

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF

CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2018

At 6.30pm, in CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL BUILDING

Present: Cllr L Adair
Cllr P Burns
Cllr M Denwood
Cllr O Dorgan
Cllr N Ford (Chair)
Cllr D Hully
Cllr J Hully
Cllr M Messenger
Cllr C Moores
Cllr D Riley
Cllr R Wood

Mrs H Gilmour (Clerk)

Also present at the meeting were Cumbria County Councillors F Morgan, M Hawkins and A Lamb, Copeland Borough Councillors D Banks and H Branney, members of the public - Mr D Moore, Mr M Eldon and Mr G Goodfellow.

Representatives of Home (Mr B Ham, Ms E Murgatroyd, Ms M Guessing, Mr J Varah and Mr B Patterson) attended the meeting from 7.00pm.

Opening words of welcome were delivered by Councillor Ford.

Apologies have been received from Town Councillor L Jones-Bulman.

192/18 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Cleator Moor Town Council held on 9th October 2018.

Resolved that the minutes for the 9th October 2018 be approved and signed.

193/18 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.

Councillor N Ford declared an interest in Cleator Moor Community Interest Company, Chamber of Trade, Sustrans, West Cumbria Community Foundation, West Cumberland Hospital Project Board, Sellafield, Town Hall and Health Watch.

Councillor J Hully declared an interest in Planning, Regen North East Copeland, Mr M Hawkins, Mr M Eldon, Home staff, Mr Goodfellow and a Talk on Cleator Moor.

Councillor Denwood declared an interest in Cleator Caring Moor, Home, Exchange Corner North West and Mrs A Hyland.

Councillor Messenger declared an interest in Cleator Caring Moor, Exchange Corner North West, Phoenix Youth, Cleator Moor Youth and Community Centre and Home.

Councillor Moores declared an interest in Cleator Moor Community Interest Company, Works 4 You, Home 2 Work, Skills 4 You, Exchange Corner North West, Mike Hawkins and Home.

Councillor Dorgan declared an interest in Mr B Ham and Ms E Murgatroyd of Home, Mike Hawkins and MP T Harrison - employer.

Councillor Burns declared an interest in Mr Goodfellow, Moore and Eldon and the Tree Protection Order, Brewery House - Mr J Murphy.

Councillor Wood declared an interest in Phoenix Enterprise Centre.

194/18 Applications to the Clerk, for dispensations.

None received.

195/18 To receive a report from County Councillor Mike Hawkins on autism and his role as autism champion.

Mr Hawkins outlined his role as Autism Champion for the Copeland area on behalf of Cumbria County Council. He explained some of the difficulties people with autism face and expressed the wish that Copeland become an "Autism Friendly" borough.

Councillor Riley advised the meeting that a Copeland Borough Council have allocated £50K of funding towards a "Realising Potential Scheme" to support people with this condition and help them to gain work placements. Details of the

scheme to be circulated and it was noted there is an opportunity for Councillor M Hawkins to join with Councillor Riley and Mr M Graham (CBC) and work together.

Councillor Hawkins read a poem entitled "Special Child" to the meeting.

196/18 To receive an update from Mr Brian Ham regarding regeneration of Home estates within Cleator Moor.

Mr Ham outline the engagement process with the community using a number of methods to discuss the issues affecting people on the Wath Brow and Priory Drive estates. The main concerns seem to be around:

- the streets and car parking - the amount of cars on the estate and the problem of speeding vehicles.
- shared spaces - how safe people feel on the estates. Gaps in street lighting and empty land. Overall people felt Cleator Moor was a safe place to live.
- amenity spaces - not fit for purpose and concentrated in on one area. There are some issues with teenagers but the spaces need to be welcoming for the young and the older generations.
- home refurbishment - some houses are damp, have poor layouts, difficult to heat with high energy bills and some gardens are too large. It was noted that there was inflexibility with the existing housing stock and more variation of properties is needed.

A huge amount of insightful feed-back has been received and Home are looking at the best way to address the issues of concern. There are issues where they will need to work with partners and the opportunity to improve the open space offer. There is the potential to remodel some of the properties to address small kitchens, lack of storage and layout changes. They are excited to be considering doing something with the land at Kier Hardie, and are working with an architect to design some new properties. It is hoped a planning application can be submitted in the new year.

Home acknowledged that there is not one single solution for the area, and that a number of measures would be employed to make improvements. They are circulating a newsletter to residents to ensure everyone is kept informed. Members asked for a copy for the Town Council's information.

It was noted that site visits were often a useful opportunity to engage with residents. Home confirmed they are to start carrying out site visits and would happily attend one at other times if the council wanted to arrange one.

Home's architect has suggested having pocket parks around the estates. Home were asked if they would consider installing some swings, a football field to play on and outdoor gym equipment.

If there are to be any new streets, a member of the public asked Home to consider asking residents to suggest a name, but the existing historic street names should be retained.

Mr Ham highlighted the opportunities to employ apprentices while this scheme is ongoing and looked to the council for help in promoting the apprenticeship scheme. There are two levels of apprenticeships on offer, one for post GCSE young people and the other higher apprenticeship, leading to a degree, for those who would consider university but perhaps have not the means to support themselves financially. Ideally these would be customer's children. Mr Ham was advised that the Local Enterprise Partnership was currently setting up a careers hub to help match young people with work opportunities, this will link in with local schools. He was advised to contact Gen2 who have a lot of experience in this role, Lakes College, Cumbria County Council and Mr C Pickles (CBC) who is working on behalf of Copeland Borough Council supporting apprenticeship roles

Home were thanked for attending and providing regular updates for both residents and the council.

Representatives of Home left the meeting.

197/18 Public Participation.

Mr Moore, Mr Eldon and Mr Goodfellow attending the meeting to discuss the Christmas event. They would like to see the event becoming bigger and better and offered help to fund raise and obtain sponsorship. An invitation to attend the next meeting of the Community Interest Company was offered. Clerk to share contact details.

Councillor Riley, Mr Moore, Mr Eldon and Mr Goodfellow left the meeting.

Councillor Morgan advised signage was now in place to indicate the ford at Keekle. He urged the council and individuals to complete the A595 consultation on the proposed Whitehaven Relief Road, he advised that this was an opportunity to address the traffic problems through town and the potential to open opportunities at Leconfield Industrial Estate and Kangol site and link into new development. Discussion around drainage issues on Leconfield Street/High Street took place. Councillor Morgan agreed to investigate the current road works at Bowthorn.

Councillor Banks noted his attendance at the recent planning panel site visits and voiced public concerns regarding the proposed developments at Trumpet Road and Floss Meadows.

Councillor Branney requested his congratulations be noted for a successful Armistice Day and thanked those involved for organising the event. He noted the presence of many young people and representatives from all levels of our democracy were in attendance. These sentiments were echoed by other councillors.

198/18 To review planning applications:

Members reviewed applications and recorded the following comments:

- 04/18/2433/OF1 - Change of use of domestic building to dwelling. New House, Bowthorn Farm - Mrs A Hyland. Members recorded no objections.
- 04/18/2441/001 - Outline application for five executive detached dwellings on land at Birks Road - Mr and Mrs Donaldson. Members were opposed to this development. They were concerned that the additional properties would have an adverse impact on the highway with increase volume of vehicles needing to travel on Birks Road. The proposed development at Rheda currently being consulted on poses further increase in traffic volumes. The entrance to the development opens directly opposite the existing terrace and associated parked vehicles. In addition, the close proximity of the blind Birks Road Bridge increases the safety risk for users of this highway. The area is not highlighted for development in the Local Plan and is outside the settlement boundary for the town. Members oppose more development on greenfield sites. Members cannot see that there is a proven need for more executive housing in Cleator Moor and would like to see evidence to support that need. Future reductions in staffing levels at the Sellafield Plant and the potential for Moorside now diminished, together with the falling populations of our areas would not indicate additional housing is required

Concerns regarding the drainage into Nor Beck were expressed. This beck has already been identified as over-capacity by the Open Spaces for water group. Building more properties will increase the speed in which water runs off into Norbeck and increase the possibility of flooding other properties. Further investigations into the drainage from this development should be confirmed before any

approval is issued. Flooding on Birks Road has been an acknowledge issue in past years.

Street lighting in that area is very poor and not adequate if more housing is to be built.

- 04/18/2456/TPO - Removal of two sycamore trees protected by a tree preservation order on land adjacent to Brewery House, Birks Road - Mr J Murphy. Members were not supportive of the removal of these trees but suggested the canopy be reduced in volume rather than complete removal.
- 04/18/2472/001 - Outline application for residential development of up to 65 dwellings with full details of access and associated infrastructure. The area is not highlighted for development in the Local Plan and is outside the settlement boundary for the town. Members oppose more development on greenfield sites. Members cannot see that there is a proven need for more executive housing in Cleator Moor and would like to see evidence to support that need. Members questioned the lack of affordable housing identified in this application. Future reductions in staffing levels at the Sellafield Plant and the potential for Moorside now diminished, together with the falling populations of our areas would not indicate additional housing is required.

Members expressed concern that the gap between the proposed development and the Keekle area is closing and would destroy the individual identities of both settlements. The current application, together with previously approved applications in the same area now covers a significant area with no provision for children's play areas and amenity areas on the estate. Members would like to see the provision of some community benefit should this application be approved.

Concerns regarding the impact of this development and the water run off from the estate will have an impact on the highway and properties at Keekle Mews.

- 04/18/2480/OF1 - Installation of two covered seating stands, each stand having a capacity of 50 seats, construction of a concrete base for pre-manufactured premier grand stand - Cleator Moor Celtic. Members recorded no objections.

199/18 To discuss the naming of the new development off Birks Road

The suggested names for the new development at the former Ennerdale View Nursery are Ellis Meadows and Ellis Gardens. Members resolved to record no objections.

200/18 To review correspondence.

The following correspondence was reviewed:

Date Rec'd	From	Regarding	Action
11/10/2018	CCC	Temporary Road Closure - Frizington Road - 15 th October for 2 weeks.	For information
19/10/2018	CCC	Notice of change of age range - schools in Cumbria	For information
20/10/2018	CCC	Update on drain at Phoenix Bridge	For information
22/10/2018	CCC	What's On in Copeland Libraries	For information
22/10/2018	CCC	Notice of Health and Wellbeing Forum - Tuesday 13 th November at 2.00pm	For information
24/10/2018	CBC	Press Release - Copeland Communities to Mark Remembrance Sunday	For information
26/10/2018	CBC - N Hayhurst	Decision Notice Reserved Matters - Phase 1 plus association infrastructure - Ennerdale View	For information
26/10/2018	CALC	Monthly Update - North West Coastal Access - October 2018	For information
26/10/2018	Environment Agency	Have your say - Sellafield Ltd radioactive substances activities permit variation consultation	For information
29/10/2018	CALC	Stroke Engagement Questions - Feedback request	For information
06/11/2018	GNAA	Letter of thanks for the donation	For information
06/11/20178	MP T Harrison	Letter of thanks to members of the Town Council who attended Montreal School - and an offer	To nominate an attendee

		to help with any community planning issues and to attend a Town Council meeting.	
06/11/2018	RBL - Mr J Edwards	Letter of thanks for the donation	For information
06/11/2018	CBC	Copeland Matters Newsletter	For information
07/11/2018	Cumbria Constabulary	Police update - October 2018	For information
08/11/2018	CALC	Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Copeland District of CALC	For information
09/11/2018	Phoenix Enterprise Centre	Invitation to attend PEC's Annual Christmas function - Saturday 15 th December at the Georgian House - 7.00pm for 7.30pm	Councillor Ford and Wood to attend
12/11/2018	UU	West Cumbria Supplies Project Update	For information
12/11/2018	CBC Mrs D Ward	Public Realm Consultation Summary	For information
13/11/2018	Civic Hall and Masonic Centre	Invitation to attend the presentation of a new Blood Bike - Saturday 26 th January 2019 at 1.00pm	Confirm who will be in attendance.

201/18 To receive verbal reports from other meetings:

- CALC AGM - 18th October 2018. Councillor Ford reported on the election of a new CALC Chair. Discussion around nuclear issues and the Cumbrian Exchange web site and local government reorganisation took place
- RNEC - 23rd October 2018. Councillor J Hully advised that the Pride of Place Public Realm Project was discussed and reports from the parishes received.
- Chamber of Trade - 1st October 2018. Work is underway to redevelop the former chemist shop (now called Stirling Place) into work units. The owner of Crowgarth House is continuing redeveloping the building but will be concentrating on the ground floor before carrying out improvements to the upper levels.

- Community Interest Company - 7th November 2018. Councillor Ford reported that plans are now all in place for the Christmas Market and advertising posters have been circulated. The World War One Project is progressing with details of around a 100 Cleator Moor soldiers now on the data base. Volunteers to carry out research are being sought. A business case has been developed for a Heritage Centre for the town.
- Health and Well Being Forum - 13th November 2018. Councillor Ford attended the form. Discussion around social prescribing took place.

202/18 To receive the Clerks report.

- The Christmas Lights are all now installed. The Community Interest Company suggested inviting Mr Gary McKie to switch them on this year. Members resolved to issue an invitation.
- Further contact has been made with Copeland Borough Council regarding repairs to the block pavers on the Square. A response is awaited.
- Problems with trees following high winds were dealt with through the Lengthman Scheme. The annual tree survey has been commissioned and will be carried out by Mr C Roberts of Property and Landscape.
- Following last months meeting a letter has been issued to the Mayor, Mr M Starkie regarding the Pride of Place, Public Realm Scheme. A response is awaited.
- The knitted poppies on the Square have been admired widely. Members agreed that they should be removed before the Christmas event.

203/18 Finance:

- To approve a schedule of accounts for November 2018. Resolved that the following accounts be approved and paid:

Name	Voucher Number	Cheque Number	Amount
Copeland Borough Council	111	303061	58.19
Great North Air Ambulance	112	303062	500.00
Cleator Moor Brass	113	303063	125.00
Cleator Moor Methodist Church	114	303064	125.00
Royal British Legion	115	303065	100.00
H Gilmour	116	303066	59.99
Canon	117	303067	83.22
ADT	118	303068	144.43
CNG	119	303069	33.98
EON	120	303070	145.38
Property and Landscape	121	303071	2316.00
Not Used	122	303072	0
H Gilmour	123	303073	1499.99
Local Government Pensions	124	303074	442.43

C McGee	125	303075	101.79
Festive Lighting Company	126	303076	2693.04
Solon	127	303077	105.60
North Press	128	303078	18.00
Jean Airey	129	303079	124.30
North Press	130	303080	1134.00
Aquaid	131	303081	46.20
ADT	132	303082	157.32
Copeland Borough Council	133	303083	168.26
North Press	134	303084	101.00
Contract Natural Gas	135	303085	87.41
Fools Paradise	136	303086	882.00
TOTAL			£11,252.53

- To note bank reconciliations. Resolved that the bank reconciliations up to the end of October 2018 be noted.
- To note internal audit report for period April 2018 to September 2018. Resolved that the half year internal audit report be received and noted.

204/18 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

An update from Mr P Rowe regarding Phoenix Youth Project, The Pride of Place Project, 2019/20 budget and the Oxford Report were suggested as items for discussion.

205/18 To approve the date of the next meeting

Resolved that the next meeting be scheduled for 11th December 2018

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed