**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2020 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Lynch, Crouch, Jackson, Hamblin, Williams, Hodson, Armstrong, Robbins, Scott, Clark & Huntington

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Cllr A Pitcher

**FC/131/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies – Cllrs Ferriby and Stapley

**FC/132/2019 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Town Council meeting held on 12th February 2020 - Approved and signed as a true record

Finance Committee held on 24th February 2020 – Approved and signed as a true record

**FC/133/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO**

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

None

**FC/134/2019 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

None

**FC/135/2019 PUBLIC PARTCIPATION**

**135/2019/1** - To receive reports from the public – Trish Fallows reported that we had renewed

our Fairtrade Town Status and asked the TC to display the document in our notice board. The

Town Council thank Trish for all her work on this each year.

**135/2019/2** - To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

Cllr Crouch - Attended a climate change meeting and a Scrutiny Meeting.

Cllr Pitcher – Reported the resignation of the Allerdale Leader which was a shame. New

members on the Exec are himself and Tony Markley. 4 by elections to take place before the

May Meeting.

Cllr Lynch – Reported that the Climate Change Policy had been passed by Scrutiny and FC.

Future Waste Management (T & F Group) to report to Exec on 18/3.

Audit Committee – Looking at Risk Management.

FC budget passed with a 1% increase.

Licencing Panel on 14/2 and training on 6/3.

Devt Panel on 10/3

**135/2019/3** – To receive report form the police – Link emailed to members

**FC/136/2019 PLANNING MEETING – 28TH FEBRUARY**

This agenda item was moved forward at the request of Pamela Batley (Member of the Residents

Group)

A report by Cllr Armstrong had been emailed prior to the meeting. Cllr Armstorng thanked for

his report.

Members agreed that a Working Group could look into a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllrs Jackson, Crouch and Armstrong and 3 members of the residents group to ask Simon

Sharp from the Planning Dept at Allerdale BC to attend a meeting to discuss.

The group to look at the Pro’s and Con’s of a plan. Costs and the benefits.

**FC/137/2019 FINANCE MATTERS**

**137/2019/1** To receive and authorise payments for February 2020 – received and authorised

**137/2019/2** To receive the monthly financial statement for February 2020 – received and

authorised

**FC/138/2019 PARKING MEETING – 14TH FEBRUARY 2020**

Notes circulated prior to this meeting by Cllr Ferriby.

**Summary**

It is accepted that not all these aims can be achieved immediately; but we recommend

1. That the Town Council accepts (or amends) these recommendations as definite aims to be pursued, especially in relation to the County’s planned Traffic Review.
2. That we seek publicity in the town – to show people what IS being done by CCC and to show that Wigton TC is active in trying to address the problems (and showing the danger of being fined!).
3. That we tackle Allerdale again about some free 30 minute parking spaces in Water Street.

Members AGREED with the groups findings and will pursue the 30 minute free parking through our Allerdale Councillors.

**FC/139/2019 VE DAY**

Cllr Hodson reported that she would be putting Red/White/lue poppies on the Fountain and

that we should encourage the community to have street parties.

**FC/140/2019 BAILEY BRIDGE**

Cllr Hodson to Report -

It was AGREED that Cllr Hodson put bridge on Bridges for Sale as there was no cost for doing

this.

**FC/141/2019 WCF ALLOTMENTS**

To provide an update to WCF regarding the boundary wall/fence and positive publicity WCF

are to receive regarding the sale of land as per the conditions – AGREED to discuss at Footpaths and Parks Meeting on Wednesday 18th March

**FC/142/2019 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**FC/143/2019 CLERKS REPORT**

The following was reported to members

* Barton Laws – Tender documents have been sent on Friday 6th March
* Council Surgeries – 2 hours on a Saturday morning in the Library on Saturday 2nd May – To confirm
* Cumbria CC Working Together Service An email sent to express an interest?
* Still require dates from some councillors – Training course
* CCTV Funding from PCC received - £9,000
* Invite to Wigton Bowling Club – 27th March from CIC (Redmayne)
* St Cuthberts School carrying out a litter pick next week - Do Cllrs want to be involved

**FC/144/2019 MEMBERS REPORTS**

SH – Parking

AJ – Planning

HR – Parking

EL – WBJC meeting 25th Feb to discuss dogs, seat and Finances. New Grounds Maint contract

starting 1st April (Summer Only), Management Plan on going with ABC. New computer

system coming online shortly. Waverton PC have resolved to stay on WBJC

PW - WBJC

MC – WBJC and ASB Meeting

**FC/145/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Meeting Closed 9.00pm