

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF
CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL**

HELD ON TUESDAY 8th December 2020

At 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr M Denwood
Cllr O Dorgan
Cllr N Ford (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Hully (Chair)
Cllr M Eldon
Cllr L Jones-Bulman
Cllr M Messenger
Cllr D Riley

Mr S Richardson (Clerk)

County Councillor Frank Morgan and County Councillor A Lamb. J Brumby
Copeland Borough Council.

386/20. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillors P Burns and D Hully. Standing apology from
Borough Councillor H Branney.

**387/20 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary/Virtual Meeting
of Cleator Moor Town Council held on 10th November 2020.**

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

388/20 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.

Councillor Ford declared an interest in Cleator Moor Community Interest
Company, Chamber of Trade, West Cumbria Community Foundation, West
Cumberland Hospital Project Board, Health Watch, Town Hall, Stirling Place,
Phoenix Youth, Town board. Cygnus Radio. Works4You and Home2Work.
Healthwatch. Copeland Photographic Society. Town Board (Chamber of Trade)
CMBB Podcast (Cygnus Studios)
Councillor J Hully declared and interest in Planning (CBC Planning Chair) Rnec,
Blue Skies Jenny Brumby.
Councillor L Jones-Bulman declared an interest in Copeland Planning.

389/20 Applications to the Clerk, for dispensations.

None Received

390/20 Public Participation.

County Councillor Frank Morgan informed members the CC budget was out for consultation. He also informed that the CC with other authorities have submitted their bids to government on the proposed Local Government reforms, the deadline being tomorrow. A couple of CC officers have been working with West Cumbria Rivers Trust who have received funding for the People on the Keekle project and some of this money is to be spent at Longlands. Clerk confirmed the work has started and that the details have been posted on the Town Council website.

391/20 Update from Jenny Brumby on the CBC shop local campaign.

Following discussion it was resolved not to organise a Christmas window competition due to time constraint but to revisit this in the new year with a view to organising a shop window competition possibly easter.

392/20 To discuss Cleator Football pitch usage.

Clerk to clarify any legal issues with Solicitors and to add this item to the agenda for January.

393/20 To discuss Prospect Row play park.

The recent work by volunteers at the park was noted. Better communications between The Town Council and the volunteers needed to ensure any future works are known to and agreed by both parties. Clerk to contact the volunteers.

394/20 To discuss review of the Parish Action Plan.

Resolved to carry agreed review for 2020 to 2021.

395/20 To discuss W4U garden project.

CLlr Ford left the meeting at this point.

Resolved that the Clerk will investigate the usage of potential sites for this project with a view to keeping this project in Cleator Moor.

CLlr Ford re-joined the meeting

396/20 To review planning applications.

CLlr J Hully and CLlr L Jones-Bulman took no part in discussions

CH/4/20/2451/OF1

CH/4/20/2452/OL1

CH/4/20/2439/OF1

CH/4/20/2444/OF1

Ch/4/20/2476/OF1

CH/4/20/2473/OB1

The above applications were discussed and no issues were raised. CH/4/20/2483/001 and CH4/20/2472/OF1 to be added to the next agenda.

397/20 To note receipt of Correspondence.

Correspondence for Town Council Meeting held on 8th December 2020				
	Date Rec'd	From	Regarding	Action
1	11/11/2020	CALC	Covid update	For info
2	12/11/2020	CCC	Vacancies update	For info
3	12/11/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
4	12/11/2020	CCC	Vacancies update	For info
5	13/11/2020	CCC	Fire incidents update	For info
6	13/11/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
7	13/11/2020	CCC	Vacancies update	For info
8	13/11/2020	NALC	CE bulletin	For info
9	13/11/2020	Police	Operation horizon	For info
10	14/11/2020	CCC	Vacancies update	For info
11	14/11/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
12	15/11/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
13	18/11/2020	Police	Vacancies	For info
14	18/11/2020	CCC	Parking	For info
15	18/11/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
16	18/11/2020	CCC	Fire incidents	For info
17	19/11/2020	Jehovah's	Watchtower	For info
18	19/11/2020	CCC	Job vacancies	For info
19	25/11/2020	CCC	Job vacancies	For info
20	25/11/2020	Police	Vacancies	For info
21	26/11/2020	CCC	Vacancies	For info

22	26/11/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
23	01/12/2020	NHS	Blood donor sessions	For info
24	01/12/2020	CCC	Vacancies	For info
25	02/12/2020	CCC	Vacancies	For info
26	02/12/2020	Police	Bulletin	For info
27	02/12/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
28	07/12/2020	In Cumbria	Briefing	For info
29	04/12/2020	Police	Covid update	For info
30	04/12/2020	NALC	CE Bulletin	For info
31	04/12/2020	CALC	Friday roundup	For info
Copies of correspondence is available on request				

Noted.

398/20 To note receipt of the Clerks report.

CLERK REPORT December 8th 2020.

Whitehaven Skips. The latest fire at the site was reported to the site agent, they have still not advised any further regarding the quote they received to clear the site, it looks as though they are trying to dodge the issue. A notice for compulsory strike off has been lodged by companies house against Whitehaven skips.

Todholes Road Gardens No further information has been received yet on costs and legal implications. Another request has been received from one of the garage owners to tarmac the approach to his garage. I will arrange to meet him and discuss this. This is the area next to the BT building.

Bins. Following the meeting with CBC waste manager the two CBC bins on the Square have not been removed or repaired, CBC have now reported back to Cllr Burns enquiry stating that they do not have the resources to do anything with them at present, I have queried this and am awaiting a response.

Mill Hill A meeting was in the process of being set up with a resident regarding issues on Mill Hill and also litter picking, to be followed up after lockdown.

Environmental health at CBC have suggested we put a gate or extra fencing in the gap in the current fence to stop motorbikes getting into the field. Could this plot of land have another use?

Towerson Street New signs were put in place last Thursday one of which has already been removed and will be replaced again.

Christmas lights switched on Sunday the 29th November and will remain lit until the 5th January

Crib is now in place, thanks are due to Michelle for the new figures the clergy are considering a virtual dedication and an update will be sent when a decision is taken.

Planning As stated in last weeks email it would appear there are still some issues with development control issuing consultation papers for plans, an amended agenda has been sent adding the application in question. Also added is the application for Gleeson homes for the land north of Cleator Mills, this application has also not been forwarded to us yet but is dated valid from 23rd November.

Office electricity. I am still having issues with edf energy over incorrect bills, not only are they estimating all the bills they are estimating a meter that is not in use and appears to have been disconnected in 2001, I'm now attempting to get a certificate to prove this, so far their estimates for the year are six times greater than our total usage for 2019 which in turn was £11 less than 2018. I had even considered whether a part payment could be made however we have no valid invoice to do this so I will carry on with the attempts to get the readings and bills corrected.

Memorial Bench request following the request to erect a memorial bench I have asked CBC for further details on this as it is their land. I will chase this up again as nothing has been received yet.

Web Compliance I had asked Ross at North press to confirm our compliance with accessibility of information on the website and will chase this up when he returns to work, the auditors do seem satisfied with the information available and the ability to access it.

Footway lighting. A concern has been raised by a resident regarding the faulty footway lighting on the path from Big Hill to St Mary's church, these are owned by CBC and are on the list of lights they wish to pass over responsibility for. I have passed this on to CBC whose policy currently is not to repair any faulty footway lights.

Noted

399/20 To receive reports from other meetings.

Town Board 1st December, report from Cllr Burns received and noted.

400/20 Finance.

- **To approve a schedule of payments for December.** Approved
- **To note the bank reconciliations to the end of November.** Noted
- **To note completion of the external audit for year ending March 2020.** Noted.
- **To note receipt of Internal audit March to September 2020.** Noted.
- **To agree the precept for year 2021/22.** Move to agenda for 12th Jan whilst awaiting completion of quotes.

401/20 Items for Inclusion on the next agenda. Please note decisions cannot be taken on these items until formally included on an agenda.

Precept 2021/22

Cleator Football pitch.

Planning CH/4/20/2483/001. CH4/20/2472/0F1.

Todholes Road Gardens and garage plot.

402/20 To approve the date of the next meeting to be held virtually on the 12th January 2021. Approved.

Meeting closed 7.50pm
Signed

Dated