

ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ulverston Town Council Meeting on 21 March 2022 at Croftlands Community Centre.

Present: Cllr's: B. Brown, (Chair), S. Archer, N. Bishop Rowe, A. Butcher, J. Drake, J. Filmore, D. Fletcher Cooney, H. Irving, T. Irving, M. Hornby, A. Rigg, G. Scrogam, M. Scrogam, D. Webster, S. Webster, M. Wilson. Town Clerk.

Y172. Notification of absence: Cllrs: P. Jones

Y173. Requests for dispensations: None received.

Y174. Declarations of Interest:

Planning: Cllrs: J. Filmore, D. Webster, M. Wilson.

Members and substitute members of SLDC planning committee.

Y175. Mayor's Remarks:

25 February. Took part in the Grand Day out in Barrow organised by Stagecoach. He attended with Cllr Jones.

9 March. Together with Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lord Lieutenant attended the Queens Green Canopy tree planting at Little Hoad. It was wonderful to have so many schools and community groups present.

Attended the preview of Phantom of the Open at the Roxy.

Attended Kendal Mayors Sunday.

Attended the Eco Fair at the Coro. Many schools attended and the Mayor commented on the Eco Rap presented by St Mary's School. He also presented the award for the Town Council Travel survey. He thanked the Assistant Town Clerk for all her work.

19 March. Attended the Council sponsored film 2040 at the Roxy.

Ukraine support: The Ukraine national flag is flying over the office and the monument will continue to be lit in yellow and blue every Monday

Y176. Public Participation

Resident: Said that a stall was displaying political party leaflets at the Eco Fair. The mayor said this had been noted and was dealt with on the day.

Resident: Commended the Surging Seas Risk Zone App to councillors and expressed concern about the potential for flooding in South Ulverston. The resident asked if more trees could be planted and suggested that land at the 'Donkey Orchard' was for sale and could be purchased and used for tree planting.

Y177. Minutes: The minutes of the Council meeting on 21 February 2022. were approved subject to the following amendments:

Y156. Idling coaches: The item was proposed by Cllr Butcher.

Y167. Planning: Cllr Webster asked for a formal note be sent to him, or other Ulverston members of the planning committee in future requesting a call in.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson. **Seconded:** Cllr Bishop Rowe. Unanimously approved.

Y178. Part 2 Item:

It was resolved to move into Part 2 at the end of the main meeting to discuss staff matters.

Proposed: Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Seconded:** Cllr Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Y179. Update: Brief update from:

Police: A newsletter had been emailed around to all members from the police. Cllr Rigg would have liked to see some of the comments which were made by councillors at the March meeting which was attended by the police, to be incorporated into the newsletter.

Minute	Subject	Response	Council response
Y156	Idling Coaches and other vehicles	Letter to UVHS and Coach company (Travellers Choice) no response to date	Cllr Webster said that as a member of the board of governors this was not the school's responsibility. Clerk will contact CCC regarding their contract with coach operators.
Y157	E chargers in car parks	Currently only active in Brewery Street, charging points installed in Buxton Place and Daltongate Car Parks not live yet. The cost 40p per kilowatt hour. Vehicles can park adjacent to charging points for only as long as it takes to charge the vehicle. Drivers must pay whilst charging in Buxton Place and Daltongate, but not in Brewery St. Charge My Street receive the profit and SLDC charge a fee.	Notes
Y158	30mph limit on Priory Rd	No response from CCC	Noted
Y159	Road repair	No response from CCC	Noted
Y160	Aldi Lighting	Reported to Aldi head office who have spoken to Ulverston Store. Awaiting outcome.	Noted
Y161	Fallen tree.	Responsibility of land owner either side of the beck.	Noted
Y162	Portable Vehicle Sign	Report and costs in F&G Papers	Noted
Y163	Borderlands	Officer to attend April Meeting	Noted
Y146	SLDC Capital Budget for Ulverston	Awaiting response from finance officer at SLDC who has advised she will send it.	Noted
Y166c	Road closure for events	Awaiting response from SLDC Officer	Noted
Y166f	Conservation Area issues	Awaiting items from Civic Society to accompany letter	Noted
Update	Network Rail Trackbed.	Draft Heads of Terms have been received and a full report including legal opinion will be sent to F&GP and full council	Noted

SLDC /CCC Councillors.

Cllr M. Wilson. SLDC

- Annual Report for O/S discussed last week and the section on air quality was robustly discussed.
- Task and Finish group established to scrutinise new authority arrangements
- List now available of how best to support refugees
- SLDC will promote projects that it has delivered.

Cllr Webster.

- Commented that SLDC full Council has been cancelled tomorrow evening. Cllr Hornby asked why it had been cancelled; it was suggested it was because of Covid concerns and a light agenda.

Cllr Wilson: CCC

- Covid 100% rise over last week
- Local Enterprise Partnership report contained a useful guide to Carbon Neutral practices for businesses.
- Pensions Committee. Looking always at ethical and green investments.
- Met with CCC Highways to discuss Priory Rd crossing, Croftlands schools' safety ideas and residents parking. No complaints received from residents about the Priory Road crossing. Cllr Rigg asked if the crossing had been put in the agreed position and the highways engineers concurred that it had been as it had been paid for by the developer to facilitate crossing of residents on the West End Lane Development

Cllr Filmore: CCC.

- Meeting on the CWIP project will be held next week.

Y180. Exhaust Gases on A590 and other roads.

Council resolved to write to SLDC concerning this matter.

Cllr Bishop Rowe said it was important to get spot figures and not annualised figures. Cllr Wilson said it had been raised at SLDC Overview and Scrutiny and the report said that emissions were reducing. Cllr M. Scrogam said it was important to get spot figures when road works was causing delays.

Proposed: Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Seconded:** Cllr Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Y181. A5087 Priory Road.

Council resolved to write to Cumbria Council regarding safety concerns on Priory Road because of vehicles dropping off passengers near to the swimming pool. This follows the installation of the pedestrian crossing on Priory Rd. Cllr Hornby suggested coaches drop off on West End Land and not Priory Rd. Cllr Rigg was frustrated at the number of issues concerning coach companies and hoped that CCC may be able to resolve it within their contracts with schools coach companies. Cllr M. Scrogam said she would raise this at the Cumbria Better Connected meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Seconded:** Cllr S Archer. Unanimously approved.

Y182. Update on Meeting with South Lakes Housing:

Council resolved to note the update from Cllr Rigg and Cllr Drake. Cllr Rigg said that a productive meeting had been held with South Lakes Housing with both councillors, residents and a resident's relative. A written report has now been received from South Lakes Housing which is very comprehensive and which addresses all of the issues raised by the attendees. Cllr Rigg said that SLH will keep everybody up to date and make sure all the actions are followed through. Cllr Drake echoed Cllr Riggs comments. She said meetings were also happening at Mill Dam with residents and the SLH independent living officer,

buildings officer and others. She said the Ulverston resilience group is keen to offer support to residents as there are no wardens in sheltered housing.

Y183. Ulverston Community Partnership - Update:

Council resolved to note the work of Ulverston Community Partnership in marketing the town.

Y184. Boundary Review.

Council resolved to note that the Boundary Commission for England is holding a secondary consultation which is open until 4 April.

Y185. Environmental Sustainability Standing Committee.

- a. **Council resolved to approve** the minutes and the actions therein.
- b. **Council resolved to note the** successful events at Little Hoad for the Platinum Jubilee tree planting (Queens Green Canopy) Eco Fair and the film 2040 following an update by Cllr S. Webster
- c. **Council resolved to note** the update on other council projects.

Y186. Finance and General Purposes Standing Committee.

- a. Council **resolved to approve** the minutes and the actions therein and noted that Cllr Hornby attended the meeting.
- b. Council **resolved to approve** the bank statement, reserve account balance and bank reconciliation.
- c. Council **resolved to approve** the budget variances and breakdown of project expenditure.

d. Annual Town Meeting.

Council resolved to approve that the meeting would be held in the Drill Hall/Red Rose Club on Monday 17 May @ 7pm as no other venues are available. Councillors commented that it would be important to ensure that other users came in by a different entrance.

e. Permanent and Portable Vehicle Activated signage.

Council resolved to note the update on this project.

Following discussion about the report and the costings the clerk was requested to ask CCC (Crash) committee where it would recommend that the portable sign goes, as this has to be agreed in advance. The clerk will also advise if there are any grants for this equipment. Councillors were requested to let the clerk know of areas/roads that they think the cameras should be placed and this can be fed back to CRASH group

f. Car Park Subsidy.

Council resolved to note the update on this project. The subsidy on Buxton Place Car Park comes to an end in September 2022 after a 2-year project. The councils 2 years commitment is £35,000 together with the BID making a total project contribution of £70,000 Because the project has been successful the invoices from SLDC are becoming higher as the subsidy is applied to all of the additional tickets which wasn't originally agreed. It had been agreed with SLDC that the Town Council and the BID will pay no more than the agreed amount and SLDC would absorb the rest. Cllr M. Scrogam said that the BID was analysing the figures supplied by SLDC to make sure that the BID and UTC had not been overcharged.

g. Local Government Re-organisation.

Council resolved to establish a committee to engage directly and at the highest level with the new Westmorland and Furness Authority after the May election.

d. Food Bank.

Council resolved to approve a proposal for the town council to be registered with Barrow Food Bank to formally authorise people who wish to use the Ulverston Food Bank. It is proposed that authorisations are carried out on Monday mornings, when all staff are in and possibly one other morning in the week.

Cllr Rigg was concerned about additional responsibilities for staff; the clerk said staff would be trained, together with any councillors who wish to support the project. Cllr Wilson said that the Food Bank also supported users through the Ways to Welfare initiative. Cllr Smith said with the looming cost of living crisis it was even more important to ensure that the food bank was supported. The clerk said that because so many agencies had closed in Ulverston, there were fewer organisation to sign the paperwork which the food bank user had to take down to the Foodbank. It was understood that the library was also going to be used for this purpose.

e. Payments: Council **resolved to approve** the monthly payments and assigned Cllr M. Scroggiam and S.J. Archer to approve the payment list via email.

Y187. Planning:

SL/2022/0100	3 Old Hall Drive, Ulverston	Approve
SL/2022/0126	16 Bay Tree Road,	Approve
SL/2022/0151	21 Eden Mount	Approve
SL/2022/0150	Gascow Farm, Priory Road	Approve
SL/2022/0156	22 The Gill, Ulverston	Approve with conditions: 17/18C Must not affect the adjoining properties. Concerned about the amount of interior being removed and the impact on adjacent properties.
SL/2022/0104	Citrus Lime, The Ellers	Approve
SL/2022/0152	3 Savoy Gardens	Approve
SL/2022/1048/9	Flat 1 Springfield Mansions	Approve
SL/2022/0116	48 Sunderland Terrace	Approve
SL/2022/0118	Ford Park House, Ford Park	Approve
SL/2022/0194	2 The Drive.	Approve

Y188. Cllr M. Wilson. Concerned about the number of second homes and air BB in the area and wishes to understand from SLDC what can be done. Cllr D. Webster said that this could be included in the new local plan.

Y189. Public Participation:

Resident: Suggested that the cost of fuel may eventually prevent drivers from keeping engines running whilst waiting for students.

Resident: Thanked the council for the Eco fair and the film 2040. He asked if there were plans to plant any additional trees around Ulverston. Cllr S. Webster said that the council wanted to plant more trees and were looking at an area around North Lonsdale Road, but it did depend on the landowner.

Y190. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25 April 2022 at 7.00pm.

Y191. Part 2 Item. Staff.

Roxy Collective:

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