**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Jackson, Williams, Hamblin, Ferriby, Hodson, Armstrong, Robbins, Clark & Huntington

**FC/90/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies – Cllrs Stapley (Ill health), Lynch and Crouch (Attending ABC FC)

**FC/91/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 13TH NOVEMBER 2019**

Approved and signed as a true record

**FC/92/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO**

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

None

**FC/93/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

None

**FC/94/2019 PUBLIC PARTCIPATION**

The Chair asked if everyone was happy to reverse the order of the public participation. All

agreed.

**94/2019/1** - To receive reports from the Police – Report emailed to members prior to meeting.

The Chair warmly welcomed the Mini Police and parents to the meeting.

The following report was read out by 5 members of the Mini Police from Thomlinson

Junior School.

*Thank you for inviting us to your committee meeting, it means a lot to us that you want to listen*

*to our concerns regarding the speed limit past our school.*

*We are aware that this also concerns the highways department in Allerdale County Council.*

*We have been without our crossing lady since 28th October, thankfully she has now returned*

*on the 9/12/19 Orian were aware of this but did not supply anyone else to replace her which is*

*not only unfair to us but could lead to someone getting hurt crossing the road. Some of us were*

*very unsure when we were crossing the road because we cannot judge how fast the cars are*

*approaching us. There have been a couple of occasions that we have had to jump back onto*

*the pavement as the cars are travelling at speed!*

*Last year the mini police did a speed check outside our school. A number of vehicles passing*

*the school were travelling faster than 30mph. This did not surprise us to find that the majority*

*of them were over the 30mph limit! Even though they were speed enforcement officers and our*

*community police officer visible to them, this didn’t deter them in slowing down.*

*Our school signs have flashing lights but not a speed restriction like the ones outside St*

*Cuthbert’s! There’s reduces down to 20mph when the lights are flashing! The other fact is*

*that the sign is very high up and not easy to see when you are driving past. On some occasions*

*the lights do not flash to warn drivers of the school.*

*We are aware that the infant school parents have the use of a system to park for free in Water*

*Street car park when they drop off and collect their children, our parents do not have that*

*option so we have parents dropping and picking up on the double yellow lines or on the zig*

*zags where it has been seen other drivers try to overtake the pulled up vehicles, this is very*

*dangerous not only for pedestrians whose pathway is blocked but also the children crossing at*

*their usual place.*

*We feel that a more eye-catching sign on both sides of the school that changes*

*the speed to 2mph the same as St Cuthbert’s would be more appropriate and safer for those of*

*us who cross the road!*

*Thank you for listening to our concerns and we hope you can help to keep our children safe in*

*the school area.*

The children handed some posters to the council that they have designed regarding road safety.

Cllrs were also very concerned regarding the speed of vehicles in the town. The Clerk was

asked to set up a meeting with Cumbria County Council.

**94/2019/2** - To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – No

Borough councillors in attendance but a report received regarding waste management –

*The waste management contract with FCC effectively finishes 31st December 2019 but agreement has been reached for it to be extended to March 30th 2020.*

*At the end of this period Allerdale Borough Council take control of the waste management by means of a “Local Authority Trading Company” or LATCO currently being formed. This essentially means Allerdale will own and control the company itself.*

*All responsibilities will be the LATCO’s as of April 3rd 2020.*

*Staff and equipment will be transferred into the ownership of the LATCO, all staff if willing will be TUPE’d over to it.*

*ABC will run the same system as FCC for the immediate future with a view to improving as the routine settles down, if needed.*

*Currently Allerdale own all the bin wagons.*

*Residents shouldn’t notice any change in the current routine.*

**94/2019/3** - None

**FC/95/2019 FINANCE MATTERS**

**95/2019/1** To receive and authorise payments for November 2019 – received and authorised

**95/2019/2** To receive the monthly financial statement for November 2019 – received and

authorised

**FC/96/2019 BARTON LAWS**

Cllr Armstrong asked if external power supply could be put on the outside of the building. Cllr

Williams asked about the exterior look of the building and members decided that some good

signage etc. would enhance the look.

Recommendation to approve the drawings – Vote taken unanimous to accept the drawing.

**FC/97/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**FC/98/2019 CLERKS REPORT**

* Thanks to all helpers/volunteers on Christmas Lights day and run up.
* Mayor will be doing his Christmas visits on Tuesday 17th December
* Support from CCTV Control room for 3 cameras
* Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th Dec until Thursday 2nd Jan
* Happy Christmas to you all

**FC/99/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS**

MA – Xmas Lights – Can we ask for an extension to planning application RMA/2019/0015.

Clerk to ask ABC for an extension to discuss at our Jan Meeting.

SH – Xmas Lights

AJ – Xmas Lights

DF – Xmas Lights and Junior School

JH – Xmas Lights

**FC/100/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th January 2020

Meeting Closed 7.50pm