

**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM**

For future public record, this Town Council meeting was held using the Zoom video conferencing facility. In March 2020 following a pandemic outbreak of Coronavirus, (Covid 19), on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the UK government announced a national lockdown on UK citizens. One restriction was to ban public meetings of more than 2 people and those participants must maintain a social distancing of 2metres between them. The government in early April brought in legislation which permitted Local Authorities, including Town and Parish Councils, to meet using a video conferencing facility. This system will continue in use until such time as the government allows the return of public gatherings and meetings in community buildings.

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Lynch, Robson, Huntington, Jackson, Williams, Hodson, Armstrong, Scott, Clark, Ferriby, Robbins, Hamblin and Crouch

Cllr Pitcher in attendance

**FC/103/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies – Cllr Stapley

**FC/104/2020 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Approved and signed as a true record  
Town Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Approved and signed as a true record  
Town Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 – Approved and signed as a true record  
Finance Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Approved and signed as a true record  
Footpaths and Parks Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Approved and signed as a true record

Cllr Clark spoke on behalf of the Footpaths and Parks committee – Members had discussed the Burnfoot Allotments and **AGREED** that any financial decisions need to be dealt with by the full council.

**FC/105/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**FC/106/2020 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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## **FC/107/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**107/2020/1** To receive reports from the Public – None

**107/2020/2** To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance – Cllr Crouch had attended an Overview and Scrutiny meeting, ABC FC and there was to be the first business group meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm. Cllr Crouch to send details out to members.

Cllr Pitcher – O & S had met with the exec. Looking at other areas in the town for flood sack distribution. Not ABC related but he has set a run challenge for 2021 5k/10k/1/2 or full marathon raising money for the baths.

Cllr Lynch had attended a development panel, climate change and licencing committee looking at new fees which will go to the ABC FC meeting.

## **FC/108/2020 FINANCE MATTERS**

**108/2020/1** To receive and authorise payments and financial statement for January 2021- Cllr Crouch asked for clarification of a payment to Saundersons for the bowling green, the Clerk will send out the information. The statement was received and payments were authorised

## **FC/109/2020 PUBLIC TOILETS – TO DISCUSS AND AGREE IF ANY CHANGES TO BE MADE**

It was **AGREED** No changes to be made to the existing arrangements.

## **FC/110/2020 BAILEY BRIDGE**

To discuss 2 offers for the bailey bridge – attached

Quote 1 - £500 offered

Quote 2 – No money offered but pat of the bridge would be recycled just outside of Wigton

Cllr Hodson suggested that we needed to pursue selling the bridge.

It was **AGREED** to try selling the bridge on ebay with a time limit. Cllr Armstrong happy to set this up. 28 day ebay page / explore other scrap options/go back to both original offers to let them know. Also set a limit on the ebay page but also set to open to offers.

Put on the April agenda for an update.

## **FC/111/2020 TREE PLANTING AT EASTEND PARK**

It was **AGREED** to allow TWIG to plant approx. 30-40 trees along the fence and TWIG happy to maintain them.

## **FC/112/2020 INSURANCE RENEWAL**

To discuss 2 quotes received for the council's insurance renewal and appoint one.

Unfortunately, both quotes had not arrived in time for the meeting. The Clerk was asked to

email both quotes out to members as soon as they arrive and it was **AGREED** they would email back which insurer they wanted to appoint.

### **FC/113/2020 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WBJC AND ABC**

Recommendation from WBJC for Council to sign and agree a service agreement with ABC for the curating services at Wigton Cemetery. The cemetery will still be run by the 3 councils this is just for curating services, which ABC have been doing for over 2 years.

Members **AGREED** to the service agreement.

### **FC/114/2020 TOWN MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Crouch asked the clerk to send a letter of thanks to the High Sherriff for spotlighting Wigton on her facebook page. There is to be a proposed Zoom meeting with her in March.

### **FC/115/2020 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported the following

- Website Accessibility Regulations – We are now fully compliant.
- Speet Gill – Stephen sent photos of the erosion of the bank. He will be doing some willow work there this week and next.
- Kissing Gate – We have asked Hopes for the owner details of the field. – To follow up
- Barton Laws Update –  
100% works complete – Changing rooms demolished, drainage removed, topsoil and subsoil stripped and drainage systems checked. Gas connection, electric connection and cabinet supplied.  
75% works complete - Trenches dug  
Unfortunately, extra money has been spent due to weather conditions (out of contingency) – Foundation delays due to flooding, this required a trench to be dug to the left of the new build to take away the water into the beck. Pumps were required as trenches filling up constantly. Blockwork started last week.  
Cllrs Lynch and Armstrong had a meeting with the architect last week – discussed colours for shutters etc. Going with white and various shades of grey (all costs within tender price) Think we need to start with publicity for this. Keep the public updated.
- Virtual Meetings – Date either 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm DF, EL, JC, MC, PW and CS  
**Agreed Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6.00pm**
- F & P Meeting – New date/time MC, AJ, HR, CS and JH  
**Agreed Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.00pm**

### **FC/116/2020 MEMBERS REPORTS**

MA – Barton Laws and Putting Green Working Group  
JC – Emergency Response Group  
CS – Emergency Response Group  
EL – Emergency Response Group and Barton Laws

### **FC/117/2020 CONFIDENTIAL**

### **FC/118/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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