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APPLEBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

Mayor:	Cllr Hayes	Cllr Stevenson
Deputy Mayor:	Cllr Chalmers	Cllr Curley
Councillors:	Cllr Mrs Anderton	Cllr Dougherty
	Cllr Connell	Cllr Davidson
	Cllr H Potts	Cllr F Potts (7.10)
	Cllr S Rooke	
	Cllr Hutchinson	

Also, in attendance: Hannah Truman (The Cumberland & Westmorland Herald) Town Clerk, Cllr Karen Greenwood, Audra Waite, Environment Agency, Iwan Lawton, Environment Agency

The Mayor welcomed our Guests and asked for a moment's silence to remember those within our community who had recently died from COVID>

C1/01/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Wignall, Cllr T Wignall. A/Insp Peter Aiston.

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C2/01/21 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. Cllr H Potts declared a pecuniary interest in items relating to planning ref, 0870. Cllr M Dougherty declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Environment Agency. Cllrs Chalmers, and F Potts declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Environment Agency.

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C3/01/21 Minutes

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It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the meeting to sign the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** held on **Wednesday 16th December 2020** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any resolutions.

Chairman

Committees

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Finance Committee** held on **Monday 11th January 2021** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. It was resolved to accept the Precept report for 21/22 an increase of 5% on precept Band D house and the Budget for 2021-22 and to accept the CTRS amendment when received by ATC. Proposed Cllr Chalmers and Seconded Cllr Stephenson. A precept report is available on www.applebytown.org.uk It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the finance committee to award grants to Air Ambulance, Appleby Primary School and ACAT. All agreed.

Cllr Chalmers

Cllr Stephenson

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Planning & General-Purpose Committee** held on **Monday 11th January 2021** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. All in favour.

Cllr Mrs Anderton

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Vice Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Property Committee** held on **Monday 11th January 2021** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. All in favour.

C4/01/21 Doomgate Culvert

Questions were raised by Councillors and the Town Clerk following the presentations from EA when it seemed to suggest that the project may not come in under Budget to meet the Treasury Green Book guidelines. The Green Book's guidance issued by HM Treasury on how to appraise policies, programmes and projects. It was suggested that delays in commencing construction following the task to seek more

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funding and approvals, could push delivery of the scheme back to 2022/2023. Audra Waite added “the benefit-cost ratio “needed to be altered to pass approval. The Deputy Mayor Cllr Chalmers said, “it was disappointing that now there could be more delays to the project” and the Mayor Cllr Hayes called the news “distressing”. It was **RESOLVED** the Town Clerk would seek clarification and assurances from the Environment Agency that this important project will not be derailed due to over running design costs.

C5/01/21 Horse Fair 2021

The Clerk read out a prepared statement from Insp Aiston who confirms that the decision has been taken to following the 2019 Policing model with Appleby Fair and in particular phase 1, encampments, this means an increase in Police presence at certain locations. The Police will work with highways to get the wooden posts back into those verges which caused previous issues. COVID is an issue, we know that there will likely be restrictions in place, and I cannot foresee that large scale gathering will be allowed, which will present a different challenge. I hope a decision can be made by Easter. He asked the Town Council to start thinking about the Fair and what the common issues are, what can we put in place to help deal with any issues.

C6/01/21

Questions to be received from the public

No questions were received from the public in respect of this meeting.

C7/01/21 Police Report

It was resolved to receive the Police Report.

C8/01/21 HAZ update

Following the recent tender process, Crosby Grainger were appointed the Lead Professionals for the Moot Hall repairs. They will commence with updating the condition survey on Wednesday 20th January 2021. Sarah Fryer will take up her role as HAZ officer mid-February.

C9/01/21 County and District Councillor’s reports

County: it was resolved to receive and note Cllr Connell’s report. Cllr Council reported Highways envisions a faster roll out of the A66 improvements scheme with a completion date of 2029 some 5 years earlier than predicated.

District: It was resolved to received and Cllr Greenwood’s report. Cllr Greenwood reported that EDC’s budget 2021-22 is out for consultation and available on www.edendistrict.co.uk it shows an increase of £5 on a band D property equal to a 2% increase on last year. Support for Appleby Businesses from EDC is on-going and information available on the EDC website. The Mayor congratulate CCC and EDC’s approach to the vaccine roll out which is working very efficiently, he also congratulated Appleby Medical practice for their efforts to ensure the community are care for during this time.

C10/01/21 Mayor’s Report

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Mayor’s report. The Mayor continues to engage with residents and businesses around Town to ensure support during COVID. The Mayor thanked **Karen Babayan** for “helming the novel challenge across the town and will many more window displays to come, it looks like being an unqualified success and mood lifter”. Thanks also the creative volunteers who has given their time to help. The Mayor has posted a Mayor’s Message on www.applebytown.org.uk website and the Herald and appeared on BBC Radio Cumbria discussing the vaccine roll-out. At the end of the month the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will host Dr Neil Hudson MP in a Zoom catch up to discuss both COVID resilience and “tidy town’ projects such as the Moot Hall and Appleby in Bloom.

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11/01/21 Clerk’s Report – It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Clerk’s report

C12/01/21 Outside Body Reports

It was resolved to accept outside body reports. Cllr Anderton attended a recent Appleby Grammar School Governors’ meeting and praised the staff in their handling of on-line learning during this difficult time. Cllr Chalmers invited the Council to attend the February AERG AGM, via ZOOM, meeting details on www.applebyaerg.org.uk . 563 is running for essential purposes (e.g., Vaccines) etc and serves Scattergate.

C1301/21 Schedule of Payments & Bank Transfers- December 2020

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the schedule of payments for the month of December 2020, totalling **£10,121.67**This figure includes employee salaries and is inclusive of VAT. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the transfer of funds for November 2020 totalling **£32,739.41**.

Chairman

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C16/01/21 Councillors' report and items for future agendas

- Doomgate Culvert
- Appleby in Bloom

Councillors noted that the next Ordinary **Meeting of the Council** will be held Virtually on **Wednesday 17th February 2021** at **7pm. Via zoom**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON:

WEDNESDAY 17th February 2021

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