

ASPATRIA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Aspatria Town Council Annual General Meeting held at the Methodist Town Hall on Tuesday, 18th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor A Maxwell (Chair)

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

Also in Attendance: Ms S Hullock (RFO), Mrs C McCormick (Town Clerk), Andy Miller, Emma Light.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

1/05/21 Apologies: To receive and accept apologies and note the reasons for absence.	Cllr J Lister, Cllr C Blaney.
2/05/21 Election of Mayor & Chairman:	Cllr Alan Maxwell elected as Mayor, Cllr Stephanie Maxwell elected as Deputy Mayor.
3/05/21 To receive the Mayor's & Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:	Received.
4/05/21 Vacancies on Council: To co-opt any suitable candidates for the vacancies on the council.	None.
5/05/21 To appoint representatives to Parks & Allotments Committee.	Cllr Reay – Chair; Cllr Smith; Cllr Rose; Cllr Blackburn; Cllr King.
6/05/21 Deputy Mayors Announcements/Updates:	Kubota mower now working. Viking ship is installed just waiting planting up. A letter of thanks is to be written to David Watson who manufactured the ship.
7/05/21 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.	None.
8/05/21 Minutes of Aspatria Town Council Virtual Meeting held Tuesday, 20th April 2021: To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last Aspatria Town Council Meeting held on 20 th April 2021.	Approved with amendment to correct attendance of Cllr Rose.
9/05/21 Matters arising from Minutes of the last Meeting held Tuesday, 20th April 2021.	None.
10/05/21 Police Report:	Andy Miller and Emma Light attended the meeting to update the council on several issues in the town. The police would encourage reporting of any issues in the town so they can be acted on.

	<p>The police are in communication with residents of College Close and are working to improve the issues that have been occurring in this area of the town. The schools are working closely with the police to counter the problems with young people in this area. The police will continue to patrol the park including evenings and weekends.</p>
11/05/21 Public Participation:	<p>Public request to remove the freezer outside Soya take away. Clerk to write to Soya. Outgang Road allotments being sublet against conditions stipulated in the tenancy agreements. Clerk to write to tenant. Public request to remove petrol pump on King Street due to it being used as a litter dump. Clerk to write to owner. Amber lights at school crossing not working properly. Has been reported to CCC, Clerk to chase up with J Lister.</p>
12/05/21 Financial Matters:	<p>Financial Matters. (i) Expenditure and Income Schedules for April 2021:- RESOLVED that the income and expenditure detailed for April 2021 in the attached schedules be approved.</p> <p>Members also approved the following invoices for payment: Shane Buchanan £1550.00 and £400.00 Aspatria Farmers £56.88 LR & JA Allen £42.11 CALC Subscription £392.22 Compass £42.00 Online Playground £662.16 - covered by a grant received. Van Insurance £394.39</p> <p>A monthly payment of £10.00 was also to be made to J Davies Enterprise in accordance with the service level agreement for housekeeping of the Council's website page.</p> <p>(iii) To receive the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 30th April 2021: - RESOLVED that the circulated Bank Reconciliation Statements be confirmed and accepted as a true record as at 30th April 2021.</p> <p>(iv) Asset Register:- The asset register as at the 31st March 2021 was presented for approval. The RFO highlighted that there had been a reduction in the value of assets in comparison to the 2019/2020 year end. A summary of this asset movement was presented for agreement. RESOLVED that the Asset Register as at the 2020/2021 financial year end be accepted as a true record and approved. The movement in assets, as summarised, was approved.</p>
13/05/21 Highways:	<p>Cumbria County Council have received funding for two Speed Indicator Devices to be sited at either end of the town. They will inform the council when work is due to</p>

	start. Several potholes to be reported again.
14/05/21 To receive for information, reports on issues relevant to the Town from County, District and Independent Councillors: 1.1 Councillor Jim Lister	Apologies received from Cllr Lister.
15/05/21 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications: To receive a schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting. Clerks report attached.	CALC updates. Allerdale CRG emails. Police newsletter 16.4.21 Talk and tidy litter picking. Clerks report – Transfer of Assets is ongoing with Atkinson Ritson solicitors. Basketball court – Quotes being sought to paint court markings. CCTV – Now removed from CO-OP and park system reset. Streetlight on North Rd – chased up with Allerdale. Drainage at St Mungos – Quotes being sought. United Utilities update on works at railway bridge.
16/05/21 Applications for Development:	None
17/05/21 Jubilee Walk – Cllr Smith:	Cllr J Lister is looking into who has responsibility for maintaining the footpath.
18/05/21 Senior citizens trip – Cllr Smith:	To be looked at again at the June meeting.
19/05/21 Parking on grass next to Victoria Park – Cllr Blackburn	Off street parking to be reported to Allerdale.
20/05/21 PAT testing for park equipment:	Approved. Clerk to arrange.
21/05/21 Swing adjusters for St Mungos Park:	Approved to purchase four pairs of swing adjusters.
22/05/21 Fairy garden at West Street Conservation area – Cllr Blaney:	To be looked at again at the June meeting.
23/05/21 Grant available from Local Committee Environment Fund 2021/22:	Approved to apply for funding for wildflower plants for West Street Conservation area and daffodil bulbs for grass verges.
24/05/21 Harriston Road bus shelter quotes.	Approved to act on quote received to demolish bus shelters at £600. Clerk to obtain quote for metal replacement seat and a canopy/weather shelter.
25/05/21 Van insurance renewal:	Approved for RFO to pay.
26/05/21 Items for the next meeting:	Senior Citizens trip Fairy garden at West St conservation area.
27/05/21 Planting for town flower displays, Cllr Reay:	Approved that the Clerk will pursue quotes from Tivoli to provide floral displays and watering contract. Flowers for existing containers and new Viking ship planter to be bought locally and local businesses approached to sponsor tubs as in previous years. Grant application from ACCDA to be applied for.
27/05/21 Confidential items:	None
28/05/21 The next Meeting of Aspatria Town Council will take place on Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at 7.00 p.m.	

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

Chairman.....

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