**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Ferriby, Lynch, Jackson, Hodson, Armstrong, Stapley, Williams, Clark, & Huntington

**FC//2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies – Cllrs Crouch, Robbins and Hamblin

**FC//2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12TH JUNE 2019**

Approved and signed as a true record

**FC//2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO**

**GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Lynch – Any items relating to ABC

**FC//2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Item 13 – WBJC Report

**FC//2019 PUBLIC PARTCIPATION**

**/2019/1** - Trish Fallows (Fairtrade) asked the Council to support and approve the renewal

Of our Fairtrade Town Status. Council agreed to this. Trish asked if the council would support

new wooden signs stating we were a Fairtrade town. Again Council would support this. The

Clerk to as ABC if we would require planning permission to display signs under the Welcome

to Wigton Signs and the Clerk to give Trish a grant form to help with costs of the new signs.

Ms Berwick brought an envelope to the table and explained it was a petition/vote of no

confidence against 4 members of the Town Council. The envelope was given to Cllr Hodson

and she then proceeded to read out what and who the petition was about.

***This is a vote of no confidence against the following Councillors – Elaine Lynch, Mary Clark***

***and Pat Williams and they wish to propose the removal of these councillors from Wigton***

***Town Council and the Burial Board. She then went on to read out the name of the Clerk***

***Alison Dodd but no proposal was given.***

Ms Berwick then told the councillors she would like them to read all the comments/reasons for

the vote of no confidence before it was given to Allerdale BC.

Cllr Lynch stated that the public cannot have a vote of no confidence against councillors but

both Cllr Hodson and Ms Berwick said they could.

Cllr Hodson took control of the petition and said she would pass this on to Allerdale BC.

Ms Berwick then decided that she didn’t want the 4 named to have sight of the petition and

told Cllr Hodson not to let them see it.

A councillor asked if there was a closing date/time limit on the petition. Ms Berwick answered

yes obviously but how long is a piece of string? She stated that the petition had only been

going for a week.

Ms Mattinson read out a letter addressed to Wigton TC from Rachel Barwiss regarding Wigton

Cemetery. She then handed the letter to the Clerk.

**/2019/2** To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

The council were informed that Allerdale members found out about the cut in bin services at

the same time as the public.

Cllr Pitcher had attended a members briefing at Allerdale House last night and informed

members that he had been to an Allerdale briefing. The contract was negotiated 2 years ago,

FCC were the only contractor to quote. (FCC were the existing contractor). ABC purchased

20 vehicles (a cut of 5 to the previous contact)

The way forward – ABC have said it will last no longer than 2 months and they are working

with the contractor to sort this out.

Cllr Hodson asked who pays for the tax and insurance of the new refuse vehicles. Cllr Pitcher

would clarify this but everything had been done following council procedures.

Cllr Lynch said we need to give ABC/FCC time to sort this out.

Cllr Pitcher has already started the ball rolling with an investigation but agreed that they need

time to sort this out.

Cllr Lynch told members that it would be on the September Agenda for further discussion.

Cllr Pitcher reported that the Scrutiny committee has met and they have a work programme set.

This will include Waste Management/Housing. The next meeting is Friday 26th July.

Cllr Lynch had attended 2 development panel meetings regarding the new water pipe from

Thirlmere to Cockermouth. Expected to be completed by early 2021. She also attended a

licencing panel meeting.

**/2019/3** To receive reports from the Police – No report received to date.

**FC//2019 BARTON LAWS**

To consider and the FA’s recommendation as per report – **Council are asked:**

1. To decide whether to go ahead with a 4 changing room build, or reduce to 2.
2. Agree that Day Cummings proceed with the amendments to the design.

Our architects have quoted for this work - £1575.00

Before a vote was taken Councillor Armstrong raised concerns regarding the FRA. The clerk was asked to pass this on to the architects to check before proceeding.

Proposal made by DF and seconded by PW to accept the recommendations above. A vote was taken – Unanimous.

**FC//2019 WCF ALLOTMENTS**

To consider footpaths and parks recommendation that we proceed with the acquisition of the

Site – Cllr Clark reported to members WCF approached the council 18 months ago and wanted

to donate the allotments (near to ATS) to us. They would require a demarcation fence put up

between allotments and the store. We asked for the allotments to be cleared of rubbish and

scrap before we would enter into the sale. They have now more or less been cleared. We

would have to have a legal contract drawn up at our expense.

Recommendation to go ahead with the acquisition. A vote was taken – Unanimous.

**FC//2019 FINANCE MATTERS**

**/2019/1** To receive and authorise payments for June 2019 previously circulated –

received and authorised

**/2019/2** To receive the monthly financial statement for June 2019 previously circulated

– received and authorised

**FC//2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**FC//2019 CLERKS REPORT**

* New employee has started work with us on Monday 8th July
* Speet Gill – some work carried out over the weekend and will remove rest of trees week commencing 22nd July
* Circus was here 4th to 7th July – a great success
* Lorraine Murphy – September meeting (No response from PCC) Questions beforehand please
* Cumbria In Bloom – 2nd July Visited park, barton laws, phoenix park and St Marys. They were very impressed.
* Emailed EA – Report is due but no response as yet
* Planning Officer – Do members want him to come to the October meeting - Yes

**FC//2019 MEMBERS REPORTS**

SH, AJ, EL – Carnival (Cllr Lynch asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Wigton Carnival for

a fantastic show this year)

DF – Chrysalis AGM

Footpaths & Parks – Cllr Clark reported allotment judging will take place 31/7/2019. Speet

Gill requires a replanting schedule before 2022. The committee have identified some park

equipment that needs repaired/replaced.

Barton Laws User Group – Cllr Lynch reported on the annual meeting. She updated users on

the barton laws project. Feedback was regarding the pitches. FA are coming to look at pitches

and any work required will be part of the project.

Finance Meeting – Budget monitoring for the first 3 months going according to plan.

Donations granted to the following – Wigton Whippet Club, John Peel Theatre and Cumbria

Speaks Oral Archive.

**FC//2019 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

To receive and note the updated Risk Register and to consider any mitigating measures – Received and noted by members

**FC//2019 WBJC – CONFIDENTIAL**

**FC//2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th September 2019

Meeting Closed 8.55pm