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APPLEBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2017 at 7.00pm

Present:

Mayor:	Cllr Connell	
Deputy Mayor:	Cllr Mrs Dixon-Dougherty	
Councillors:	Cllr Mrs Anderton	Cllr F Potts
	Cllr Chalmers	Cllr H Potts
	Cllr Hayes	Cllr Rooke
	Cllr Miss Hutchinson	Cllr Pape
	Cllr Mrs Kendall	

Also in attendance: Mayor's Chaplain Revd. Roger Collinson.

C1/08/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Ms Blair, Cllr Curley and Cllr Dougherty in respect of this meeting.

ACTION

Clerk

C2/08/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Connell declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda that relate to Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council. Cllr Mrs Dixon – Dougherty declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda that relate to the Environment Agency. Cllr Mrs Kendall declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda that relate to Eden District Council. Cllr Chalmers declared a personal interest with regard to Item 3 (report 4).

Clerk

Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

C3/08/17 Minutes

Council

The minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** held on **Wednesday 19TH July 2017** were not available for authorisation at the meeting.

Committees

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Finance Committee** held on **Monday 14th August 2017** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations.

**Cllr
Chalmers**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Planning & General Purpose Committee** held on **Monday 14th August 2017** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations.

**Cllr Miss
Hutchinson**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Mayor of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Property Committee** held on **Monday 14th August 2017** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations.

Cllr Connell

C4/08/17 Questions to be received from the public.

There were no questions received from the public.

C5/08/17 Eden District Council: Asset of Community Value

Cllr Connell advised that the County Council had started the process of disposing of Edenside and that community interest groups had until Friday 8th September 2017 to register their interest as a bidder with Eden District Council. Cllr Connell added that he was not aware of any community interest groups who were interested in becoming a bidder. Cllr H Potts stated that he thought all of Appleby would like to see Edenside reopen and that he did not think we have exhausted all of the options yet. He still felt it was possible for Edenside to reopen as either residential care or sheltered accommodation. Cllr Hayes

asked what would be involved in the Council putting itself forward as a potential bidder. Cllr H Potts advised that to be considered as a bidder the Council would need to notify Eden District Council in writing before the deadline. Cllr Mrs Kendall asked if it was Eden District Council or Cumbria County Council that would need to be notified. It was confirmed that it was Eden District Council. Cllr Pape stated that at this stage the Council would simply be registering an interest rather than putting forward a formal business plan. Cllr H Potts stated that if we don't do something we will lose the opportunity to get someone else in with us as a partner to get it open again. If we could get it at a reasonable price, someone might come in with us. Cllr F Potts asked if it would help demonstrate our need for residential care if we put ourselves forward as a bidder. Cllr Chalmers stated that he was in favour of supporting something for people in the town, but from a Council point of view do we have the resources and ability to purchase it and have the legal power to run it as a care home? The Council should be very careful about raising expectations and not being able to meet them. Cllr Connell stated that the advice he had been given is that the chance of the building ever being used again as a residential home are nil because it does not meet Care Quality Commission regulations. He added that he did not know what purpose we would have claiming to have interest in proposing something we couldn't deliver. Cllr H Potts responded that he did not expect the Council to put any money into it and would instead be looking for grants. The Council would not run the care home but would aim to get a private company to operate it in partnership. Cllr Mrs Anderton stated that she was concerned over the Council registering an interest and then simply delaying the sale of the building for six months, in which it would further deteriorate. She added that she did not believe the Council could run a care home either on its own or in partnership, we do not have the funds, legal power or resources. Cllr H Potts proposed that the Council register as a bidder with Eden District Council with the purpose of reopening Edenside as a care home or sheltered accommodation. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Pape. Vote: 3 for and 7 against with 1 abstention.

C6/08/17 Police Report

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note the Police's written report. Cllr H Potts commented that Edenside had been vandalised by graffiti earlier this week. Cllr Pape added that various groups of youths had been gathering around Edenside at night and asked that the Police monitor this.

C7/08/17 County and District Councillor's Reports.

District

Cllr Connell advised there would be no Eden District Council report due to Cllr Greenwood being sick. Cllr Connell advised that the new HAZ officer had been appointed who was Mr Adrian Banford who was liaising with the community with regard to the Heritage Action Zone project and was also helping Cllr Rooke with the Heritage Open Days weekend. Cllr Connell commented that with regard to the Eden Local Plan and the site AP18 this was not a priority for development and that the Cllr Curley had drafted a letter detailing the Council's concerns which had been sent to Eden District Council.


County

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note Cumbria County Councillor Connell's written report. Cllr Miss Hutchinson commented that the new road surface on Pembroke Street was holding water which during winter months would become dangerous; she had spoken to one of the work operatives who advised her that this would only last a week once the road was trafficked. Cllr Connell stated that there was still no answer to the question of what happens to people who need residential care in Appleby in the future and that he would be having a meeting with the County Council's Integrated Care team to discuss.

C8/08/17 Mayors Report

Cllr Connell commented that he and the Council were extremely sorry with regard to the Town Clerk's illness and wished her well; he also thanked the Town Clerk's assistant, Cllr Rooke and the TIC staff for all their help in her absence. He thanked Cllr Pape and his wife for attending Taste Appleby in his absence. He also commented that he had attended a meeting at the Royal British Legion with regard to the organisation of the Remembrance Parade this had gone well. He and the Mayoress had attended Appleby Show on the 10th August 2017, the sun had shone and it was a good turnout of both locals and farmers with the delight of the revival of the Fell Race and Cumberland & Westmorland wrestling. On the 16th August 2017 he and Cllr Rooke treated a group of ladies from America to a tour of the Moot Hall and entertainment by himself in the Tufton Arms later. On the 21st August 2017 he was asked to attend the opening of the new premises of Sugar & Spice to which he commented it was nice to see the revival of an old fashioned sweet shop. Finally he sent good wishes to former Mayor and long standing Councillor Mrs Ella Langan who was taken ill the previous week.

C9/08/17 Clerks Report



The Clerk's Report was not available for consideration.

C10/08/17 Outside Body Reports

Cllr Miss Hutchinson advised that she had attended an Appleby Community Acting Together meeting which discussed this year's Sparkle Day which will be held on Saturday 25th November 2017. She also advised that CFM will be broadcasting from Appleby that day. Cllr Connell advised that The Hub run a Craft Fair on the last Saturday of every month.

C11/08/17 Schedule of Payments & Bank Transfers – July 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor be authorised to sign the schedule of payments for the month of July 2017, totalling **£11,387.04**. This figure includes employee salaries and purchases; and is inclusive of VAT. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Mayor be authorised to sign the transfer of funds for July 2017 totalling **£20,645.79**.

Cllr Connell

C12/08/17 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Rooke informed Council that it was Heritage Open Weekend Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September 2017 and that the Moot Hall would be open to the public on Saturday 10am – 4pm and Sunday 11am - 3pm, any help would be very appreciated. Cllr Kendall also commented that St Anne's was also open and had sufficient volunteers. Cllr H Potts asked for an update on the Appleby Skate Park this was unavailable due to the Town Clerk's absence.

C13/08/17 Date of the Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the next **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** will be held on **Wednesday 20th September 2017** at 7pm.

ALL

All meetings of the Council are open to the public and are held in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON:

WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2017

THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORISED BY
THE COUNCIL TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO
CONFIRM THEIR BEING AN ACCURATE RECORD:

