

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of Ulverston Town Council.

Monday 19 April 2021 at 7.00pm.

Before the meeting the council held a one-minute silence for
HRH Prince Phillip the Duke of Edinburgh

Present: Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), N. Bishop-Rowe, B. Brown, P. Halfpenny, H. Irving J. Jenkinson, P. Jones, C. Pickthall, J. Pickthall, A. Rigg, P. Smith, D. Webster, M. Wilson. S.A. Wilson. Clerk. Public x 4. Press x 1

X336. Notification of Absence: Cllrs Butcher and Tennyson

X337. Requests for dispensations: None received.

X338. Declaration of Interest:

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

Item X357: Gill Banks: J. Jenkinson, D. Webster, P. Smith, S.A. Wilson. Trustees of Townlands Trust.

X339. Town Mayor's announcements:

- Attended a thanksgiving service for Mrs Julie Barton for her year as High Sherriff of Cumbria.
- Opened Cut the Wrap shop on New Market St.
- Opened the town on the first day of trading with the Town Crier and spoke to all of the traders.

X340 Public Participation: None

X341. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2021 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Jenkinson **Seconded:** Cllr. S.A. Wilson

Unanimously approved:

X342. Canal area/North Lonsdale Road. Tree Removal. Update from Cadent.

Council received an update from Jayne Dawson Project Engineer for Cadent on works regarding the gas pipe near to the canal and the need to remove trees. Cadent will plant trees elsewhere to compensate for the removal which was necessary and would liaise with the town clerk on the matter. Ms Dawson said other trees had been removed by the farmer and the canal owner. TriTech would be in receipt of hedges for the area of land owned by the company which had seen trees removed.

X343. Update: Brief update from Clerk, SLDC and Cumbria County Councillors.

Clerk

Minute Ref X329: Speed Indicators on Urswick Road. Police have reported that they only have one portable indicator and this will only stay in place for a few weeks it will then be removed. The installation of a permanent speed indicator in this area will be subject to approval by CCC Highways, police and funding will need to be identified.

Cllr Halfpenny said that she had spoken to the police who were aware of speeding in south Ulverston and the Police Crash team are also aware of this.

Minute Ref 330. Gulled Emptying. The clerk has not been able to find any definitive information regarding gully emptying schedules, other than this work is outsourced by CCC. It is understood that the gully's are emptied twice a year. The enquiry is still ongoing.

Cllr Wilson said he would ask Highways and Transportation working group (CCC) about the matter.

SLDC/CCC. Cllr. M. Wilson

Mental Health Signposting. Training is being offered to all councillors who may like to become involved in this. (Clerk will send out details)

CCC. Libraries staging a World Book Night event

X354. Planning:

SL/2021/0151 Approve	62 Kennedy Place, Daltongate.	Mr. G. McMillan
SL/2021/0123 Approve	24 Lund Terrace, Ulverston.	Mrs. N. Bower
SL/2021/0181 Approve	25 Church Walk, Ulverston.	Mr & Mrs Greenwood
SL/2021/0191 Approve	70 Oakwood Drive, Ulverston.	Mr. C. Waters
SL/2021/0207 Approve	6 Gloucester Square, Ulverston.	Mr. J. Warner
SL/2019/0657 Approve by majority	Hamilton House, Church Walk,	Mr. D. Vinay
SL/2021/0237 Approve	44 Kennedy Place, Daltongate.	Mr & Mrs Irving
SL/2021/0249 Approve	Heston, Old Hall Road, Ulverston.	Mr. I. Dixon
SL/201/0156 Approve	Annex rear of Stanley Street.	Mr. E. Jackson
SL/2021/0257 Approve	Owl Barn, Back Lane, Ulverston.	Mr. G Towers
SL/2021/0208 Approve	Nearbeck, Rake Lane, Ulverston.	Mr. Krishna

X355. Environmental Sustainability Standing committee:

Council **noted** the minutes of the previous meeting and the proposals therein.

- World Environment Day - Saturday 5 June. Council noted the proposals to have a market stall on that day promoting the event with other partners including Ford Park. Council would give away litter pickers, trees and hedging.
- Council noted the Great British Spring Clean 28 May – 13 June dates. The new council be advised of these dates.

X356. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee: Papers attached.

- a. Council **noted** the minutes of the previous meeting.

b. Council **approved** the bank statements and bank reconciliation.

c. **Annual Return and Audit:**

Council **approved** the timetable for the Annual Accounting Statements and the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2021:

- The prescribed period for public examination is from Tuesday 15 June until Monday 26 July 2021
- The submission of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 for external audit (PFK Littlejohn) by 30 July 2021.

d. **Accountants and Auditors:**

Council **approved** the following appointments:

- Lamont Pridmore Chartered Accountants as the council's accountants for 2021/22
- Mrs. Jean Airey as the council's internal auditor for 2021/22.

e. **Council Meetings:**

Government legislation requires councils to meet in person after the 7 May.

Proposal:

- a. Full Council: Council approved that the May 17th full council meeting takes place in person at UVHS school assembly hall unless Government legislation changes before the agenda deadline, and note that a full risk assessment will be made available.
- b. Annual Town Meeting. Council **approved** the Annual Town meeting taking place virtually on Tuesday 27 April at 6.30.

f. **Projects Update:**

- Gill Banks. Repairs to embankment and quotation.
Proposal. Council **approved** the quotation of £4650.00 to repair two areas on the Gill Beck embankment and to write to land owners (Town Lands) to request a contribution towards the costs. The works will be carried out in the summer.
Proposed: Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr J. Pickthall. Unanimously approved.

Council noted the following project updates:

- **Gill toilets refurbishment.:** The work on the roof and new doors has been completed. Work on internal cubicles will be finished by the end of April.
- **North Lonsdale Road:** Greenspace surrounding the depot. Following a positive response from Cllr Giles Archibald, Leader of SLDC to the town councils' proposals to retain the green space and work with the community to create a green area with environmentally friendly planting, the Clerk will meet with SLDC officers to consider next steps and report back to council.
- **Alleys and Ginnels:** The alleys/ginnels and Potters Court have been power washed and the wall at Potters Court repainted and flower baskets re- erected. The clerk is working with SLDC on the issue of the proliferation of domestic and commercial bins. The clerk made a recommendation for a cycle rack in this area and this would be discussed again by council. It was further agreed that the new Assistant Town Clerk would research and produce a report on existing bike racks, new sites and designs and potential for other cycling infrastructure in the town centre.

- **Trackbed:** Network Rail have suggested a potential way forward; that Network Rail could continue to maintain the line subject to payment for this work by UTC and that the town council could lease the land from Network Rail. Network Rail will respond with a detailed proposal for council to consider.
- g. Grant Applications:** List attached.
Council **approved** grants for community groups and festivals for 2021/2022.
- h. United Charities.**
Trustees **approved** the apportionment of the annual dividend of £936.00 which is in line with the original charitable trust terms of reference. Together with the annual apportionment from the deposit fund of £1000.00 to the Mayor's Charities:
£300.00 - UVHS. £300.00 - Local Foodbank. £300.00 - Churches Together in Ulverston.
- i. Monthly payments.** Council **approved** the monthly payments and authorised Cllrs Jenkinson and J Pickthall to remotely approve the payments list.
- X358. Other Matters:** The Mayor thanked everybody for their support during her two-year term. She thanked Cllr Janette Jenkinson, Pauline Halfpenny, Judy and Colin Pickthall and Caroline Tennyson for their tremendous support and dedication to the council. She made special mention of Cllr Jenkinson who is retiring from the council and not standing in the election after over 30 years of service with the council.
Cllr Jenkinson thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Conservative group and praised all of the councillors who were standing down for their energy hard work and commitment. She thanked the staff for their work.,
Cllr C Pickthall thanked all of the councillors who were standing down and thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Labour group. He thanked the staff for their work.
- X360. Date of next meeting:** Monday 17 May 2021 at 7.00pm at Ulverston Victoria High School Assembly room.