

# ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of Ulverston Town Council.

**Monday 15 February 2021 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr's: S. Webster (Chair), N. Bishop-Rowe, B. Brown, A. Butcher, 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 2. Press x 1

**X299. Notification of Absence:** Cllr Tennyson

**X300. Requests for dispensations:** None received.

**X301. Declaration of Interest:**

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

**X302. Town Mayor's announcements:**

- Thanked everybody involved in the Covid 19 vaccination process including the medics, administrators and volunteers at GSK and the Health Centre
- Thanked all of the businesses for their delivery and click and collect services for the community

**X303. Public Participation:** None

**X304. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 were approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Jenkinson. **Seconded:** Cllr. Brown.

**Unanimously approved:**

**X305. Emergency Resolution.** Cllr C. Pickthall requested an emergency resolution concerning the recent news about GSK. The motion would be heard at the end of the meeting

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

**X306. Update:** Brief update from, Clerk, SLDC and Cumbria County Councillor.

**Clerk:**

Network Rail	Correspondence with Cumbria County Council officers who are trying to find a way forward regarding maintenance of the trackbed.
May Meetings	Government legislation has enabled the council to meet via zoom. This legislation comes to an end in May. If it is not renewed council will be required to meet face to face (socially distanced) from the June meeting, subject to being able to find venues.
<b>CCC</b>	
Cllr M. Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blue Light Hub Opening Shortly</li><li>• 1.2 million Environmental enhancement grant launched</li><li>• Highways. Additional vehicle and staff to jet patch potholes</li><li>• 25% reduction in budget for highways repairs in the next financial year.</li></ul>

<b>SLDC</b>	
Cllr M. Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLDC has awarded 100 million of grant aid to business</li> <li>• Reception opening hours are temporarily 9.30 - 4</li> </ul>

### X307. **Planning**

SL/2020/0696 Installation of 3 x CCTV cameras.

#### **Abstain.**

SL/2021/0067 The Old Brewery, Ulverston. Mr. M. Mayvers  
Councillors expressed great concern that works had recently been carried out on the Brewery under a General Permitted Development order and this had included the removal of a chimney.

All councillors said that they wanted the project to be successful. However, any work on the site undertaken in this manner was not acceptable or within the spirit of the checks and balances provided and required by conservation area designation

Furthermore, council ask SLDC to ensure that further work on the site must be subject of full planning permission and decided by the planning committee only and must not be a delegated decision. It is critical that works are sympathetic to this historic building within a conservation area and that full permission from SLDC as the planning authority is received for all aspects of the work.

It was also recommended that the developer be requested to come to the March town council meeting and discuss the plans in a public setting.

#### **Approve.**

SL/2021/0008 16 Kennedy Place, Ulverston. Mr & Mrs Milligan

#### **Approve**

SL/2021/0036 17 Dorchester Crescent, Ulverston. F. Melby

#### **Approve**

SL/2021/0034 1 Trinity House, Princes St, Ulverston. Mr. John Poole

#### **Approve**

SL/2021/0073 St Marys R C School, Springfield Rd. Shepherd Arch's

#### **Approve**

SL/2021/0071 27 Victoria Road, Ulverston. Mrs L Ellwood

#### **Approve**

SL/2021/0083 10 Union Close. 2 storey side extension. Mr J. Higgins

#### **Approve**

SL/2021/0087 38 Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. Mr. B Dryden

#### **Approve**

### X308. **Consultation on Public Space Protection Orders.**

Following debate on the consultation, council authorised F&GP to make the final decision on this subject following receipt of more information to clarify the issue of bar-b-cues on play areas and the effect on groups wishing to organise major events on parks. SLDC require a formal response by 8 March 2021.

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

### X309. **Development in south Ulverston:**

**Proposal:** Ulverston Town Council oppose building development on the south Ulverston designated Flood Zone 3 and 3a. In addition, when these applications go to SLDC as the planning authority, that this is decided by the full SLDC full planning committee and is not a delegated decision.

**Proposed:** Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Seconded:** Cllr Rigg.

Comments from members included the need for the motion to be more nuanced as the area referred to is very large and which if adopted, could preclude the council debating proposals for development on the GSK site for example, together with smaller applications for house extensions. The Jacobs report from Cumbria County Council is due to be published shortly and technical judgments are important in decision making. Councillors said that the residents in this area were very worried about flooding and all councillors said that this was a real concern. Council has allocated £50,000 from CIL funds to the environment Agency to support its application to Government for the works to be undertaken in south Ulverston. Cllr Bishop Rowe was asked if he wished to withdraw and submit a modified motion with a defined area, at the next meeting. Cllr Bishop Rowe declined.

Following this debate Cllr Wilson **proposed** an amendment:

*That this proposal should not be endorsed at this time and that more research is undertaken with partners and agencies.*

**Seconded:** Cllr Jenkinson. **Approved by majority.**

Cllrs: Bishop Rowe, Rigg and Butcher voted against the amendment.

**X310. Highways England consultation on facilities for Cyclists.**

The town council has been pursuing re-opening of the trackbed from the Canal to Next Ness for several years, following the closure of this informal path by Network Rail. The proposal was initiated by cyclist groups concerned about the safety of cycling on the A590. The council has set aside funds to support the capital works.

**Resolution:** Council fully supports the potential of a cycling and pedestrian route between Ulverston Canal to Next Ness and from Plumpton to Greenodd.

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

**X311. Borderlands.**

Council **noted** a verbal update on the first meeting from Cllrs Jenkinson and Brown. A report would be sent by the clerk the following day.

**X312. Neighbourhood Planning.**

Council **noted** an update on the first meeting and future proposals from Cllr D Webster which included a training session on Neighbourhood Planning from CALC on Thursday 18 February to which all members were invited.

**X313. Coal/coke mine in Whitehaven.** Cllr C. Pickthall.

Following a debate this item was withdrawn.

**X314. Unitary Authority.** Cllr C. Pickthall.

Council **noted** an update from Cllr C. Pickthall on a recent briefing from SLDC leader and CEO on the Bay proposal.

**X315. Environmental Sustainability Standing committee:** Cllr J. Pickthall

1. Council **noted** the minutes
2. Council **noted** the Britain in Bloom Community Award
3. Council **approved** a recommendation to award a grant of £200 for Ulverston in Bloom.

**X316. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee:**

1. Council **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Council **approved** the bank statements and bank reconciliation for January
3. Council **noted** the update on projects as detailed in the attached report.

4. **Town Centre ginnel/alley steam cleaning.**  
Proposal: Council **approved** a recommendation by F&GP to engage Ulverclean for this project at a cost of £1870.00.
5. **Trees:** Council **confirmed** its commitment to the councils Tree Policy which states that council will protect trees in its ownership unless the council arborist recommends works.
6. **Monthly payments.** Council approved the monthly payment and authorised Cllr Halfpenny and Cllr M. Wilson to approve the payments list.

- X317. Emergency Resolution. GSK. Cllr C. Pickthall**  
**Resolution:** Council expresses deep regret at GSK's abandonment of its Ulverston site after 70 years close relationship with the town. The council sympathise strongly with all those employees who will lose their jobs. Council supports the extant proposals from Lakes Bioscience for a new facility. UTC resolved to meticulously scrutinise future proposals for this extensive site, bearing in mind its position at the sea edge, in the flood zone plan and the likely contaminated land involved.  
**Proposed:** Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr D. Webster  
Unanimously approved.
- X318. Other Matters:**  
Cllr Rigg: Has reported a number of blocked gully's to Cumbria Highways but they have not as yet been cleared.
- X319. Date of Next Virtual Meeting:** Monday 15 March at 7.00pm.