

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ulverston Town Council Meeting held on Monday 21 February 2022 at Croftlands Community Centre at 7pm.

Present: Cllr's: B. Brown, (Chair), N. Bishop Rowe, A. Butcher, J. Drake, J. Filmore, D. Fletcher Cooney, H. Irving, M. Hornby, P. Jones, A. Rigg, G. Scrogham, M. Scrogham, D. Webster, S. Webster, M. Wilson. Also: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk. Sgt P Mellard. 11 members of the public.

Y147. Notification of absence: Cllrs: T. Irving, P. Smith and S. Archer

Y148. Requests for dispensations: None received.

Y149. Declarations of Interest: Planning: Cllrs: J. Filmore, D. Webster, M. Wilson.
Members and substitute members of SLDC planning committee.

Y150. Mayor's Remarks:

- The Mayor asked if the council could send a letter to the Queen to wish her a speedy recovery from Covid 19.
- Many events have been cancelled recently but The Mayor and Deputy Mayor enjoyed the Panto at The Coro.
- Attended the Ulverston - Albert twinning meeting.
- Attended a presentation at The Coro for an update on their business plan.

Y151. Public Participation

- Two members of the public reported issues with TV reception after a new mast was installed at Croftlands. Cllr Webster advised he has contacted Vodaphone and is awaiting a reply. They thanked Sgt Mellard for attending the meeting this evening.
- Member of the public said there have been speeding vehicles in Hart St, Fountain St and on the A590 for over 2 years and has had little feedback from Police on this matter.
- Chair of Croftlands Community Centre thanked the Police who recently attended the car park at the centre to reduce anti-social behaviour and the issues have greatly reduced.
- Member of the public feels there is lack of traffic calming outside Croftlands School. He had a dangerous incident this morning when crossing the road. He added that there is no crossing patrol and several motorists regularly parking on yellow lines at times when parking is prohibited. Sgt Mellard confirmed he will attend the school to take a look.
- Member of the public reported cars revving engines on Rowan Avenue and racing up and down all day sometimes until the early hours of the morning.

Y152. Minutes:

Council **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Council meeting on 17 January 2022.
Proposed: Cllr H. Irving **Seconded:** Cllr S. Webster. Unanimously approved.

Y153. Part 2 Item:

Council **resolved to approve** that under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) that item **25** (staff) being of a confidential nature should be considered without the presence of the press and the public pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section II.

Proposed: Cllr N. Bishop-Rowe **Seconded:** Cllr D Webster. Unanimously approved.

Y154. Update: Brief update from: Police, Clerk; SLDC Councillors; CCC Councillors.

Police:

Sgt Mellard introduced himself and advised which area he is responsible for and said he is hoping to attend a Town Council meeting every quarter.

- Cllr M. Hornby and Cllr A. Butcher:
Concerned about traffic issues at Croftlands School with drivers' double parking and parking dangerously at school drop off/pick up time.
- Cllr N. Bishop-Rowe:
Requested remarking of the SLOW sign currently painted on the road.

Clerk:

- **Storm Damage:** One tree is down at Gill Banks and will be removed within the next few days.
- **Vandalism to Gill Toilets:** A second cubicle has been vandalised; it is not now possible to open the door. The door manufacturers are scheduled to attend site shortly. Much of the equipment in both of the vandalised toilets needs replacing. (Baby changing unit, soap dispensers, towel dispensers, bins and the ceiling in one cubicle requires some attention. Hydro Jet also need to attend.
- **Minute Y138:** South Lakes Housing. A meeting has been arranged on Wednesday 23 February with SLH for Cllr Drake and Cllr Rigg to discuss issues of concern.
- **Minutes Y138:** Three CCTV cameras have now been installed in the town centre. The clerk understands from the officer in charge of CCTV at Penrith that there is currently no capacity at Police HQ in Penrith to accommodate any further cameras. She reminded council that the cameras were paid for by the PCC and the BID but that electrical works and ongoing maintenance of the cameras would be paid for by UTC as council had previously agreed.
- **Minute Y139:** A letter was sent to Travellers Choice but no response received.
- **Minute Y141 (2):** The precept request has been sent to SLDC.

SLDC Councillors:

Cllr M Wilson:

- Environment grant provided footpath for St Mary's Catholic Primary School.
- £1.3 million will be spent on pothole repairs in Cumbria.
- Swarthmoor roundabout works are ahead of schedule.
- The gully cleaning schedule is in CCC minutes which have not yet been approved.
- Grants confirmed for Ford Park outdoor community gym.
- Babywise – new scheme launched to support parents with newborn babies
- Town Council may be able to acquire a portable speed gun; Police will train up to 6 people to use it.
- Several senior staff are leaving SLDC.

- **CCC Councillors:**

Cllr J. Filmore:

- Eden youth council have expressed interest in new cycle facilities in towns and also young people's mental health issues.

- School nurses have started an initiative called Healthy Habits for Life to address childhood obesity and going into schools and supporting families.
- 72 percent of children over age 12 have had 3 Covid 19 immunisations.
- A young inspectors training course has recently taken place at Brathay for 15 young people who will provide a youth perspective on services in the future.

Y155. SLDC Report: Ulverston Leisure Site.

Council **resolved to note** the report and plans relating to the Ulverston Leisure site from the SLDC Cabinet papers of 7 February 2022.

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

Y156. Idling Coaches and Car Parking outside UVHS and elsewhere:

Council **resolved to approve:**

- Writing** to all bus service operators operating services within the 'LA12' postcode area to ask drivers to switch off the engine of their bus or coach when they are idling.
- Writing to** Ulverston Victoria High School, informing the school of this decision and ask that the school inform parents and guardians of this and request their support in helping by turning their engines off when idling and in addition park more responsibly to avoid congestion and risk to the public.
- Inform the community, press and Cumbria County Council Highways.

Proposed: Cllr M. Wilson **Seconded:** Cllr N. Bishop-Rowe. Agreed by majority. 1 abstention

Y157. Charge My Streets: Cllr. M. Wilson

Council **resolved to approve** writing to SLDC requesting an update on E-chargers recently fitted in car parks and ask why members were not informed of this, together with information on payment and length of visit for vehicles.

Proposed: Cllr D. Webster **Seconded:** Cllr M. Hornby. Unanimously agreed.

Y158. Priory Road 30mph speed limit: Cllr. H. Irving

Council **resolved to approve** writing to Cumbria County Highways to request that the 40mph speed limit and sign on the approach to Ulverston from Bardsea is changed to 30mph.

Proposed: Cllr H. Irving **Seconded:** Cllr N. Bishop-Rowe. Agreed by majority. 1 abstention

Y159. Road and footpath repairs and safety issues. Cllr M. Wilson

Council **resolved to write** to Cumbria County Highways to ask when the town council may expect:

- repairs to faulty pavements which have been consistently reported.
- placing bollards or step through fencing at the entrance to alleyways/ginnels to dissuade cyclists and motor cyclists from riding through them.

Proposed: Cllr M. Wilson **Seconded:** Cllr N. Bishop-Rowe. Agreed by majority. Cllr J. Filmore abstained.

Y160. Aldi Supermarket. Lighting.

Council **resolved to write to** Aldi Supermarket, Ulverston to request that the all-non-essential electric lights are turned off when the store is closed.

Proposed: Cllr A. Rigg **Seconded:** Cllr A. Butcher. Unanimously agreed.

Y161. Fallen Tree over Dragley Beck from the Rope Walk.

Council **resolved to write to** the Environment Agency and Cumbria County Council to ascertain who is responsible for removing fallen trees and restoring paths and what the timescale will be for this action.

Proposed: Cllr M. Wilson **Seconded:** Cllr S. Webster. Unanimously agreed.

Y162. Purchase of a portable Vehicle Advisory Sign (VAS). Cllr A. Rigg

Council **resolved to instruct** the clerk to research cost of a portable vehicle activated sign that records speeds for potential purchase by UTC to be used in the town.

Proposed: Cllr A. Rigg **Seconded:** Cllr D. Webster. Unanimously agreed.

Y163. Borderlands.

Council **resolved to invite** a senior Cumbria County Council officer to attend a future council meeting to update council on next steps with Borderlands.

Proposed: Cllr M. Wilson. **Seconded:** Cllr A. Butcher. Unanimously agreed.

Y164. SLDC Budget.

Council **resolved to invite** a senior finance officer from SLDC to attend council to explain the District Councils budget for 2022 and 2023 with special reference to plans made for spending in Ulverston phase 2 funding of the Leisure Centre.

Proposed: Cllr M. Wilson **Seconded:** Cllr H. Irving. Unanimously agreed.

Y165. Environmental Sustainability Standing Committee. Cllr. S Webster.

Members resolved to note the following events which all members are invited to attend:

<i>Queens Green Canopy Tree Planting at Little Hoad: Wednesday 9 March @ 10.30am</i>	
<i>Eco Fair - Coronation Hall:</i>	<i>Thursday 17 March from 11am</i>
<i>Eco Fair - Film at the Roxy. "2040".</i>	<i>Saturday 19 March @ 5.00pm</i>

Y166. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee. Cllr M. Wilson.

a. Council **resolved to approve** the minutes and any actions therein.

b. Council to **resolve to approve** the bank statement, reserve account balance and bank reconciliation.

Proposed: Cllr M. Wilson **Seconded:** Cllr D. Webster. Unanimously agreed.

c. **SLDC – Road Closure Orders:**

Council **resolved to approve the recommendation** from F&GP to write to SLDC to complain about high charges and onerous 'red tape' for festivals and other groups when applying for road closure permission and ask for a more straightforward and transparent process. Unanimously approved.

d. **UCE.** Council to **approve the recommendation from F&GP** to pay the £10,000 grant to the Coronation Hall following the meeting with UCE and the production of the business plan. Cllr J. Drake – declared an interest. Approved by majority. 2 abstentions.

e. **Multi Use Footpath (Canal – Next Ness)**

Council **to approve the recommendation by F&GP** to proceed with phase one of the works on the footpath and commission Sustrans to develop the technical drawings and apply for planning perm mission following a £10,000 grant from Cumbria County Council. Unanimously approved.

f. **Planning and conservation area:**

Following issues and concerns with some planning applications in the conservation area and elsewhere, most recently at the Police Station council to **approve the recommendation by F&GP** that council write to the head of planning at SLDC, chair of planning committee and the portfolio holder to complain that the conservation area is potentially being compromised and ask for this to be robustly addressed. Evidence will be supplied by Ulverston Civic Society.

Approved by majority, 1 abstention.

g. **Payments:** Council to **resolve to approve** the monthly payments and assign two councillors to authorise payments.

Proposed: Cllr S. Webster **Seconded:** Cllr D. Webster (Both will come into the office on Friday 25th February)

Y167. Planning:

Application	Detail	Approve/Not approve
SL/2021/1137/38	Trinity Court, New Church Lane, Ulverston	Approve
SL/2022/0022	3 Mowings Lane, Ulverston	Approved by SLDC 14/2/22
SL/2021/1082	Hoad View Apartments, North Lonsdale Road	Approve with conditions The external areas must be kept tidy and safe.
SL/2022/0045/6	Ivy Cottage, Dragley Beck, Ulverston.	Refuse. Metal roof not in keeping with this historic building. Council requested Cllr D Webster to call in the application to enable it to be discussed by full planning committee at SLDC
SL/2022/0069	1 Dorchester Crescent	Approve
SL/2022//0058/9	26 Queen St	Approve
SL/22/0104	Citrus Lime Ltd, Lantern House, The Ellers	Approve
SL/2022/120/0118	Ford Park House	Approve
SL/2022/0109	Neville House, Neville St	Approve

Y168. **Other matters.** Items members wish to be debated at future meetings
Cllr P. Jones asked the council to send congratulations to Jess Gillam for her MBE.

Y169. Public Participation.

- Member of the public raised concerns about footpaths in South Ulverston area.
- Member of the public commented on the recent Coro coffee morning, it lifted the spirits of the town and said how important it was to keep them running.
- Member of the public mentioned the idling coaches and vehicle engines outside Croftlands Junior School and would like Sgt Mellard to confirm if something can be done. Cllr D Webster replied that some vehicles are exempt e.g., buses.

Y170. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 21 March 2022 at 7.00pm.

Y171 **Part 2: Staff Matters.** Cllr Dave Webster

Roxy Collective:

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