

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

**HELD ON TUESDAY 10th March 2026 AT THE TOWN COUNCIL
OFFICE At 6.30pm.**

Present:

Cllr C Campbell

Cllr M Eldon

Cllr N Ford

Cllr J Hully

Cllr M Messenger (Chair)

Cllr D Riley

Mr S Richardson. (Clerk/Finance Officer)

509/26. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr D Hully Cllr P Burns.

**499/26 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th
January 2025.**

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

500/26 Declarations of interest of items on the agenda.

Cllr Ford declared an interest in CMCIC.

501/26 Applications to the Clerk for dispensations.

None received.

502/26 Public/Elected Officer participation.

Cllr Eldon informed members that he had attended a meeting regarding the flooding issues at Cleator and this was ongoing. Funding had now been agreed for works to improve highways specifically potholes. A walkabout meeting has been arranged with Tom(Waterhouse) from Stagecoach to discuss the ongoing bus issues.

503/26 To review planning applications.

- 4/26/2037/OF1. APPLICATION TO DETERMINE IF PRIOR PLANNING APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR 124.5KWP ROOF TOP SOLAR PV INSTALLATION COMPRISING OF 249 X 500W PV PANELS. COOP SUPERMARKET LECONFIELD CLEATOR MOOR.

- 4/26/2032/OF1. CONVERSION OF FORMER PUBLIC HOUSE TO A FLEXIBLE USE UNDER CLASS V OF THE GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT ORDER (2015) FOR USE CLASS C1 HOTEL AND USE AS A SUI GENERIS HMO. 5-6 HIGH ST CLEATOR MOOR. CLEATOR MOOR DEVELOPMENTS LTD.
- 4/26/2019/OF1. CHANGE OF USE FROM GUEST HOUSE (C1) TO 4 X FLATS (C3) AND ERECTION OF A 5M X 2.2M SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION. 37 HIGH ST CLEATOR MOOR PROPERTY INTELLECTS LTD.
- 4/26/2024/OF1. DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FARMHOUSE AND ASSOCIATED AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT FARMHOUSE (SELF/CUSTOM BUILD) DETACHED CAR PORT BUILDING, STABLE BUILDING, IMPLEMENT SHED AND WORKSHOP PLUS FORMATION OF NEW FLOOD LIT OUTDOOR HORSE ARENA. NOOK FARM CLEATOR. MR AND MRS NICK WEBB.
- 4/26/2020/OF1. PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR SUPPORTED DOMESTIC SOLAR ARRAY. DENT VIEW HOUSE , CLEATOR. MR GERRY COAN.
- With regards to application 2032/oF1 Councillors agreed that 2 concerns be raised firstly not specific to this application but the building itself.
- Councillors feel that the Planning dept should not agree to any further planning applications for this building until remedial work is done to waterproof the building ie 'put a roof on' at the very least. Members feel that this work that is badly needed would not infringe any future plans for the building and should be a condition that has to be met before any future application be accepted. On the application itself for change of use to a sui generis HMO consisting of 21 bedrooms, members feel that this use is inappropriate for the area and position of the building, the building already has planning granted for conversion to flats and whilst members still feel that an element of ground floor 'commercial use' should have been retained the current granted application is more suitable for this Property and the current plan appears to be one of overdeveloping the building to increase the financial viability.

504/26 Allotments.

Members updated on the ongoing project regarding water supply to the High St allotments with further updates to come as the project progresses.

505/26 Allotment Members association.

Efforts to 'resurrect' the members association has not been met with any enthusiasm but is an issue that will be revisited now the seeds have been sown.

506/26 Finance.

- **To approve a schedule of payments for February 2026.**
- Approved.
- **To note the bank reconciliation's up to end of January 2026.**
- Resolved these be noted.
- **Grant funding application. Cleator Moor Youth and Community Centre.**
- Members discussed the application for funding to allow the Youth and Community Centre trustees to incorporate the Charity allowing it to arrange the transfer of the Title deed for the building. Resolved, members

feel that should the council provide financial assistance to enable this then it must come with a more prominent presence on the Trustee board over and above the current appointment of an 'observer 'attending meetings. Members feel that the Council taking a more proactive role in the day-to-day operation of the centre would benefit the centre and the community going forward. Clerk to discuss with the Trustees.

507/26 Items for inclusion on the next agenda. Please note that decisions cannot be taken on these items until formally included on an agenda.

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

Landscape contracts be added

508/26. To approve the date of the next meeting to be held on the 14th of March 2026 at 630pm.

Approved

Meeting closed 7.55pm.

Signed

Dated