

ASPATRIA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Aspatria Town Council Virtual Zoom Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor A Maxwell (Chair)

Councillors: Councillor B Blackburn, Councillor K Foy, Councillor D King, Councillor M Little, Councillor S Maxwell, Councillor A Reay, Councillor M Rose, Councillor J Lister.

Also in Attendance: Ms S Hullock (RFO), Mrs C McCormick (Town Clerk), Times and Star.

Minutes

1/01/2021 Apologies: To receive and accept apologies and note the reasons for absence.	Apologies Cllr Smith, Cllr Blaney.
2/01/2021 Deputy Mayors Announcements/Update:	<p>Maryport and Carlisle have received town improvement grants through Future High Streets. Cllr Lister encouraged smaller towns like Aspatria to contact the Council with funding needs.</p> <p>Viking ship planter update - waiting response from Allerdale.</p> <p>College Close – A property has been used as a shortcut by the public to access the school field. The police and school have both been notified and Home Group have agreed to repair the fence to prevent any future access.</p> <p>MB is on holiday this week.</p>
3/01/2021 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.
4/01/2021 Minutes of Aspatria Town Council Virtual Meeting held Tuesday, 15th December 2020: To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last Aspatria Town Council Meeting held on 15 th December 2020.	Approved.
5/01/2021 Matters arising from Minutes of the last Meeting held Tuesday, 15th December 2020.	Basketball court – Clerk to check the grant is not time limited.
6/01/2021 Police Report:	Latest newsletters have been circulated.
7/01/2021 Public Participation (at the discretion of the chairman):	<p>A reporter from the Times and Star was present for the duration of the meeting.</p> <p>Mark Jenkinson MP was present to discuss planning reforms. Left the meeting at 7.46 pm.</p>

<p>8/01/2021 Financial Matters:</p>	<p>Financial Matters. (i) Expenditure and Income Schedules for December 2020:- RESOLVED that the income and expenditure detailed for December 2020 in the attached schedules be approved.</p> <p>Members also approved the additional invoices listed on the agenda for payment along with an additional Zoom invoice and the monthly Aspatria Farmers invoice.</p> <p>(iii) To receive the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 31st December 2020 - RESOLVED that the circulated Bank Reconciliation Statements be confirmed and accepted as a true record.</p> <p>(iii) Quarter 3, 2020/21, Budget Monitoring Report RESOLVED that the income and expenditure position for the third quarter to December 2020 was accepted and approved. The RFO gave an overview of the net position at that date and commented on areas of budget under/over spends as recorded in the schedule.</p> <p>Members were asked to agree a budget virement from the miscellaneous budget heading to the memorial garden project, to help with the finishing costs for this project. RESOLVED - the virement of £1,480 was agreed.</p> <p>Precept for 2021/2022 The Council must set a precept each year by 1 March. At its meeting held on 15 December 2020, the Committee agreed, in principle, a 2021/22 Budget which totalled £84,000.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider the figures presented to them in a report which highlighted the impact of a 0%, 3%, 5% and 10% increase on the precept and:- recommend whether or not to increase the precept for 2021/22; and by what percentage the increase should be made (if any), in order to assist with the Councils 2021/22 expenditure budget of £84,000.</p> <p>It was agreed that a 3% increase be applied to the 20/21 precept amounting to a precept request of £70,884 for 2021/22.</p> <p>Councillors agreed to round the Christmas Power Payments up to the nearest £.</p>
<p>9/01/2021 Highways: Report attached.</p>	<p>Amber Sykes to follow up outstanding highways issues.</p>
<p>10/01/2021 To receive for information, reports on issues relevant to the Town from County, District and Independent Councillors: 1.1 Councillor Jim Lister</p>	<p>The Covid 19 situation continues to cause issues across the county. The Unitary Authority is moving forward. Cllr Lister will look into reported abandoned car at Queen Street car park. Left the meeting at 7.21 pm</p>
<p>11/01/2021 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>

12/01/2021 To agree a Christmas Lights sub-committee.	To be discussed at the next meeting.
13/01/2021 Applications for Development:	None
14/01/2021 Items submitted by members:	Grit bins - North View should be able to access the bin at the junction of East Crescent. A bin will be ordered for Sheila Fell Close. Collection of allotment rents – Tenants will be encouraged to pay via BACS or cheques. The usual library collection evening cannot be held due to COVID regulations. Anyone with problems paying by cheque or BACS has been given the Clerks details for any additional support. Victoria park/Park road parking – The grass next to Victoria Park is not suitable for car parking. A member of public has reported an abandoned vehicle on Brandraw Car Park – Clerk to report to relevant authority.
15/01/2021 Items for the next meeting:	Christmas Lights sub-committee.
16/01/2021 Confidential items:	None.
17/01/2021 The next virtual meeting of Aspatria Town Council will take place on Tuesday 16th February 2021.	

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Chairman.....

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