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Appleby Town Council Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 6.45pm

Councillors Present:

Cllr Davidson (Chair)
Cllr Anderton
Cllr Chalmers
Cllr Heap
Cllr Hilsden
Cllr Kemp
Cllr Pape
Cllr Potts
Cllr Railton
Cllr Smith

Also in attendance:

David Johnson (Mace Bearer)
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

C1/07/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Curley, Cllr Connell, Cllr Rooke and Cllr Turnbull.

C2/07/04 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Anderton declared a personal interest in anything relating to Fair Hill, as her property borders the land.

C3/07/04 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance and no questions had been received.

C4/07/04 Minutes

- **Ordinary Meeting of the Council**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the meeting to sign the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** held on **Wednesday 19th June 2024** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any resolutions. Recommendations and resolutions approved unanimously.

- **Planning and General Purpose Minutes**

Cllr Pape read a statement outlining his concerns about recent social media activities, which were mentioned at the Council's Committee meetings earlier in the month. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next Planning meeting in September. The Clerk advised that she would circulate an email prior to this meeting to ensure that any Councillors who hadn't attended the Committee meetings have a better understanding of Cllr Pape's concerns.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Planning & General Purpose** Committee held on **Monday 8th July 2024** as a true and accurate record.

- **Finance Committee Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Finance Committee** meeting held on **Monday 8th July 2024** as a true and accurate record and to approve recommendations as follow:

- To accept the Management Accounts for June 2024.

- **Property Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign the minutes of the Property Committee held on **Monday 8th July 2024** as a true and accurate record.

C5/07/04 Unitary Authority Reports

There was no Unitary Authority report in respect of this meeting. The Clerk reported that Cllr Connell hopes to be back at meetings in September.

C6/07/04 Police Newsletter – May & June, June & July

The newsletters were received and accepted. Cllr Davidson highlighted that Cumbria Constabulary are recruiting community members to join an Independent Advisory Group to contribute towards improving policing.

The Clerk reported that PCSO Ballantyne is now off on maternity leave. It was agreed to send her a letter and thanks.

C7/07/04 Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's report in respect of this meeting.

C8/07/04 Clerk's Report

- **Black and White Bollards**

Westmorland and Furness Council have given the go ahead for the installation of the concrete bollards. Many thanks to Cllr Connell who got on the case and chased W&F.

There are approximately 80 bollards ready, so work can begin immediately installing the 50 bollards on the Butts side of the river. The next section to be replaced will be the 157 bollards on both sides of Boroughgate, which may require a TTRO as most of the bollards are situated adjacent to the road. Carrying out work to these two areas will use up most of the allocated budget.

It has been agreed with W&F to hold off installing concrete bollards on the Sands side of the river, due to concerns they and the police have with installing concrete bollards. W&F have indicated that they should be able to help out with funding for the bollards on the Sands.

Cllr Potts asked why concrete bollards on the Sands were not agreeable. The Clerk explained that W&F have to give due consideration to legislation soon to come into force under 'Martyn's Law', which places a requirement on those responsible for publicly accessible locations to consider the threat from terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures. A meeting will be organised with W&F officers and the police to discuss this further.

- **W&F Economic Development**

12 members of the Economic Development team paid a visit to the Moot Hall last week. Most of the team are new to the team, as they have come from either Barrow or South Lakeland District Councils. They seemed impressed with the wide range of projects and how proactive the Council are. A follow-up meeting is to be arranged to talk in more detail about how they can support us.

- **Business Networking Meeting**

A business networking meeting was held on Monday evening. The group have asked the Council if we could get involved and help support them. It was a positive meeting and there were a number of actions agreed. Alan McViety from ACE agreed to fund some time for Jenny from Cupboard under the Stairs to go around businesses in town to see what interest there was to formalise the group and what they would like the group to do.

- **Heritage Open Days and QR Code Trail**

Unfortunately three of the regular and popular venues aren't able to take part in the open days this year. As this year's theme is '*Routes–Comms–Connections'*, we have approached Appleby Station

and they have indicated they would take part. We have also spoken to Billy Welch and Bill Lloyd, who have said they would be happy to come and do some talks, as suggested in the Post-Fair meeting.

The QR code trail signs are ready to be printed and an example was circulated to councillors. Cllr Railton thought the design was too messy and that it would be better to have just a QR code with the Council's logo, which would be clearer and less obtrusive. He also asked how the leaflet for the trail was coming along and the Clerk explained that it had been decided not to do a full blown leaflet, but a simple trail map.

- **Westmorland and Furness Consultations**

There are currently 3 consultations being carried out by W&F Council: The Local Plan, Public Spaces Protection Order, and the Leisure Active, Healthy Happy Lives for all. Information about these plans will be circulated again to Councillors and have been well advertised on Facebook. There is a drop-in session for the Local Plan Consultation tomorrow at the Public Hall, from 3-7pm.

Cllr Chalmers asked whether the Council can make representation on behalf of the town and the Clerk explained that Councils can submit collective feedback and can organise their own community event to engage and collect further feedback directly from residents.

ACTION: The Clerk will attend tomorrow's drop-in event and will setup a meeting next month.

Cllr Potts gave an update on the Football Club, saying they would be happy to hold a celebration event in September. He also asked if there was any update on the Heritage Centre, as it had not been mentioned in a while. The Clerk understood that the cycling business at Cross Croft had recently moved into the end goods shed and have plans to develop their services, but there has been no further updates about the rest of the property.

C9/07/04 Outside Body Reports

ACAT: Cllr Anderton reported that Sparkle Day would be taking place on Saturday 14th December and the lights would be going up on 29th November.

C10/07/04 Schedule of Payments & Bank Transfers – June 2024

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair be authorised to sign the schedule of payments for the month of **June 2024**, totalling £63,311.85. This figure includes employee salaries and all other expenditure and purchases; and is inclusive of VAT.

C11/07/04 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Cllr Pape requested that the lighting issue on High Wiend be revisited, as it is a safety concern. This will be taken to the next Planning and GP meeting.

C12/07/04 Next Meeting

To note that the Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be on **Wednesday 18th September 2024** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.22pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 18th September 2024**, the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Davidson

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