

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of Ulverston Town Council held on Monday 19 October 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), N. Bishop-Rowe, B. Brown, A. Butcher, H. Irving, P. Halfpenny, J. Jenkinson, P. Jones, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall, P. Smith, D. Webster, M.Wilson. S.A.Wilson. Clerk. Police x 2. Press x 1, 1 x member of the public

- X234. Notification of Absence:** Cllrs: Airey, Rigg, Tennyson.
- X235. Requests for dispensations:** None received.
- X236. Declaration of Interest:**
Planning: Cllrs: Jenkinson, D. Webster, M.Wilson Members and Substitute members of SLDC planning committee. UCE: Cllr Jenkinson.
- X237. Emergency Resolution.** Cllr D Webster proposed an emergency resolution to discuss additional funding for the 20mph speed limit to be debated during the finance and General Purposes Item (X246)
Proposed: Cllr Webster. **Seconded:** Cllr M.Wilson. **Unanimously proposed.**
- X238. Minutes:** The minutes of the council meeting on 21 September 2020 were approved.
Proposed: Cllr. C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr B. Brown. **Unanimously approved** with the following amendments:
Cllr. S.A.Wilson is a trustee of the Town Lands.
Cllr P Smith was unable to access the Environmental Sustainability meeting.
- X239. Update: Police**
- Ulverston and Furness crimes and ASB figures for September
 - In total across the 4 areas there have been (141) incidents and crimes.
 - ASB is down: July (7) - August (14) - October (10) down by 4 this month
 - Highest reported crime is assault. (11) with injuries; (15) without injuries
 - Highest calls for service have been concern/safety/collapse (18) calls for service
 - Other matters: Possible Christmas Market in Ulverston, Night Patrols of pubs alongside environmental health officers, Illegal Immigrant raid at Flames takeaway
 - Superintendent to attend Bar Watch on November 3 to discuss patrol plan.
- Cllr Questions:
Cllr Brown: Is there a difference in pubs' usage following Barrow moving to Tier 2.
Police: Not made much difference.
Cllr. S. A. Wilson: Is there an increase in Domestic Abuse?
Police: Yes, there has been an increase since lockdown.
Cllr M.Wilson: Is there liaison with Barwatch.
Police: Yes, regular meeting with Barwatch and meetings with landlords.

Cllr. D. Webster: Are people were travelling up from Lancashire following restrictions there. Police: Nothing as yet.

SLDC:

Cllr Jenkinson. Overview and Scrutiny are considering a recovery plan after the pandemic.

Cumbria County Council:

Cllr M.Wilson. New campaign called 'It's not OK' regarding child exploitation in Cumbria. Details to be circulated.

X240. Planning:

| Number | Details | Decision |
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| SL/2020/0652 | 45 Urswick Road, side extension | Approve |
| SL/2020/0668 | St. Mary's Hospice, 5m tall antenna | Approve |
| SL/2020/0706 | 58 Lightburn Ave. Extension | Approve |

X241. NALC response to 'Changes in Current Planning System' consultation.

Council **noted and agreed** with the response from the National Association of Local Councils.

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

Unanimously approved.

X242. Remembrance Sunday & Remembrance Day.

Council **noted** the update and the wish of the Royal British Legion and the town council to encourage the community to remember from home.

X243. Visitor Information Point.

Council **noted** that the Visitor Information Point in the Market Hall has closed and the reasons for it. Council also noted that all of the equipment including a PC purchased by the town council for the VIP was currently stored in the town council office.

X244. Land at North Lonsdale Road.

Council **noted** the request for comments from the council on potential land uses for SLDC owned land on North Lonsdale Road. It was agreed to proceed with a virtual meeting with BE Group and to request a better quality map prior to this.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Butcher. **Unanimously approved.**

X245. Environmental Sustainability Standing Committee.

Council **noted** the EA committee minutes and the proposal to take part in the nationwide Greening Campaign which is being supported by SLDC. More information has been requested. Cllr D. Webster said he had spoken to UVHS about coach idling outside the school and this would be taken up by the Health and Safety committee at the school.

X246. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee:

- a. Council **noted and approved** the minutes of the previous meeting.
- b. Council **noted and approved** the bank statements and bank reconciliation: for September.
- c. Annual Return 2019/2020. Council **noted** that the annual return for this period has been approved by external auditors PFK Littlejohn.

- d. **Gill Toilets.** Council **approved** the following expenditure:
- Gill toilets roof. £7550 or £10550 if SLDC grant received for recycled slate.
 - Gill toilets doors: To replace all of the toilet doors. One door to accept cash and contactless and two doors contactless only: £15512.00.
 - Toilet flushing mechanism and bowls. To authorise the clerk to obtain prices for replacing with stainless steel units and submit prices to F&GP and full council for consideration.
- e. **Gill Banks.** Council **noted** that the clerk is meeting with the Environment Agency and authorised the clerk to tender for the works required and also inform the Town Lands Trust of progress.
- f. **Market Hall Toilets.**
Council **approved** a recommendation from F&GP to fund cleaning of the Market Hall toilets to enable this facility to re-open until the end of this financial year, or until the current Covid crisis was over, whichever is the soonest Town council would contract directly with the cleaning company who already clean the Gill toilets.
- g. **Budget.**
Council **noted** that budget setting is about to start and both political groups are requested to submit project proposals for consideration in time for the Finance and General Purposes meeting on 4 November. The clerk was requested to send a revised budget for the next financial year to all members. The clerk explained that the running costs of the council remained constant, with the highest cost to the council being staffing and on costs. The clerk would be requesting council to consider additional staff resource in the office and a paper would be going to HR committee shortly which asks that resource is set aside in the new budget to enable the new council (should it wish) to bring in additional resource for succession planning and additional project delivery.
- h. **Payments:** Council approved the payments for the month and nominated Cllrs D. Webster and S. Webster to authorise the payment.
Proposed: Cllr. C. Pickthall. **Seconded** Cllr J. Jenkinson.
- i. **Emergency Resolution.** It was agreed to allocate a further £4800 on the cost of signage for the temporary 20mph speed limit to enable Soutergate, Fountain St and Brewery St to be incorporated. The total allocated to Cumbria County Council will now be £6300 following an agreement to provide £1500 at the previous full council meeting.
Proposed Cllr M.Wilson. **Seconded** Cllr J. Jenkinson. **Unanimously approved.**

- X247. Other Matters:**
Cllr. Jenkinson: Requested a protocol on meetings conducted via Zoom and Zoom training together with clarification on 3 items of expenditure.
- X248. Public Participation.** Mrs Scrogam confirmed that discussions are taking place on a possible Christmas market, but no decision had been taken as yet.
- X249. Date of next virtual meeting: Monday 16 November 2020 at 7.00pm.**

