

APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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APPLEBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.00pm

Present:

Deputy Mayor:	Cllr Miss Hutchinson (In Chair)	Cllr Rooke
Councillors:	Cllr Hayes	Cllr Stephenson
	Cllr Pape	Cllr Chalmers
	Cllr H Potts	Cllr Wignall
	Cllr Connell (arrv 7.25)	Cllr Mrs Anderton

Also in attendance: Mayor's Chaplain Revd. Roger Collinson, Mace Bearer David Johnson, Hannah Truman (Herald) plus 24 members of the Public.

ACTION

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr F Potts, Cllr Curley, Cllr Dougherty, Cllr Mrs Dixon-Dougherty.

Clerk

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Miss Hutchinson took the Chair.

C1/02/20 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Connell declared a personal interest in any items on the agenda that relate to Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council (EDC).

Clerk

C2/02/20 **Minutes**

Council

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the meeting to sign the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** held on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any resolutions.

Cllr Miss
Hutchinson

Committees – Committee meetings cancelled due to Storm Ciara

C3/02/20 **Questions to be received from the public**

Members of the Save the Bongate Wire addressed the meeting to give their views on recent Public Consultation Group meeting held at the Public Hall. Over 900 signatures have been collected in support of non-removal of the Weir. The group have proposed the formation of a CIC or such like Social Enterprise to support their aims and Appleby Town Council's approval would be helpful in proceeding with such an aim. Speakers spoke with passion about what the Weir means to the residents of Appleby and that its Historic value should be appreciated and acknowledged. Speakers also gave innovative ideas for future uses of weir including a Hydro Electric Scheme.

Cllr Miss
Hutchinson

The Chairman thanked the public for their engagement in this matter.

C4/02/20 **Police Report**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note the Police's written report

Cllr Hayes thanked the PCSO's for their support during Storms Desmond and Ciara

C5/02/20 **County and District Councillor's Reports** **County**

COUNTY

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note Councillor Connell's written report

Cllr Connell thanked the Appleby Emergency Response group for their sterling work during both Storms.

Cllr Stevenson noted how efficiently the engineers worked to repair the bridge with minimum disruption to the town.

Cllr Stevenson

DISTRICT

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note Councillor Connell's written report

Cllr Greenwood informed the Council that EDC budget will go before Full Council February 27th 2020 and Councillors can access the full budget on line

Cllr Greenwood

Cllrs Stevenson asked about the issue of people shortcutting across the Graveyard at the Church as reported in the Herald, has there been any action to stop this shortcutting and Is there going to be any hold up in using the football pitch post Storms Ciara and Desmond?

Cllr Greenwood is not aware of any plans to erect fencing at the Graveyard but believes that a hedge planting scheme is planned and will keep Councillors informed

Cllr Greenwood reported that after Storm Desmond £85k was spent of drainage at the football club and as a result no problems were expected. Cllr Anderton asked when will EDC replace the rubber matting on the playground as it has been repeatedly damaged after the two storms

Cllr Greenwood

C6/02/20 Mayors Report

Cllr Dixon-Dougherty expressed her disappointment of the demise of the Appleby Carnival event and urged the public to get behind the event as it is much enjoyed by the residents of Appleby

C7/02/20 Clerks Report: It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept the Clerk's report

C8/02/20 Outside Body Reports

Clerk

Cllr Anderton reported that Appleby Grammar School have appointed a new Head teacher.

Cllr Hayes reported that he and Cllr Stevenson had attended Cumbria Healthwatch and will keep members informed of new initiative.

ALL

Cllr Hayes

Cllr Chalmers thanks the AERG team and the volunteers who turned up every day and gave special thanks to Colin Smith. He reported that one of the priorities of the AERG is funding over the next two to three years, funding received from Cumbria Community Foundation runs out at the end of the year and as recent events have shown we do need a Project co-ordinator post to manage the response, to manage and train volunteers. We will be approaching CCC, EDC and ATC to ask for support with a view of achieving £10k per year. The community response was brilliant and it was great to see so many young people get involved in helping with sandbags and transport especially the young farmers. Cllr Chalmers thanked the primary school for the use of the hall. Neil Hudson MP also attended. The Chairman thanked the group on the Council's behalf.

Cllr Chalmers

Cllr Rooke reported he attended a meeting of the British Legion regarding the 75th anniversary of VE day on the 8th May 2020. Several suggestions were put forward to include other groups in the town and Cllr Rooke will keep the Council informed on plans moving forward.

C9/02/20 Scheduled payments and bank transfers

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the schedule of payments for the month of January 2020, totalling **£15,032.37** This figure includes employee salaries and purchases; and is inclusive of VAT. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the transfer of funds for January 2020 totalling **£13,656.66**

Cllr Rooke

Cllr Miss
Hutchinson

C10/02/20 Councillor's reports and items for future agendas

Cllr H Potts would like the issue of the flooding of the Sands to be an item on the next Planning & GP Committee meeting agenda as a matter of urgency. Action point for ATC.

Town Clerk

Cllr Wignall is researching Town Twinning and asked if the Council were in favour, if so he would continue with his inquiries and report back to Council. The Council agreed he should continue with his investigations and ATC was tasked with putting this as an item for the next Planning and G.P. agenda

Cllr Wignall
Clerk

Date of the Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the next **Ordinary Meeting** of the Council will be held on **Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 7pm (Cancelled due to COVID-19)**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 22 July 2020**(Covid-19 virtual meeting)

THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORISED BY
THE COUNCIL TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO
CONFIRM THEIR BEING AN ACCURATE RECORD:

Cllr Gareth Hayes
