

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

X93. Notification of Absence: Cllr's: Airey, P. Jones

X94. Requests for dispensations: None received.

X95. Declaration of Interest:

Planning: Cllrs Jenkinson and D. Webster. Members of SLDC planning committee

X96. Town Mayor's announcements:

The Mayor attended: Ulverstem event at the Coronation Hall. Shed 1 opening. Rusland Remembrance Service, Ulverston Remembrance Service and Remembrance Sunday. Cllr D. Webster represented the Mayor at UVHS Remembrance Service as the Deputy Mayor was unable to attend. The Mayor attended a Lifest event and Carnival prize Giving, the Ulverston Golf Club event was attended by Cllr D. Webster.

X97. Public Participation:

Kim Farr: Welcomed the Environmental Statement and asked if the town mayor could make a statement about progress at the Annual Town Meeting.

Steve Johnston: Environmental Statement; asked if the town council would set a baseline for improvements in the town.

Martin Gilbert: Asked council to encourage investigation into potential flooding caused by the new retail site development.

Ralph Spours: Chairman of Ulverston Traders Association. Road haulage contractors and citizens are complaining about the traffic light sequencing on the A590 at the Blue Light Hub/Retail park. He also said that the pavements and kerbstones were in a dangerous condition.

Andrew Hudson: Direction signs have gone up to the housing development at Lund Farm but it is still a building site.

Sarah Glass: Asked what the town council intended to do about Environmental challenges.

X98. Minutes: The minutes of the Council meeting on 21 October 2019 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Jenkinson. **Unanimously approved.**

X99. Update:

Police:

Cumbria force area and south of the county show a rise in recorded crime for the financial year to date and a reduction in antisocial behaviour. Ulverston and Furness – Fall in recorded crime, currently 584, last full year 590 Reduction in anti-social behaviour calls 108 compared with 163 - last full year. Figures for September:

- 42 reported crimes in Ulverston for October
- ASB calls for service in September – 5
- Dwelling Burglary - 1
- Commercial Burglary – 1
- Shoplifting – 0
- Assaults with injury – 3 named suspects for all.
- Assaults without injury – 4 named suspects for all.

No issues on Halloween and Bonfire night. Police supported the Ulverston Remembrance Parade and the Ulverstem event. Preparations are made for policing the Dickensian Festival, together with shoplifting patrols prior to Christmas.

Questions to Police:

Cllr Shirley Anne Wilson. Asked if the assaults were domestic assaults. It was agreed that Sgt Johnston would meet separately with all councillors who wished to attend to discuss this issue and understand it more fully.

Clerk.

- **CCTV:** Letter received today from the Police and Crime Commissioner saying that no decision will be made on CCTV until after the Election.
- **Freedom of Information Act to Cumbria County Council regarding weed spray.**

The chemical is glyphosate based - similar to Roundup

Weed spraying on urban footway's and carriageways is undertaken 3 times per year normally, April July and October. Spraying of noxious weeds (Japanese Knotweed etc) is undertaken twice a year usually at the start and end of summer.

Action: UTC to write to Cumbria county Council and to ask them to stop using this.

CCC: Cllr M. Wilson: Budget consultation ongoing until February. Consultation on coastal erosion around the Cumbrian coast is ongoing. CCC contractors working on repairs to Yorkshire stone at Market Cross and further down into Market Street.

SLDC: Highways England. Small group of councillors working with Highways England on how the A590 can interact with the town and the work is ongoing. HE coming to talk to the community in February.

X100. Planning:

SL/2019/0827	Aldi, Lightburn Road, Ulverston.	Mr. Luke Allsop
Approve by majority.	Against: Cllr's Tennyson and J. Pickthall.	
SL/2019/0850	49 Mountbarrow Road, Ulverston.	Mr. Paul Swan
Approve		

X101 Car Parking Initiatives:

Proposal: Council to submit to SLDC by the end of the year proposals for car parking charges in the town centre. Cllr C. Pickthall will send a paper on the matter around to all members and ask for proposals before the next meeting. Cllr Jenkinson suggested sending the proposal to Cllr Morrell (Portfolio Holder)

Proposed: Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr M. Wilson. Unanimously approved.

X102. Flood Prevention Wall in South Ulverston:

Proposal: That council write to the Environment Agency concerning ongoing maintenance, including removal of weeds, of the flood prevention wall adjacent to Steel Street, North Lonsdale Road and Cross Lane and further that the council may wish to use some CIL funds to support any works that may be needed, on advice from the Environment Agency.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Butcher. **Seconded:** Cllr. S.A. Wilson. Unanimously approved.

X103. Environmental Working Group. Cllr J. Pickthall

1. Council approved the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Council noted the draft Environmental Policy Statement which will be a fluid Document. The Annual Town Meeting will also report on progress.
Cllr D. Webster asked that a member of the allotment committee sit on the committee, it was agreed that all members would be welcomed to attend the meetings which would now be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6pm. There will be a meeting with the community in early 2020 to update on progress and to invite updates from community groups. Cllr J. Pickthall announced that a grant for eco projects will be available up to a level of £200.00. She said that the carbon footprint of the council would be assessed.
3. Council noted that Professor Mike Berners Lee will be coming to the Coronation Hall on Friday 7 February at the invitation of the town council to speak on his book 'There is No Planet B' and that there would be a questionnaire handed out at the meeting.

X104. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee. Cllr C. Pickthall.

1. Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Financial and project management.
Council approved: Bank reconciliation October; Reserve account breakdown; and Project expenditure breakdown.
- 3 External Audit/Annual Return:
Council noted the final certificate from the external auditors PFK Littlejohn external auditors and the issue highlighted.
4. Budget. 2020/21. Council noted the budget which will be debated and finalised at the December meeting.
5. Projects proposals: Council noted the new project proposals in the minutes. Final costs will be presented to full council.
6. Mill Dam Allotments. Council noted that repairs are taking place on the wall at a cost of £8900.
7. Payments: It was agreed that Cllr M. Wilson and Cllr P. Smith would authorise payments the following day.

X105. Other Matters:

Cllr. D. Webster: Stagecoach bus service have reduced their evening bus services to Croftlands, no timetable is currently available.

Cllr J. Pickthall: Had posters asking drivers to turn off their engines and not to leave them idling.

Cllr. M. Wilson: Seeking new members of the Ulverston Emergency Planning group. There is a Carers Rights Day on Thursday in the Red Rose Club.
Cllr Tennyson: Had been on a Climate Awareness Training event and would be happy to run a training course for members or other interested groups.

X106: Public:

Chris Loynes: Applauded the council's efforts in responding to the climate emergency. Pleased to see Mike Berners Lee coming to Ulverston. He acknowledged council reaching out to the community and is keen to build bridges in relation to learning about what can be done.

Norma Samson: Thanked the councillor the bus shelters. She said that the glaciers are going to have melted within 10 years and small initiatives will all help towards preventing and reducing the impact of climate change,

Nick Nibbs: Flooding issues becoming more widespread and he referred to the Netherlands and how they manage flooding on areas below sea level.

Pat Appleton: Recalled the flood wall at south Ulverston being built some 30 years ago.

X107: Date of Next Meeting: Members to note the date of the next meeting of Ulverston Town Council which is: Monday 16 December 2019 at 7.00pm.