ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APPLEBY

Wednesday 24th April 2024
7pm– 8.40pm
Public Hall, Boroughgate, Appleby-in-Westmorland

To be held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, Part III

The meeting was chaired by Pamela Davidson, Mayor of Appleby Town Council.

Minutes

1. **Welcome**

   Councillor Davidson welcomed members of the public to the meeting and introduced herself as Mayor. There were 43 members of the public in attendance, including representatives from 15 local organisations and community groups.

   A number of groups were not able to attend, but sent in written reports, which will be collated with the verbal reports and published as one document with the meeting minutes.

   Andrea Huxley who is the newly appointed Development Officer for Cumbria CVS's 'This Is Us' project was also in attendance. Andrea offers voluntary organisations and community groups support and guidance in governance, funding, business planning and volunteering.

   Residents were also encouraged to bring their issues and concerns to Full Council meetings, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May, or fill in a comments slip, which were available at the back of the hall.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

   It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Mayor to sign the minutes of the **Town Meeting** held on **Wednesday 10th May 2023** as a true and accurate record.

3. **Town Council and Tourism Update**

   A Town Council update was given by the Town Clerk, Sue Gilbertson. A tourism update was given by the TIC Manager, Nicola Elliott. Both reports are attached.

4. **Questions from Appleby residents**

   What is happening with the levelling of Edenside?

   The answer was covered in the Oaklea report by Clive Wigley: Although the planning application for the demolition and rebuild of Edenside has been approved, there are still some conditions to be dis-charged by W&F Planning Authority. As soon as this happens, the project is ready to begin.

   Something needs to be done about the car parking in town. Too many businesses park their cars in the centre of town and take up places where visitors could be parking.

Cllr Davidson advised that no answer could be given to that query immediately, but it would be noted, and Council would look into the issue.

5. Reports from local community groups and organisations

All reports have been collated and attached in a separate report.

6. Close of Meeting

Cllr Davidson thanked all the representatives from the 17 community groups and organisations for taking the time to come to the meeting to present their reports, and thanked residents for attending the meeting. She also thanked the Town Clerk and Assistant for all the hard work that had gone into making the meeting a success.

To note the proposed date for the next **Town Meeting** on **Wednesday 30th April 2025** at **7pm** at the Public Hall, Appleby in Westmorland.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

At the Town Meeting on the 30rd April 2025, the Chair of the meeting was authorised to sign the minutes as true record.

Signed: *Cllr Pamela Davidson*

Date: *30th April 2025*

Actions from Town Meeting:

- Car parking in town – what can be done to restrict business owners from parking in the centre of town, to free up more spaces for visitors.
- The grass round the Butts has not been cut in some time and looks unsightly.
- Appleby Wombles have some ideas they would like to discuss with the Council, including getting local businesses to sponsor some of the layby bins, a litter net in the river, making Appleby a ‘litter free’ and ‘plastic free’ town.