**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Keaveney, Stabler, Hodson, Cowell, Stapley, Clark, Pitcher, Stafford, Bryceson, Williams, Whitham, Ferriby & Huntington

**FC/106/2018 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies – Cllr Lynch

**FC/107/2018 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9TH JANUARY 2019**

Approved and signed as a true record

**FC/108/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO**

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

Cllr Pitcher & Cowell – ABC

Cllrs Bryceson, Hodson and Pitcher – Agenda Item 5 Wigton Baths

**FC/109/2018 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Item 15

**FC/110/2018 ALLERDALE PLANNING OFFICER**

Simon Sharp was welcomed by the Chair. Mr Sharp had come to brief members on the access

road to the baths via the home housing site (Former Hopes Auction Site). Planning permission

has already been granted for an EVA route but there is a desire from ABC, CCC and Wigton

Baths Trust for it to be used as access to the Baths due to the restrictive nature from

Tenters/Stony Banks for larger vehicles.

ABC are in discussions with WBT, CCC Highways and Home Group. A Section 73 application

would only be acceptable if there was a restriction at Stony Banks ie. No through Road. A

second application could be granted subject to conditions (bollards to be placed on Stony

Banks). They are looking at 2/3 month’s timescale.

Cllr Cowell asked if other options had been discussed (One way system) – Simon Sharp replied

that this had been discussed but they were trying to restrict traffic flow on Stony Banks.

Cllr Hodson commented that we should have a 2 way road to the baths.

Cllr Keaveny stated that the Council have always supported the development of an access road

to the baths.

A further planning application will be required which means there a full consultation will take

place.

**FC/111/2018 PUBLIC PARTCIPATION**

**111/2018/1** To receive comments and representations from members of the public – Helen

spoke about the access road to the baths and how it is needed. Her son became unresponsive

whilst swimming at the baths and an ambulance couldn’t get through to them due to the large

number of vehicles blocking the entrance. Thankfully she managed to get her son to hospital

but stressed how important access to the baths is and welcomes the new application.

**111/2018/2** To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

Cllr Pitcher had attended 3 scrutiny meetings regarding the new Stadium at Workington.

Cllr Cowell – Chair of Budget process group. 1st time ABC have had their budget scrutinised.

**111/2018/3** To receive reports from the Police – The report had been previously circulated to

members. PCSO Harris apologies received. No comments

**FC/112/2018 FINANCE MATTERS**

**112/2018/1** To receive and authorise payments for January 2019 previously circulated –

received and authorised.

**112/2018/2** To receive the monthly financial statement for January 2019 previously circulated

– received and authorised

**FC/113/2018 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None – Mayor on Holiday

**FC/114/2018 CLERKS REPORT**

Advertise to co-opt a councillor due to resignation of George Scott – **AGREED** to leave until Election

Staff – Ryan Cowie has resigned (1 month notice given) His last day of working will be 15th March 2019

PAT Testing to be carried out 7th March

Clerk – On holiday week commencing 18th Feb for 1 week

Nomination Packs will be available in the office.

Kirkbride School – Contract ends March 2019

Tender doc received for Blennerhasset and Tropenhow

**FC/115/2018 MEMBERS REPORTS**

None

**FC/116/2018 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/COMMITTEES**

CCTV Working Group – Waiting for 3 quotes

Police Meeting – 28th January 2019 (Cllr Keaveney) Meeting with Inspector Gale and Sergeant Atkinson. Discussed the recent statistics that had been brought to the attention of the council last month. The police informed members that the reporting of crimes had changed. For instance if there were 2 crimes reported on one incident this was now shown as 2 crimes rather than recording just the major crime of an incident. The spike shown for Wigton was lower than other areas in Allerdale and they assured members that there was no problems in Wigton.

Parking Group Meeting – 4th February 2019 (Cllr Ferriby) – Attached notes. Members discussed free parking days and 20 minute spaces on Water St Car Park. Next meeting to take place May/June.

Finance Meeting – 11th February (Cllr Ferriby) Budget monitoring was discussed and it showed that Income was greater than budget but Expenditure had also exceeded the budget. Reserves were low and the budget for 19/20 had addressed this.

Donations were given to Carnival Group, Amy’s Care, Thomlinson Junior School and Solway Arts Society. All charges for Allotments, Bowling Club and Football Pitches to stay the same as last year.

Planning Meeting – 13th February (Cllr Bryceson) Planning applications were reviewed and comments noted.

**FC/117/2018 MEMORIAL BENCH – MR REG PARKER**

To discuss siting a bench on the highway and agree to a MOA with Cumbria CC – The Clerk reported that the Council would have to enter in to a Memorandum of Agreement with Cumbria County Council as this cannot be done with an individual. The Clerk stated that the Council should enter in to the same with the family of Mr Parker and therefore there would be no liability to the Council. The Clerk to seek approval from Annette Parker.

**FC/118/2018 PINFOLD**

To approve signage and costs – Drawing circulated. Costs and colours **APPROVED**.

**FC/119/2018 WBJC**

Cllr Williams to report on meeting held on 30th January 2019

* The committee have agreed new plaques for the Memorial Garden and Cllr Girvan tasked with putting together a policy and procedure.
* Fees and Charges for 2019/20 were discussed and it was agreed that they would be in line with Allerdale Borough Councils.
* Working Group (Chair from each Council) discussing business plan as Wigton TC are aware that Allerdale BC withdrew all funding for the Cemetery as of 19/20.
* Clerk to the committee has resigned.
* Legal Case ongoing but hopefully near to a resolution.

**FC/120/2018 BARTON LAWS MEETING – CONFIDENTIAL**

Cllr Keaveney to report on meeting with Day Cummins on 6th February and discuss project costs/budget – Initial cost plan has come in at over 6000k. Members need to decide what their top budget cost will be.

**AGREED** to set costs at 550k. Clerk to ask Day Cummins to reduce cost plan.

Clerk to look at Public Loan Board and also ask ABC for help regarding funding / Officer time.

Cllr Keaveney reported that NADT have given their full support to this project.

**FC/121/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March 2019

Meeting Closed 8.45pm