

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

**HELD ON TUESDAY 13th August 2024 AT THE TOWN COUNCIL
OFFICE At 6.30pm.**

Present:

Cllr C Campbell
Cllr M Eldon
Cllr N Ford
Cllr D Hully
Cllr J Hully (Chair)
Cllr M Messenger

Mr S Richardson. (Clerk/Finance Officer)

240/24. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr's P Burns M Minogue and D Riley and Cumberland Councillor L Jones-Bulman.

241/24 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2024.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

242/24 Declarations of interest of items on the agenda.

Cllr Ford declared an interest in iSH Healthwatch and CMCIC. Cllr Eldon declared an interest in the safer streets project, Cllr J Hully declared an interest in RNEC

243/24 Applications to the Clerk for dispensations.

None received.

244/24 Public/Elected Officer participation.

Mr David Allen Cumbria Police Fire and Crime commissioner introduced himself to the meeting after his first 100 days in the role explaining that he wanted to attend as many Town Council meetings as possible. Mr Allen explained the purpose of the current survey welcoming comments from Councillors and the wider public about what they wanted the role of crime commissioner to do, he explained the survey can be completed online and would leave hard copies for distribution. Priorities raised included 'more police on the streets' which is something

everybody wants with work to be done on follow up response as well as actual initial attendance. Over the next 5 years the Governments had committed to 10K new police officers and within Cumbria this equated to between 50 and 75 new staff with the intention of placing them within the neighbourhood police teams and not in the control room. Cumbria had received a good HMIC (His Majestys Inspectorate of Constabulary) report which had commented on the need to be victim focussed. He explained he would also be active in National debate to ensure Cumbria is not forgotten. Mr Allen fielded questions from Councillors including his thoughts on the recent unrest, the possibility of extra CCTV to enhance what is already provided by the Town Council, and the use of social media to engage with communities.

Cllr Eldon addressed the meeting in his capacity as Cumberland Councillor explaining there had been a further delay to the announcement of the return of the service 22 bus but was hopeful this would happen soon, a question from a resident was read asking for clarity on the route the service would take with Cllr Eldo saying he hoped the route would match the one that was withdrawn.

An officer from Cumberland council had visited the Town the previous week to look at empty properties within the town and would advise on what action the council can and will take to help with this situation.

245/24 To review planning applications.

- 4/24/2236/OB1. Variation of condition 2 (Time period of temporary permission) of planning approval 4/22/2256/OF1-Temporary construction, testing and demolition of a mock chimney structure, erection of a demolition platform and associated works. 19 Leconfield Industrial estate Cleator Moor. Adapt. (Atkins Realis and Altrad Babcock)
- No issues were raised with this application.

246/24 A5086 speed concerns.

Resolved that the traffic survey reports conducted in June be noted and acknowledge that they do indicate a level of concern regarding the speed of some vehicles along Trumpet Road and Terrace. The Town Council to liase with Cumberland highways regarding possible deterrents to help this situation

247/24.High Street Allotment costs update.

Resolved a report be complied and presented to the September meeting.

248/24.Remembrance Sunday and Crib dedication.

Resolved this be brought to the next meeting once a meeting with Clergy etc had been possible. The usual road closure application has been completed and sent to Cumberland Council via email on the 25th July.

249/24. Update on Prospect row Playpark repairs.

Noted that a date of 19th August has been given by the contractor to complete the installation of the infant swing..

250/24. Cleator and Cleator Moor seasonal lights.

Members were informed that Cumberland Council lighting team have been asked to confirm whether they will continue to act as contractor for the installation of the lights, we are awaiting their reply. Members were asked to return any outstanding comments regarding the provision survey.

251/24 Updates from other meetings WCSSG 6th August.

No Update due to the nominated member being unable to attend due to last minute problem.

251/24 WW! Project team request.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the Community Interest Company.

252/24. Finance.

- **To approve a schedule of payments for August 2024.**
- Approved.
- **To note the bank reconciliation's up to end of July 2024.**
- Noted and approved.
- Note no press or public were present for the following items.

253/24. To discuss applications for grant funding.

Resolved that the recent application for grant funding for Phoenix Youth Project be granted.

254/24 Items for inclusion on the next agenda. Please note that decisions cannot be taken on these items until formally included on an agenda.

Allotment cost budgets. Remembrance Sunday update. Christmas lights update. Any further items to be forwarded to the Clerk 2 weeks before the date of the next meeting.

255/24. To approve the date of the next meeting to be held on the 10th of September 2024 at 630pm.

Approved

Meeting closed 8.15pm.

Signed

Dated