

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF

CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2018

At 6.30pm, in CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL BUILDING

Present Cllr L Adair
 Cllr P Burns
 Cllr N Ford (Chair)
 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 A Lamb and F Morgan plus Copeland Borough Councillor D Banks and Copeland Borough Council officer J Carrol.

Opening words and welcome were delivered by Councillor Ford.

Apologies have been received from Cleator Moor Town Councillors M Denwood, D Hully and L Jones-Bulman and Copeland Borough Councillor H Branney.

018/18 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Cleator Moor Town Council held on 9th January 2018.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

019/18 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.

Councillor Messenger declared an interest in Exchange Corner, Phoenix Youth, Todholes Road and the Food Bank. Councillor JHully declared an interest in Planning, Mrs Carol, CBC disciplinary, Mr Doran, Impact/Riverside Housing, CBC Waste and Food Bank - County Council. Councillor Moores declared an interest in Home 2 Work, Works 4 You, Home Group, Exchange CornerNW and Cleator Moor Community Interest Company. Councillor Ford declared an interest in Cleator

Moor Community Interest Company, Chamber of Trade, Sustrans, West Cumbria Community Forum, West Cumberland Hospital Project Board and Floss Meadows.

020/18 Applications to the Clerk, for dispensations.

None received.

021/18 To discuss the market at Cleator Moor with CBC Officer, Ms J Carrol.

Ms Carrol advised the meeting that the markets officer is now on maternity leave and a temporary replacement is being sought. This means that they are not in a position to move forward with a relaunch of the market or any new initiatives until the replacement officer is in post. Borrowing the existing stalls for use in Cleator Moor would be possible, but Copeland Borough Council would have difficulty putting the stalls up and taking them down so would need some local support to manage that. Ms Carrol was asked if relaunching the market could be a project for the new officer and she responded by saying "the market officer post is 50% funded by Whitehaven Town Council so the workload of this officer is split between Whitehaven and the rest of the borough."

Members asked Ms Carrol to revisit the issue of Cleator Moor Market in three months and attend another council meeting at that time. Ms Carrol agreed to encourage the new officer to make contact with the Clerk. She said "an events plan for the markets has been left for the new officer work on, once in post." She highlighted the need to encourage new traders to attend.

The condition of the block paving on the Square was mentioned. Ms Carrol noting that Copeland were aware of the issue.

022/18 To discuss the Copeland Borough Council Ranger initiative with CBC Officer, Ms J Carrol.

Ms Carrol outline a new scheme to address environmental issues such as litter, picking up cigarette ends, removal of dog fouling, grass cutting, cleaning streets, benches and bins. The scheme is being rolled out in Whitehaven with the Town Council funding a ranger post three days each week. This scheme could translate to Cleator Moor and would cost in the region of £17,000 for two days, possibly less than this, if a vehicle was not needed. Although the post would be mostly street cleaning the ranger would be able to deliver on the town council's priority and coordinate work with other teams within Copeland. To develop a scheme for Cleator Moor, more information on Cleator Moor Town Council's priorities would be needed. Clerk to send a list of the jobs undertaken currently by the Lengthsman Scheme. Clerk to invite the new parks manager to attend a future meeting.

023/18 Public Participation.

County Councillor A Lamb advised the meeting that further surveys were being carried out at Red Beck Park area and agreed to update again in March with the findings of the survey. He highlighted the Creative Wellbeing sessions that are ongoing in the Library. Councillor Lamb also raised a concern on the traffic impact, that the proposed new development at Rheda will have on the highway network.

Copeland Councillor D Banks highlighted that a mine shaft has opened up in the Bigrigg area. The shaft covered a large area and is approximately 300ft deep. He warned that this type of occurrence could happen anywhere, and with 300 Iron ore mines and 28 coal mines between Rowrah and Beckermest, half of those situated in Cleator Moor it is of concern. Councillor Banks confirmed that the Copeland budget would be agreed on the 20th February. He advised members of a recent case for disciplinary action which resulted in the sanctioning of a councillor and urged caution when using social media.

County Councillor F Morgan noted that the County Council had yet to determine their budget. He confirmed that consultation with Highways regarding the development at Rheda was taking place and he stressed the importance of considering the cumulative effect of all the developments in the area. He confirmed that the population of Copeland was falling and questioned the need for so much new development.

The highways budget has identified funding to address the drainage issues at the bottom of High Street. There will also be some consultation to address speeding issues in Cleator and at Whitehaven Road/Bowthorn Road. New signage and a depth gauge will be installed Whinney Hill forge, and the route through the forge removed from Sat Nav routes. The condition of the highway at Crossfield Road had been looked into with the developer advising that the road is swept daily. This will be monitored.

024/18 To review planning applications:

Resolved that no objections be recorded in respect of the following applications:

- 04/18/2019/OF1 - Erection of building for staff accommodation (renewal of previous approval 4/13/2233/OF1) Grove Court Hotel.
- 04/18/2038/OF1 - Change of use from builder's yard to garden land (retrospective) and erection of detached double garage with summer room and garden store land adjacent to Lorien, Roper St - Mr A Hocking.

- 04/18/2037/OF1 - Renewal of previous temporary permission
04/13/2164/OF1 for timber framed modular classroom at St Patrick's
RC Junior School, Todholes Road - Mrs G Finlinson

025/18 To review correspondence.

The following correspondence was reviewed:

	Date Rec'd	From	Regarding	Action
1	15/01/2018	North West Air Ambulance	Letter of thanks	For information
2*	19/01/2018	United Utilities	Legacy and Tree Fund launch	Include this topic on the next agenda.
3	26/01/2018	CADAS	Vacancy for Trustee/Board of Directors	For information
4	28/01/2018	CBC	Successful community project to expands to the rest of the borough	For information
5	01/02/2018	Banjay	Information gathering for a major UK broadcaster	For information
6*	02/02/2018	Historic England	Invitation to comment on the initial assessment of the war memorial at St John's	For information
7*	02/02/2018	Historic England	Invitation to comment on the initial assessment of the war memorial at Cleator	For information
8	05/02/2018	Highways	Road closure at Church St - 05/02/2018 for 5 days	For information
9	06/02/2018	CALC	February Newsletter	Circulated to Members
10	06/02/2018	CCC F Morgan	What's on in Copeland Libraries - Feb 2018	For information
11	09/02/2018	Rural Service Network	Priority services register	Circulated to Members
12	Various	CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlisle's longest serving foster carer backs campaign to find more carers for Cumbria • Cumbria's public health leads support - new 	For information

			<p>smoke-free campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touring exhibition 100years of mental health care in Cumbria • Cumbria County Council hears voice of people with motor neuron disease • U4279 Eskdale west of Linbeck closed due to badger setts • Eighteen Cumbrian hopefuls for the UK Youth Parliament • Significant improvement in Children's Services say Ofsted • Check your bus pass • Time to Talk, Time to Change - Cumbria County Council backs campaign to talk openly about mental health • Schools urged to sign up for The Big Pedal and Walk to School Week 2018 • Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service top tips for a safe Pancake Day • Cabinet recommends budget and new plan for the future • Award celebrates Cumbrian employers commitment to health and wellbeing • Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service's top tips for staying safe in the kitchen 	
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026/18 To receive the Clerks report.

- Cleator Moor Bowling Centre - Mr D Jones advised the council that there are hopes to develop the Bowling Centre into more of a community centre funding events and using the space more flexibly. A consultation with the public has been carried out and he advised that Copeland Borough Council would like to chat with the Town Council, to understand the direction the Town Council hopes the centre to take. He hopes this will move forward rapidly.
- Home have requested the opportunity to update councillors on their recent consultations. Members agreed to meet informally on Wednesday 7th at 6.30pm
- A meeting with Mr I Nicholson of Impact Housing was held to highlight their new furniture removal service and to discuss the opportunity to volunteer with Impact. Information on volunteering passed to Phoenix Enterprise Centre.
- Fly Tipping at Duke Street and Queen Street has recently been a problem again.
- The Community Interest Company have been awarded a grant to commence their Cleator Moor 1918 project. There will be a public launch for the project on Friday 23rd February at 7.00pm in Cleator Moor Civic Hall where people will be invited to bring photographs and artefacts relating to this period.
- Cumbria County Council have provided an approximate cost to lay a path and tarmac on the Town Council garage site to the rear of Ennerdale Road. Clerk to source additional estimates.
- Copeland Borough Council are asking for Town Council's support to sell covers for the new recycling boxes. Clerk to discuss this further with Copeland Borough Council.
- Data Protection Training is scheduled for Tuesday 27th February at 2.00pm in the Town Council building.
- Phoenix Youth AGM is being held on Friday 16th February at 12.00pm. Councillor Moores to attend.
- Willow Planting at Longlands Lake is schedule for Thursday 22nd February between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Anyone wishing to attend needs to book a place with Rebecca Neal at West Cumbria Rivers Trust.

027/18 To note Copeland Borough Council's recommendations for boundary changes in Copeland.

In addition to the letter sent in January responding to the consultation, a second letter has been issued on behalf of the Town Council objecting to the Copeland

Borough Council proposal to include Cleator in the parish of Egremont. Further consultation will follow from the Boundary Commission and a visit by an inspector is planned.

028/18 To consider applications for sponsorship.

- Resolved that a grant of £3,122.63 be awarded to Citizens Advice Bureau for the continuance and delivery of advice services in Cleator Moor.
- The application from Cumbria Children's Dyslexia Project has been deferred pending communication from the primary schools in the town.
- The application from North Lakes Food Bank to support an advice worker at the foodbank was rejected.

029/18 Finance:

- Resolved that the following schedule of accounts be approved and paid.

Name	Voucher Number	Cheque Number	Amount
CNG	163	302913	134.70
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ADT	165	302915	139.43
Viking	166	302916	252.80
Eon	167	302917	147.34
British Gas	168	302918	436.41
CBC	169	302919	2034.24
H Gilmour	170	302920	1467.56
Local Government Pension	171	302921	433.27
C McGee	172	302922	97.50
Aquaid	173	302923	19.80
Works 4 You	174	302924	80.48
Cumbria Project Management	175	302925	6288.00
CNG	176	302926	349.99
Cumbria County Council	177	302927	9863.05
TOTAL			£21,920.90

- Resolved to note bank reconciliations up to the end of January 2018.

030/18 To review the Town Council's Insurance Policy for 2018/19.

Resolved to continue with Zurich as insurance provider for the next five years. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

031/18 To approve a new contract with Canon for a photocopier lease.

Resolved to approve change of photocopier with a lease cost of £69.35 per quarter with an estimated copy cost of £22.28. Clerk to arrange.

032/18 To note staff appraisal.

Resolved to note the completion of the staff appraisal in December 2017.

033/18 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

United Utilities will be in attendance to provide an update on the pipeline project.

034/18 To approve the date of the next meeting.

Resolved that the meeting be scheduled for 13th March 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

Dated