

ASPATRIA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Aspatria Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at 7.00 p.m. at the Methodist Hall, Aspatria.

PRESENT: Councillor A Maxwell (Chair)

Councillors: Cllr S Maxwell, Councillor A Reay, Councillor M Rose, Cllr B Blackburn, Councillor K Smith.

Also in Attendance: Ms S Hullock (RFO), Mrs C McCormick (Town Clerk.) Kevin Thurlow, Councillor Jim Lister, Alana Whelan.

Minutes

<p>1/06/21 Apologies: To receive and accept apologies and note the reasons for absence.</p>	<p>Councillor King, Councillor Blaney.</p>
<p>2/06/21 Deputy Mayors Announcements/Updates:</p>	<p>Kubota broken down again. Resolved to look at contractors short term over summer and apply for grants to support purchase of Solis tractor.</p> <p>Wilfrid Lawson monument and Brea lamp cleaning. Resolved to continue to communicate with Allerdale regarding monument ownership and cleaning responsibilities.</p> <p>Civic services starting to be arranged. Resolved the Clerk will find out the dates of local services and organise ATC service for September.</p> <p>Policies to be updated and brought to the July meeting.</p> <p>Work stopped at the Grapes and skips not moved. Approved Clerk to contact the company and request skips be removed.</p>
<p>3/06/21 Declarations of Interest: Members are invited to make any declarations of Pecuniary Interest or other Registerable Interest (other than those recorded on their Notification of Pecuniary Interests or other Registerable Interests) relating to any items on the agenda.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>4/06/21 Minutes of Aspatria Town Council Meeting held Tuesday, 18th May 2021: To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last Aspatria Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2021.</p>	<p>Change 'virtual' meetings wording.</p>

<p>5/06/21 Matters arising from Minutes of the last Meeting held Tuesday, 18th May 2021.</p>	<p>Clerk to chase up letters sent after last meeting.</p>
<p>6/06/21 Police Report:</p>	<p>Reports circulated. Feedback from PSCO Light on Clerks report.</p>
<p>7/06/21 Public Participation:</p>	<p>A member of the public was present for the meeting.</p> <p>A member of the public reported an abandoned vehicle on Queen Street Car Park. Resolved that the Clerk will report to Allerdale Borough Council.</p> <p>A member of the public reported an overflowing gulley on Crookey. Resolved that the clerk will report to Cumbria County Council.</p> <p>A grant has been awarded to Cleator Moor. Resolved to add grant applications to the July Agenda to think about what improvements are needed in Aspatria.</p>
<p>8/06/21 Financial Matters:</p>	<p>(i) Income and Expenditure for May 2021 to date: RESOLVED that the income and expenditure detailed for May in the attached schedules be approved.</p> <p>(ii) To receive the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 31stMay 2021. RESOLVED that the circulated Bank Reconciliation Statement be confirmed and accepted as a true record. Members also approved the following payments to be made:-</p> <p>Colour Gro - £332.28 Compass - £168.00 Jean Airey - £109.90 LR & JA Allen - £166.18 Firpress - £103.20 Calc - two training invoices £40.00 Aspatria Farmers - £23.58 Shane Buchanan - £600.00 J Davies Enterprise - £10.00 Tivoli - £3598.44</p> <p>(iii) Annual Return Report 2020-21: Report circulated and RESOLVED that the details therein be accepted as a true record.</p> <p>(iv) Annual Audit 2020/21: (a) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21: RESOLVED that it be formally recorded that in the opinion of the Council, it has met all its statutory obligations to comply with the Account and Audit Regulations 2003 and</p>

	<p>accordingly authorises the Chairman to sign the Annual Governance Statement, prior to submission to the External Auditor.</p> <p>(b) Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21: RESOLVED that copies of the Council’s accounts for the year 2020/21, as circulated by the RFO, be formally received, noted and approved.</p> <p>(v) Explanation of Variances for the Year End 31st March 2021: Report circulated and RESOLVED that the details therein be accepted as a true record.</p> <p>(vi) Dates for the Exercise of Public Rights: The proforma was discussed and RESOLVED THAT the Chairman set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights of the unaudited annual Governance & Accountability return for the year ended 31st March 2021 as from Monday 21 June 2021 to Friday 30 July 2021.</p> <p>(vii) Audit Report March 2021 and Review of Internal Audit Arrangements for the financial year and appointment of Internal Auditor: Year End report prepared by the Auditor, Mrs Jean Airey, circulated and noted. RESOLVED that the internal audit arrangements are considered effective and to be used by the internal auditor for the financial year 2021/22 and to reappoint Mrs Jean Airey as internal auditor for the Council for the financial year 2021/22.</p> <p>Although the RFO reported that the balances of the Council are at a more appropriate level than previous years, Members need to be mindful that any costs which may be incurred through the transfer of the toilet block to the Council have not been budgeted for and therefore, will need to be paid from balances.</p>
<p>9/06/21 Highways:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SIDS to be installed in due course. 2. Kerbside drains to be replaced. 3. Upgrading of belisha beacons needed at fire station. 4. Potholes at Station/Arkelby Road. 5. Gulley at Park Road repaired 6. Gulley subsiding at Lawson St to be reported.
<p>10/06/21 To receive for information, reports on issues relevant to the Town from County, District and Independent Councillors:</p> <p>1.1 Councillor Jim Lister</p>	<p>1.1 The unitary Authority is not yet decided. Road closure is to be expected at Crosscanonby as part of the coastal erosion prevention project.</p>

<p>11/06/21 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications: To receive a schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting.</p>	<p>Clerks report attached</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfer of Assets. Solicitors are in communication with the Charity Commission. Clerk to write to Solicitors as the transfer is taking an excessive amount of time. 2. Basketball hoop. Quote to mark up the court: £1,495 ex vat. Spoken to MB about painting out the court, not confident in skills required. Clerk to e-mail primary school to ask if they have contractors information for playground marking. 3. North road damaged street light. Chased up with Allerdale as reported in February and no action yet taken. 4. Drainage at St Mungo's park. Quotes being requested. Unblock Cumbria to visit the park w/c 14.6.21. 5. Update from PCSO Emma Light: Several youths been visited due to behaviour in the park. College close - will be in touch with home group about the fence. 6. Jubilee Walk. Communicating with Cllr Lister 7. PAT testing. Contacted contractor to PAT test. 8. Swing adjusters for St Mungos Park. Delivered, MB installing. 9. Grant available from Local Committee Environment Fund, applied for funding for wildflowers at West Street Conservation Area and daffodil bulbs for grass verges applied for. 10. Amber lights at school reported to J Lister. 11. Harriston Road bus shelters. Quotes attached for metal bench with shelter. SB to start demolition. 12. Planting for town flower displays. Tivoli and Colourgro quotes acquired. MB and AR collected colour gro order on 3/6/21. ADCCA grant awarded to plant Viking ship. Your eyes to sponsor planter in front of St Kentigerns. Sealy community fund written to re milk churn planting via Cllr Blaney.
<p>12/06/21 Applications for Development:</p>	<p>AM attended a planning meeting regarding the application from Gleeson Homes to build 65 houses on land adjoining Station Road. The planning application was approved with conditions regarding pedestrian access.</p>
<p>13/06/21 Queen Street Car Park:</p>	<p>Signage approved. Clerk to communicate with Allerdale on the possibility of extending the car parking spaces.</p>
<p>14/06/21 Aquatrust Contract for renewal:</p>	<p>Approved.</p>

15/06/21 Fairy Garden at West Street Conservation Area:	To be discussed again at July meeting.
16/06/21 Toilets:	See Clerks report.
17/06/21 Outgang Road allotments:	Allotment that has been sub-let to be re-let to a resident of Outgang Road.
18/06/21 New Councillor Co-option:	Kevin Thurlow co-opted onto Aspatria Town Council. Other nominations to contact the clerk.
19/06/21 Senior citizens trip:	To go on the agenda for July with the possibility of running the trip depending on Covid restrictions lifting.
20/06/21 Grant requests:	Grant applications to be opened up again.
21/06/21 Sports grants from Allerdale:	Clerk to apply for grant towards grass cutting equipment.
22/06/21 Parks and allotments meeting proposed for Tuesday July 13th 2021 at 5pm.	Approved
23/06/21 Items for the next meeting:	Fairy Garden. Senior Citizens trip.
24/06/21 Confidential items:	None.
25/06/21 The next meeting of Aspatria Town Council will take place on Tuesday, 20th July 2021 at 7.00 p.m. at the Methodist Hall, Aspatria.	

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

Chairman.....

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