

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

HELD ON TUESDAY 9th March 2021

At 6.30pm.

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

Mr S Richardson (Clerk)

County Councillor Frank Morgan and County Councillor A Lamb. Jenny Brumby
CBC

436/20. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor D Hully. Standing apology from Borough
Councillor H Branney.

**437/20 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary/Virtual Meeting
of Cleator Moor Town Council held on 9th February 2021.**

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

438/20 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.

Councillor J Hully declared an interest in Planning (CBC Planning Chair) Rnec,
Blue Skies.

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)

439/20 Applications to the Clerk, for dispensations.

None Received

440/20 Public Participation.

Jenny Brumby from CBC updated members regarding the shop local campaign and confirmed that 4 Covid-19 Marshalls were now in place. Members were asked to encourage any business in the town that may benefit from the help available regarding grants or advice to contact her.

441/20 To discuss Todholes Road Garage.

Resolved the tenant be allowed to lay a section of hardcore to the front of his garage plot to ease access as previously discussed and agreed.

442/20 To discuss Virtual meetings and agree the dates of meetings for 2021/22.

Resolved that the Annual Parish meeting and Full Council meeting and AGM be held on the 4th May 1 week earlier than usual to allow this meeting to take place virtually. Dates of meetings for 2021/22 agreed subject to amendment of regulations and advice affecting virtual/face to face meetings.

443/20 To approve renewal of the Zurich Insurance Policy YLL122002-513.

Resolved the Insurance policy be renewed for year 2021/22.

Jenny Brumby left the meeting at this point.

444/20 To approve Risk Assessments for 2021/22.

Resolved that the Risk Assessments for 2021/22 be approved.

445/20 To approve the Independent Internal Auditor for year 2021/22.

Resolved that GJ Airey be retained as the Independent Internal Auditor for the financial year ending 2021/22.

446/20 To discuss support for Gary McKee 110 marathons in 110 days.

Members discussed the current fundraising for Hospice at Home West Cumbria and Macmillan Cancer research and resolved to grant a donation of £2021.00 to the cause representing the year of the appeal. This agenda item was tabled by Cllr D Riley and was originally moved to the next agenda. Following Cllr Riley initial connection problems the item was heard.

447/20 To review planning applications.

Cllr J Hully took no part in this part in this agenda item.

The planning applications listed below were discussed and no concerns raised. Members did note that in respect of application 4/21/2040/OL1 the subject of the catch pit as raised in discussion would be dealt with at the planning hearing.

4/21/2040/OL1.

4/21/2050/OA1.

4/21/2057/OF1.

4/21/2063/ON1.

4/21/2070/OO1.

4/21/2081/OR1.

4/21/2086/OO1.

448/20. To note receipt of correspondence.

Correspondence for Town Council Meeting held on 9th March 2021				
	Date Rec'd	From	Regarding	Action
1	9 th Feb	In Cumbria	Am Briefing	For Info
2		CCC	Vacancies	For Info
3		Rural Net	Rural Bulletin	For Info
4	10 th Feb	NALC	Resilient Communities	For Info
5		Julie Barton	Zoom Invite HS Cumbria	Confirm Int
6		CCC	Safeguarding follow up	For Info
7	11 th Feb	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
8		Police	Millom & South Copeland	For Info
9		Police	Egremont, Cleator Moor	For Info
10		Police	Whitehaven District	For Info
11		CCC	Fire Incidents	For Info

12	19 th Feb	CALC	Right to regenerate	For Info
13		CALC	Comms Webinar	For Info
14		CCC	Latest news	For Info
15		CCC	Vacancies update	For Info
16	22 nd Feb	NALC	Online events	For Info
17	23 rd Feb	CALC	Reopening roadmap	For Info
18		CALC	LG Reorganisation	For Info
19		NALC	Coronavirus update	For Info
21		CCC	Covid Update	For Info
22	24 th Feb	CCC	Vacancies Update	For Info
23	25 th Feb	RWM	Virtual GDF exhibition	For Info
24		CCC	Covid 19 update	For Info
25	3 rd March	CALC	Council carbon calculator	For Info
26		CALC	Feb/March Newsletter	For Info
27	5 th March	Police	Newsletter	For Info
28		NALC	CE Bulletin	For Info
29		Police	Coronavirus update	For Info
30	6 th March	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
31	7 th March	CCC	Vacancies update	For Info
32		CCC	Fire Incidents	For Info
33		CBC	William morris land	For Info
34	8 th March	Police	Vacancies	For Info
35	9 th March	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
36	9 th March	CCC	Vacancies update	For Info
Copies of correspondence is available on request				

449/20. To note receipt of the Clerk report.

Clerk Report March 9th 2021

CBC have agreed to repair the sensor light on the front door of the CBC office which hopefully may be of some help with the litter issue being caused by the use of the steps as a meeting place during the evenings. With regards to the two bins on the Square CBC waste have again confirmed their intention to remove the bin that is detached from the paving and re-instate the one that still has the paving stone attached and will do so as soon as resources allow.

It may have been noticed in some Social media posts making reference to one local town receiving 'dedicated officers' to work in and around the town. I have made enquiries on this and copy the response from Cumbria Constabulary below;

Hi Steve, It is something that we have put in place for the Millom area due to them being so far away from the Whitehaven deployment centre. The officers still start and finish in Whitehaven still but are dedicated to that sole area. Whilst Millom is the main town in the area that they cover, the reality is that they actually have coverage from south of Gosforth. To some degree it is linked to the uplift in police numbers which has allowed us to provide this enhanced coverage without significant risk to patrol requirements in the rest of Copeland. Currently we are not in a position to offer the same to other areas of Copeland but if this changes then I will ensure that sufficient representation is made for the other towns in the area. Unfortunately I do not have costings associated with it.

A resident from Cleator has been in touch regarding a potential issue with a tree opposite his garden which backs onto the River Ehen. I have discussed this with Environmental health and have now passed the questions to CBC planning dept to establish the current position regarding any preservation orders that may be in place and allow a way forward for the resident and landowner to agree.

A Cumbria Waste Management wheely bin has been in position outside the former Private Nursery on Ennerdale Road, the bin has been getting used to drop of items and has also been used for dog waste, after discussions with CWM this bin has now been uplifted.

Litter and waste continues to be an issue for many towns with the amount of available bins appearing to have little effect on the problem, indeed one of the main causes of litter is now from cars with the growing prevalence of takeaway and convenience foods. I am awaiting details from the request to CBC regarding enforcement but it may be that a working group be set up to discuss ideas with business and residents that may help with this problem. Litter picks are a good help and more than appreciated but they are not the solution, engagement with the community including schools and business' with a view to educate and promote a 'Tidy Town' may be something that we could work from, maybe a Town catchphrase could be used. "Litter, Its not just a throw away remark'. Maybe we could get a celebrity football manager to say 'Its too easy just to throw it away' any suggestions.

Dog waste is also still a massive issue and it is hoped something can be achieved here when we get some further information from enforcement.

The Big Hill bin is not back in place and looking back to the report on this bin from January 2017 the report states that the bin will be repaired as well as is possible but due to the continued damage it will probably not be able to repair and return it to shape again should future damage occur. The bin

has been repaired once more since then the repair was not to the actual structure but to the fixing. The feeling of the waste team is that this bin is now beyond any further repair. Thought needs to be given to the positioning of the bin in general at this location with repairs having been paid for several times in the last few years due to continued damage.

Fly tipping continues to be an issue and figures show that incidents across Copeland continue to rise. We have another incident on the land beside the path from the Big Hill to St Marys church and currently attempts are being made to locate the source, it has been suggested that this is private land and up to the owner however this problem in this location has occurred three other times within the last eighteen months the cost of clearing falling to the Town Council twice and CCC once. This and the rubbish at the Big Hill will be removed however in the case of the land next to the path I will continue efforts to find the source of the problem.

Reports have also been received today of building waste being dumped on Fletcher Street which I will look into now to establish the exact location and ownership, the initial report suggests it may be housing association land.

On request CBC have removed more fly tipping from the pavement behind high street. I will now make enquiries as to whether enforcement can discuss this with some of the residents that appear to be causing the rubbish to gather.

On a brighter note the Flower bed dedication to the NHS is still in place and will be planted up again for the summer.

Details of the proposal to lease the 'park at the junction with William Morris and Ennerdale road to accommodate the W4U allotment programme have been circulated, as stated it will be publicised to allow for any public comments. On the whole this would seem to be a sensible solution enabling this project to get started and stay in town, the position of the land could not be better for W4U and as also stated public access will remain for the duration of the project whilst bringing the land back into use, timescales are tight for this project and the necessary funding. Receipt of the info did not give enough time to add to the agenda. I can however draft a response for the landowner and would ask members to let me have any thoughts on the project.

450/20 Finance.

- **To approve a schedule of payments for March 2021.** Approved
- **To note the bank reconciliations to the end of February 2020.** Noted

. County Councillors Morgan and Lamb left the meeting at this point.

451/20 To discuss roles and responsibilities for year 2121/22.

Members discussed roles for 2021/22. Resolved to enquire with Home Group to set up a designated representative/meetings.

452/20 Items for Inclusion on the next agenda. Please note decisions cannot be taken on these items until formally included on an agenda.

Members to forward to the Clerk any item for inclusion on the next agenda

**453/20 To approve the date of the next meeting to be held virtually on the
13thApril 2021. Approved.**

Meeting closed 7.33pm

Signed

Dated