

## Safety

### **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 6PM IN THE SUPPER ROOM OF EGREMONT MARKET HALL.**

Present:

Mr Michael McVeigh	Chairman
Mrs Jacqui Smith	Vice-Chairperson

Also:

Mrs Jean Lewthwaite, Mrs Lena Hogg, Mr Neil Ferguson, Mr Sam Pollen, Mr Wilf Sibson, Mr Leigh Mossop & Mr John Burns.  
Mr David Southward & Mr Henry Wormstrup – County Councillors  
Mr & Mrs Fox – Members of the public  
Mrs Margaret Woodburn – Town Clerk  
Mrs Geraldine Pritchard – R.F.O.

#### **112/15/16 APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Mr Drew Sandelands – Whitehaven News reporter

#### **113/15/16 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015.**

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 are approved and signed as a true record.

#### **114/15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

M McVeigh declared an interest in all planning applications. S Pollen & N Ferguson declared an interest in any items relating to the Nuclear Industry at Sellafield.

#### **115/15/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chairperson welcomed Mr & Mrs Fox who came to make a presentation about a charity they have set up called Siiboo which means “Dream”. After they had been on holiday to Zambia and visited Gambia they witnessed the extreme poverty suffered by the people who lived there so they came back and started fundraising and contacting various agencies for help and from there, it has escalated. To date, they have helped the children in a local school, nursery and hospital and the donations continue to flood in including shoes which are sent over to the children who cannot attend school unless they have shoes to wear. Any monies raised or donated goes to pay for transport and duty costs to enable them to get the supplies to this area that they are supporting. Chairperson then thanked Mr & Mrs Fox for their enlightening talk and said that the Town Council would discuss later on in the meeting if they could assist in any way and they would be informed of the outcome.

After receiving a lot of complaints re: street lighting at Moor Row, H Wormstrup obtained a map of all the street lights and who was responsible for them, some is the County’s responsibility and some is Copeland’s responsibility, he has also given J Burns a copy as he is the ward councillor in Moor Row and H Wormstrup was asked if he could provide a copy for the office.

Applying to the Chairperson’s query and photo sent re: parking on pavements at West Spur, H Wormstrup said he was told it was not illegal to park on the pavement but it was illegal to drive on the pavement.

Chairperson said that parking issues in Egremont especially on the Main Street is a fiasco, the County is responsible but they employed Allerdale to enforce, both County Councillors said they were very

disappointed at how the standard had fallen and a new structure coming in will see one enforcement person for Whitehaven and two more for the rest of Copeland.

County Budget Consultation concludes on Friday and a big problem is the proposal to close five fire stations and this will be looked at in February.

The Cumbria Deal bid was progressed by staff and officers of the County working in August after being encouraged by Michael Hestletine to ask for what they wanted but to date no response has been received. NDA Strategy 3 will get a response from the Leader of Cumbria County Council.

Flooding around the County has seen lots of infrastructure and bridges damaged, D Cameron visited the County and said £40 million would be made available but this would only repair about 7 miles of road which is a nonsense, the A591 needs done properly and the estimate given was ½ billion. County has £40 million in their capital budget which had been allocated with £5 million to spare and this was allocated to the floods but it is a drop in the ocean, the County does not want the Government to come in and repair a section and leave the rest unstable so the County, Government and Highways Agency will have to work together for the good of all concerned.

A question about the funding for the Orgill Flooding Scheme this was matched by the Copeland Community Fund 18 months ago but United Utilities work very slowly, D Southward was asked to find out more about this scheme as it is always an item on the Orgill Tenants & Residents agenda.

#### **116/15/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Chairperson left the meeting and the Vice-Chairperson took the chair

4/15/2509/OF1 Alterations and extension for new bedroom and garage  
Mr Holdsworth, 35 Chapel St, Bigrigg  
No objection as long as there is neighbour consultation

4/15/2504/OF1 Erection of detached dwelling & temporary consent for residential caravan  
J Irving, Low Farm, Moor Row  
Councillors would request that a 12 month restriction is put in place for the length of time this caravan can remain in this place.

4/15/2505/OF1 Erection of implement shed & general purpose building  
J Irving, Low Farm, Moor Row  
No objection

4/15/2506/OF1 Erection of general purpose agricultural building  
J Irving, Low Farm, Moor Row  
No objection

4/15/2507/OF1 Retrospective application for general purpose agricultural building excluding housing of livestock  
J Irving, Low Farm, Moor Row  
Egremont Town Council would like it noted that they are not happy with applications that request retrospective permission and they ask that these applicants are informed that this will not be tolerated in the future.

With regards to the four applications above relating to J Irving, Councillors feel that due to the scale of the applications a site visit is recommended.

4/15/2534/1 Extension to first floor bedroom  
J Norman, 7 East Road, Egremont  
No objection as long as there is neighbour consultation

4/16/9001 Consultation on proposed extensions to box encapsulation plant (BEP) and siting of temporary construction accommodation/welfare units for Sellafield Ltd from Cumbria County Council  
Resolved to reply to the county Council that Egremont Town Council has no objections

Chairperson returned to the meeting.

## **117/15/16 TO DISCUSS REPORTS FROM MEETINGS/EVENTS**

### Cemetery Visitors' report

J Smith had visited the grounds and found everything to be fine; she spoke to N Shepherd who pointed out the path near the chapels which he is going to treat for moss

### Bowling Green

J Smith said there wasn't a meeting until 1<sup>st</sup> February but she had spoken to a person at St Bridget's School about organising some youth matches, he wanted to know some details so she will take it back to the Bowling Club committee and she was also willing to go into the schools with a Bowling Green member.

### Highways

S Pollen had spoken to Craig McCarron from Highways and hopes to have a meeting in February so if there are any issues, Councillors should email Sam.

### Dilapidated buildings

L Hogg reported on the Red Lion and Tommy Kelly's buildings. Plans for offices and accommodation are being prepared but as they are in the conservation area, there is certain restrictions and the owner of the Red Lion is having the frontage checked for movement so that will delay things if it has to be demolished and rebuilt.

The cinema site owner has met on site with Councillors and when he gets his property in Wales sold, he intends to develop 8 town houses on this area.

### Website

J Burns, J Smith & G Pritchard had met with Richard Mulholland and Richard is asking for material, photos of the town, photos and details of the Councillors – on being asked if the website was ready, Councillors were informed that Richard would do the work but material to go on the site would come via the office and people will be invited to contribute information.

Design and layout content is being addressed by the website working party and will be ongoing project as it will take quite some time.

### Personnel

Chairperson reported that there is a long standing issue that is still ongoing but he would request an update from CALC.

### Allotments

N Ferguson gave a report following a site visit at Sandholes along with allotment chairman Clive Brannon and others.

A Cowen's trees – a quote for the work has already been agreed & this is in hand.

Todhunter's trees – resolved J Davis looks at the site (which is Copeland's site) and give his opinion as to the best way forward as these trees were planted to screen the allotments from the play area.

No decision has been made with regards siting a bollard.

Drainage work was just a temporary fix and major work would be needed to alleviate the problem but the ground is only leased from Copeland so if this route is to be taken, Copeland would have to be involved.

Planings has been suggested again and apparently there is some at Florence Mine – S Pollen to take the matter to Craig McCarron re: planings

With regards Mr Caine's concern with the footpath near his plot, agreed a letter is sent to Mr Caine jnr who is the tenant to explain the situation.

It was agreed to obtain another quote from a pest controller.

#### Finance

Resolved to donate £50 to Miss B Weir who has been selected to represent England Tag Rugby Team on their tour to Uganda where they will be helping to improve the lives of children in underprivileged areas. Resolved to allow for free of charge, James Fisher Nuclear Ltd the use of 11 tables and 30 chairs for a one day event they are holding.

Resolved to show our Council's support by paying for an advert at a cost of £100 to celebrate Works 4 You Ltd's 10 years in the business.

Resolved to give free hall hire to the charity Give us a Break Charity if they wish to organise a fundraising event in the Market Hall.

It was resolved to delay making a donation to the charity siiboo until the new financial year.

Following a full report given by the RFO, it was resolved that the precept is increased by 5% which equates to £5,859.49.

Resolved that a further £20,000 is pledged toward the cost of refurbishing the chapels.

Information form CALC stating the Government won't be capping parishes in 2016.16/

#### **118/15/16 TO REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday beacon – members felt the parishes nearer the coastline were the most likely places to have a beacon, resolved this is noted only.

On the nomination for the Queens Garden Party on 19<sup>th</sup> May, resolved Chairperson's name is forwarded to CALC to be entered into a draw for the 4 places available.

National Grid information regarding minor site investigation works in Egremont from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January in Beck Green (old gasworks site) members were glad of this information.

#### **119/15/16 CLERK'S REPORT**

Nugen want to give everyone an opportunity to give their views other than those who attend meetings, Clerk gave them some contacts.

Email from Copeland on what services Parks & Open Spaces can quote for.

Email from J Bland tendering her resignation due to work commitments, everyone was sorry to lose June and it was resolved that a letter of thanks is sent to June for her contribution to the Town Council over the years.

Bowling Green remedial work commenced on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Cobbled area in front of Egremont Castle, parts are loose, this was reported by a member of the public, it is not the responsibility of Copeland or the County so the lengthsman will carry out the repair.

Appeal letter from Copeland re: Cleator Solar Park Ltd for the solar farm application between Woodend and Moor Row, Councillors agreed that no further comments would be made.

As David Bewley is not well, the electrical work has been delayed so it was resolved that the clerk contact him again and if no start date can be given, the Town Council will have to look for another electrician.

Contacts for Cumbria Co-op and J N Murray have been passed to the relevant people to decide which site is most suitable for a defibrillator.

Phoenix Youth sent a nice thank you letter for the pledge of £1,000 to enable the outreach at Moor Row to continue, £10,000 has been pledged by other parishes involved.

Letter has gone to Copeland to extend the lease for Egremont public bowling green by 5 years with the financial situation being reviewed every 12 months so Copeland has recommended that a break out clause is added into the lease.

Councillors were asked for ideas for projects for the lengthsman future works programme, activities to include volunteering and up skilling – any ideas please forward onto the office.

Permission was given for one reopener burial, one added inscription and one sloping desk vase.

**120/15/16 JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Resolved that the financial summary for January is received and accepted, the amount being £13,356.50.

**121/15/16 COUNCILLORS MATTERS**

S Pollen reported overhanging trees in Egremont Castle, he was asked to let the office know exactly where the problem is then action can be taken.

S Pollen mentioned anti-social behaviour problems at Orgill Primary School and Howgill centre and the apparent lack of interest by police to do something about it – resolved the clerk write to Inspector Mark Wear and draw his attention to this problem and ask what action he is going to take.

S Pollen had a copy of Sellafield Ltd Socio Economic Strategy, resolved clerk write and ask Helen Fisher (with a copy to go to Rory O’Neill too) to come and give a presentation to the Town Council and make groups aware of what funding pots of cash there is available to bid for. It was also agreed that this presentation is given at a separate meeting and that two members each from the crab fair committee and amenity committee are also invited.

**122/15/16 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA:**

Cemetery machine

Egremont Toilets/Egremont car park

Councillors were asked to contact the office if they want anything to be added to the agenda above what has already been agreed.

**123/15/16 THERE WAS NO ITEMS OF MOTION**

**124/15/16 RESOLVED THAT THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6PM ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE SUPPER ROOM OF EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.