

# APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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## APPLEBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 at 7.00pm

### Present:

Mayor:	Cllr Hayes	
Deputy Mayor:	Cllr Chalmers	Cllr K Wignall
Councillors:	Cllr Mrs Anderton	Cllr Dougherty
	Cllr Connell	Cllr Davidson
	Cllr H Potts	Cllr F Potts
	Cllr S Rooke	
	Cllr Hutchinson	

*Also, in attendance:* Guy Hurst (The Cumberland & Westmorland Herald) Town Clerk, Cllr Karen Greenwood EDC, Susan Fryer HAZ.

### Part one

#### C1/03/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Curley and Cllr T Wignall due to work commitments. Cllr M Stephenson due to family commitments

**ACTION**

**Clerk**

#### C2/03/21 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.

**Clerk**

#### C3/03/21 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021** 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. All in favour

**Cllr  
Chalmers**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Planning & General-Purpose Committee** held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. All in favour.

**Cllr  
Chalmers**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Vice Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Property Committee** held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. All in favour

**Cllr  
Anderton**

#### C4/03/21 Questions to be received from the public.

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

#### C5/03/21 Police Report

It was resolved to receive the Police Report

**Clerk**

## C6/03/21 A66 By Pass

The Chairman reported dates for schedules works on the A66, the Chairman requested these be posted on the website and through our social media channels

Clerk

## C7/03/21 Government re-organisation

The Mayor explained to Council how important this event is for the residents of Appleby In Westmorland and Councillors should be well informed re the choices presented to us.

Cllr K Greenwood's power point presentation outlined the main features of EDC'S proposals for creating Unitary Authorities in Cumbria. EDC submitted their proposal without the knowledge of what is in the White paper as publication has been delayed. Main points from the EDC proposal are:

- Two unitaries providing local representation, responsibility and accountability as part of a strong Cumbria Combined Authority
- Local responsive, accessible services, integrating planning and service delivery
- Strengthening our economy o lead UK towards a greener and more prosperous future
- Delivering high quality services and delivering value for our residents.
- Two unitary provide the right balance of population size and economy of scale with the practicalities of Cumbrian Geography, culture and society.

Cllr K  
Greenwood

For further information please see attached slides

Cllr A  
Connell

Cllr A Connell gave a view from Cumbria County Council. CCC has always supported the view that keeping Cumbria together as one entity was the way forward and have submitted a proposal for a single authority. Consultation process has now been launched and people should response to the consultation and the Secretary of State will make the final decision. Full details for all options can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/proposals-for-unitary-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>

Clerk

## C8/03/21 County and District Councillor's reports

**County & District reports** it was resolved to receive and note Cllr Connell's County Report and Cllr K Greenwood's district report.

There will be an election on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the Police Crime Commissioners election at the Public Hall.

Cllr Chalmers thanked Cumbria County Council on behalf of AERG for their recent grant

Cllr  
Chalmers

## C9/03/21 Mayor's Report

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Mayor's report. The Mayor thanked Rotary for their support in re-opening Appleby Town safely. The Mayor have been invited to give a talk on his role of Mayor, his life and his vision for Town.

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## C10/03/21 Clerk's Report –

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Clerk's report.

Clerk

## C11/03/21 Outside Body Reports

It was resolved to accept outside body reports. The Clerk to write to ACAT with Cllr Hutchinson's details.

Clerk

## C12/03/21 Schedule of Payments & Bank Transfers – February 2021

The Chairman was authorised to sign the schedule of payments for February 2021 **£11,982.10** including bills and salaries and back transfers for the month of February 2021 **£5,758.79**.

Chairman

## Part Two

### C13/03/21 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council approved the exclusion of the press and public for part two of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Rook, seconded Cllr Dougherty. Guy Hurst and Cllr K Greenwood left the meeting.

Susan Fryer

### C14/03/21 HAZ update

The Chairman introduced Susan Fryer, HAZ project manager. Susan gave an overview of what the remaining 18<sup>th</sup> months of the programme would look like. The main themes will be the repair of the Moot Hall and the partnership working with local shops to repair and renew shop fronts. Susan explained that the Moot Hall has been identified as the most urgent building to be addressed. Cllr Chalmers said it was important that we focused on the buildings identified as needing work should be actioned to remove them from the 'at risk' register.

Tenders for the work on the Moot Hall will be published on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Susan said she will work with everyone to support Appleby for the remaining time left on HAZ project. The Clerk was charged with writing to HAZ to ask for an extension. Susan has offered to work with ATC to re-submit a Heritage Lottery Bid.

**C15/03/21**

Councillors noted that the next Ordinary **Meeting of the Council** will be held Virtually on **Wednesday 21st April 2021** at 7pm. **Via zoom**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm**

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON:

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

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

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