

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

**HELD ON TUESDAY 10th September 2024 AT THE TOWN
COUNCIL OFFICE At 6.30pm.**

Present:

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

Mr S Richardson. (Clerk/Finance Officer)

256/24. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

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

257/24 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2024.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

258/24 Declarations of interest of items on the agenda.

Cllr Ford declared an interest in CMCIC. Cllr Eldon declared an interest in Cumberland Council.

259/24 Applications to the Clerk for dispensations.

None received.

260/24 Public/Elected Officer participation.

Cllr Eldon informed members of the upcoming closure of the A5086 between St Marys Church and the Woodend junction for Bigrigg, the closure is likely to take 5-6 weeks and is dependant on the current roadworks at Frizington being finished, it is scheduled for the first week in October and a public meeting is to be held in the Jubilee rooms at Cleator to explain to residents how access will work. The pathways at Cleator Main St will also be re-laid. United utilities had provided an update on the leak situation on High St explaining that the leaks were coming from an old pipe that is to be discontinued and the remaining few properties still served by it will be switched to the newer pipe that was laid in 1997.

261/24 To review planning applications.

- 4/24/2280/OB1 Variation of condition 2 (plans) to amend design proposals of planning application 4/18/2019/OF1 erection of building for staff accommodation. (Renewal of previous proposal 4/13/2233/OF1) Grove Court Hotel Cleator. Mr C Benn.
- 4/24/2290/OF1 refurbishment and repair of existing office building including solar panels (set in panels) to part of the courtyard side slope roof; Thermal upgrade and recovering of the existing roof; replacement of all windows; new vents in association with internal alterations; replacement cast iron effect UPVC guttering and downpipes. Phoenix Court, Earl Street, Cleator Moor. Cumberland Council.
- No issues were raised with these applications.

262/24 High St Allotments costs update.

A breakdown of current costs associated with the High St Allotments was given to members relating to water rates for the supply provided to allotment holders the pest control contract, the path strimming and the annual knot weed spraying, it was explained that costs were now in excess of the income from these plots and to reach a break even an increase of £15 per annum is required for the plots benefitting from these services, no increase will be made to garage plots or garden plots on other sites at this moment in time. Resolved that an increase of £15 per annum be introduced for these plots for the 2025/26 financial year.

263/24.Remembrance Sunday and Crib dedication.

Members informed that the road closure application has been sent to Cumberland Council. A meeting has been held with the 2 clergy who are able to attend the service and an order of service agreed. Also agreed that Fr Paul will lead on the Crib dedication service at 5pm on the 10th December. Clerk to contact the local schools to invite them to take part in the service.

264/24.Update on Prospect Row playpark repairs.

Members informed that after communicating with the company who were awarded the work the toddler swing remains outstanding and the Company will not be in a position to finish this part of the work. Resolved that quotes be sought to supply and install a new toddler swing.

265/24.Cleator and Cleator Moor seasonal lights.

Resolved that the order for 350 metres of new festoon strip for Cleator and 600 bulbs be placed with the Festive lighting company at a cost of £1641.90 including VAT. Resolved that the quote to fit the lights and monitor each day received from Cumberland Council be accepted with a cost of £8000.00.

266/24.Updates from other meetings. Town Board 5th September

Members were given the latest project update from the Town Board meeting. Cllr Ford commented that once again very little information was provided and

suggested that after the next Town Board meeting no concrete plans were provided for the projects that this be raised by the Town Council with the Board and Cumberland Council.

267/24. WW1 project team request.

Resolved that the request for room space on Monday Tuesday and Friday mornings between 10am and 1pm be granted for the duration of the current project to commemorate the end of WW2.

268/24 Cumbrian White Tailed Eagle Project Social Feasibility Study.

Resolved that the Town Council agree to host a public consultation for the study should the group choose to hold an event in the Town.

269/24. Cumbria 50 years celebration service.

Resolved that Gary McKee has been nominated by the Town Council to represent the Town at the Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria 50 year's service at Carlisle Cathedral. Members will be informed if the nomination is successful.

270/24. Finance.

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

271/24 Items for inclusion on the next agenda. Please note that decisions cannot be taken on these items until formally included on an agenda.

Items to be forwarded to the Clerk 2 weeks before the date of the next meeting.

272/24. To approve the date of the next meeting to be held on the 8th of October 2024 at 630pm.

Approved

Meeting closed 8.15pm.

Signed

Dated