:** Council **noted** that the budget must be agreed by January 2021 at the latest.
- h. **Grant application:**  
Council **approved** a recommendation from F&GP to provide the Furness Education and Skills Partnership a grant of £3000.00 towards the purchase of Chrome Books for primary school children to use at home.
- i. **Payments:** Council **approved** the payments for the month and nominated Cllrs D. Webster and Halfpenny to approve them the following day by e mail.

**X263. Other Matters.**

Cllr C Pickthall: Requested a report on Ford Park and the Coronation Hall at the next meeting.

Cllr S.A. Wilson: Said that as chair she could confirm that Ford Park had successfully applied for a number of grants and was doing well.

Cllr Jenkinson: Had already agreed with the clerk to provide a report to the council on the strategic direction of the hall in December 2020. She said the Coro intended to put on a socially distanced show called '*The Hare and the Moon*' throughout December.

**X264. Public:** No public participation

**X265. Date of Next Virtual Meeting:** Monday 21 December 2020 at 7.00pm