

**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**PRESENT** – Cllrs Lynch, Ferriby, Crouch, Robbins, Williams, Hamblin, Scott, Robson, Jackson, Armstrong, Speksnyder, Hodson, Clark, Stapley and Huntington

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Sam Smedley

**FC/44/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies – R Liddle

**FC/45/2021 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES**

Town Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Approved and signed as a true record

Policy & Development Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Approved and signed as a true record

Town Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Approved and signed as a true record

**FC/46/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**FC/47/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

None

**FC/48/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**48/2021/1** To receive reports from the Public – Cllr Williams reported there were a lot of grassed areas in the town that had not been cut. Members discussed the situation and some members did not know which areas should be cut by Allerdale BC or County Council. The Clerk was asked to put the CCC hotline information on facebook. Cllr Liddle is trying to set up a meeting to discuss the Town Council cutting the grass in the town.

It was noted and appreciated that Cllr Liddle had secured £30k from a Government Environmental Fund. The Clerk to send out details once they were provided by CCC.

**48/2021/2** To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

Cllr Crouch – None

Cllr Lynch – Climate change meetings discussing amongst other things electric vehicles/ cutting omissions/encouraging people to use public transport and cycle ways. 2 Development Panel meetings and a Wigton Town Team.

**FC/49/2021 FINANCE MATTERS**

To receive and authorise payments and financial statement for June 2021-

The statement was received and payments were authorised.

**FC/50/2021 PUTTING GREEN WORKING GROUP**

Report sent previously via email to all members.

Recommendation to full council is

To open for weekends after the 19<sup>th</sup> July  
A small charge for use  
Cllr Lynch moved the proposal and Cllr Scott seconded  
A vote was taken For 14 Against 0 Abstain 1. Motion carried

Cllr Scot asked if the Council could look at helping cut the grass. The Clerk to look into this.

#### **FC/51/2021 TRAFFIC MEASURES**

Cllr Ferriby reported he had sent a letter regarding the traffic issues outside the Junior School to Cumbria CC. Also a letter is ready to send to ABC regarding the Goose Market

#### **FC/52/2021 HAPPY TO CHAT BENCH**

The Clerk discussed a request had come from Hazel Stewart, Wigton Medical Group to have a bench in the town with a sign that says 'Happy to Chat'. The Clerk had got a quote for a sign at £15.00. Members **AGREED** that a bench on the Cornmarket and Memorial Garden could be used.

#### **FC/53/2021 FAIRTRADE**

The Clerk asked to send a letter to Trish Fallows thanking her for all the hard work she has put in to making Wigton a Fairtrade Town.

#### **FC/54/2021 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **FC/55/2021 CLERKS REPORT**

Barton Laws – Site meeting 24/6/2021 All going well. Waiting for quote from L Messenger for Car Park. Works will be carried out on the pitches this week/next.

Bus Shelter South End – Waiting for information on footpath closure

Park Bower – Waiting for quote but basically the roof and trusses are no good. £40-50k He is giving us some new parts for the roof which may or may not help with the leak problem. Could last us the rest of this season/next?

CCTV – Vandalism to 2 cameras. Looks like power has been cut. Waiting further instruction from Tellemachus.

Staff – 1 off sick, 1 off isolating, 2 trailer tests this month and 1 weed spraying.

#### **FC/56/2021 MEMBERS REPORT**

Cllrs DF, MC & NR had met to discuss an Intimidation Policy which hopefully would be ready for the September meeting.

CScott – Litter pick Wigton Infants and Springfields Carnival as Deputy Mayor

SH, AJ, CStapley – Litter pick at WIS

PW – WBJC meeting. Looking into high rates. MC and JH do masses of work up there.

Looking to appoint a Clerk. New tenant for Cemetery House. Contract going well with ABC and there are now 14 plaques on the Memorial wall.

JC – Wigton Business Group leaflets have been printed and members will be delivering them personally to shops

EL – Town Team, looking at the terms of reference. Thinking Place Consultants have come up with themes and are looking at match funding. Members felt there should be another public consultation when restrictions are lifted. DF suggested the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in September.

Cllr Williams told members that Mave Tyas had passed away at the weekend. Our thoughts are with her family.

**FC/57/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Meeting closed at 8.30pm