

# APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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## APPLEBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 at 6.45pm at the Moot Hall

### Present:

Councillors:	Cllr Curley (Chair)	Cllr Kemp
	Cllr Connell	Cllr Pape
	Cllr Davidson	Cllr F Potts
	Cllr Heap	Cllr Rooke

Also in attendance: Town Clerk, Rev Roger Collinson

### PART ONE

#### C1/04/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Anderton.

Cllr Curley announced the sad news that Martin Stephenson has resigned from his position as both Councillor and Chair & Mayor-elect. His wealth and breadth of knowledge will be sadly missed by all.

#### C2/04/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Connell declared an interest in any items on the agenda relating to Westmorland & Furness Council.

#### C3/04/23 Public Participation

There were no representations made by attending members of the public.

#### C4/04/23 Minutes

##### Council:

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the meeting to sign the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any resolutions. Recommendations and resolutions approved unanimously.

##### Committees:

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Planning & General Purpose** Committee held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Finance Committee** meeting held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023** as a true and accurate record.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Property Committee** held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023** as a true and accurate record and the Council to **APPROVE** the **RECOMMENDATION** to grant the licence to Mr Billy Welch for the use of Fair Hill for the period 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This was approved by all.

#### C5/04/23 Westmorland & Furness Council Report

Cllr Connell reported that:

- The inaugural AGM of Westmorland & Furness Council will take place in Kendal on 20<sup>th</sup> April, followed by the Eden Locality Board in Penrith on 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- Following the retirement of Les Clark, the new Chair of MASCg will be Steph Cordon, Director of Thriving Communities at W&F Council. The usual pre-Fair meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May in Appleby Public Hall.

### ACTION

Cllr Curley

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Davidson

Cllr Rooke

- The newly erected signs at Jubilee Ford have been erected by Cumbria Highways under the direction of the Dept of Transport, as a result of claims made against Highways authorities by motorists whose vehicles were damaged and who claimed that they were not made aware of the danger. Cllr Curley was asked to send Councillors a photo of the new signs.
- The closure of Bandley Bridge has been extended to 30 October, but the footpaths officer is optimistic that this work will be completed in May.
- Recent gales brought down a chimney and section of roof of a building in High Wiend necessitating the involvement of the Fire Service and the closure of the road by the Police for most of the day. After the building was made safe, the road was re-opened.
- The new Saturday bus service started on 1 April, with four return journeys from Penrith to Kirkby Stephen. This initiative has been underwritten by Kirkby Stephen Town Council with support from Appleby Town Council and other parish councils. Whether it will extend beyond its trial period of 16 weeks will depend on the level of patronage

Cllr Curley

#### **C6/04/23 Police Report**

There was no Police report.

The Clerk will contact PCSO Ballantyne to say that her monthly reports and attendance at meetings were valued by the Council and they hoped it would be possible to continue these in her reduced working hours.

The Clerk

#### **C7/04/23 Chair's Report**

- Cllr Curley reported that he understood that although the building at High Wiend had been stabilised following the chimney collapse and W&F Building Control Manager attending the site, further work was needed to completely remove all danger.
- Cllr Curley also reported that there had obviously been some 'hiccups' in waste collection following the changeover of Councils from 1<sup>st</sup> April. His house refuse hadn't been collected and when he had tried to report it via the online reporting system, this hadn't worked and a phone call was needed to resolve the non-pickup. Subsequent collections have been normalised.

#### **C8/04/23 Clerk's Report**

- The Clerk reported that a request had been made to Cumbria Constabulary to setup a police checkpoint to provide a constant police presence for reporting issues quickly over Horse Fair. It was suggested that this could be based at the Cloisters from say 8am to 8pm on Wednesday through to Sunday. Police Superintendent Matthew Kennerley was supportive of the idea and would confirm whether this would be possible. Cllr Davidson asked if a similar request could be made to have a permanent police checkpoint on Long Marton Road. At the last MASCG meeting it was agreed that it had been decided to cancel the evening CAG (Community Advisory Group) meetings held over the duration of Horse Fair because they were poorly attended. They were currently exploring options around an online form for reporting issues, which would then be fed into the morning MASCG meetings.
- There have been some issues with both public toilets. Broad Close toilets have been closed on several occasions recently following problems with drainage and vandalism. The Market Arcade toilets have also had problems with drainage, which hopefully is now resolved and recent vandalism to the ladies toilets. The Clerk was asked to include this an item for discussion at the next Property Committee.
- The Clerk is attending a National Lottery community funding event next week in Keswick to look at sources of funding for the Public Hall.

The Clerk

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#### **C9/04/23 Nominations for Mayor for the Civic Year Commencing May 2023**

Cllr Curley nominated Cllr Davidson to serve as Mayor for the next Civic Year commencing May 2023. After no other nominations, this was seconded by Cllr Rooke, with all in favour.

Cllr Davidson thanked Cllr Curley and agreed to accept the honour of serving as Mayor in 2023.

#### **C10/04/23 Outside Body Reports**

There were no reports.

#### **C11/04/23 Schedule of Payments**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the schedule of payments for the month of March, totalling **£21,445.54**. This figure includes employee salaries and all other expenditure and purchases; and is inclusive of VAT.

Cllr Curley

**C12/04/23 Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas**

Some Councillors reported problems reading their Councillor emails. It was agreed that the subject of communications should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Clerk

**C13/04/23 Dates of the Next Meeting and important additional dates**

Because of a clash with the Annual pre-Fair meeting, the next **Ordinary Meeting of the Council** will be held at the **Moot Hall** on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023** at the new time of **6.45pm**.

Full Council

The **Annual Town Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** in the Moot Hall.

Mayor Making & The Annual Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm** followed by the **Mayor's luncheon**.

The **Civic Service** will be held on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at St Lawrence's Church**.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.**

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**  
THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORISED BY THE COUNCIL TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO  
CONFIRM THEIR BEING AN ACCURATE RECORD:

*Cllr Davidson*

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