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APPLEBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2022 at 7.00pm at the Moot Hall

Present:

Mayor:	Cllr Hayes	
Deputy Mayor:	Cllr Stephenson	
Councillors:	Cllr Anderton	Cllr Heap
	Cllr Connell	Cllr Pape
	Cllr Curley	Cllr Rooke

Also in attendance: Town Clerk, Clerk's Assistant, Cllr Greenwood, Rev Roger Collinson (Mayor's Chaplain)

Rev Roger Collinson opened the meeting with a prayer and to give thanks for all the improvements the Council has been able to put in place to the town during 2022, including the Moot Hall, Cloisters, crosses and Public Hall, and to offer condolences to the Potts family for their loss.

PART ONE

C1/12/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Davidson, Cllr Kemp and Cllr Chalmers. Long term absence from Cllr F Potts was noted.

C2/12/22 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 Anderton declared a personal interest in any items relating to Fair Hill as a neighbouring property.

C3/12/22 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 23rd November 2022** 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 Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Finance Committee** held on **Monday 19th December 2022** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. Recommendations to accept the Management Accounts for November 2022 and the Draft Budget for 2023-24 were approved.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Planning & General-Purpose Committee** held on **Monday 19th December 2022** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. There were no Recommendations.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign the minutes of the **Property Committee** held on **Monday 19th December 2022** as a true and accurate record and the Council to approve any recommendations. There were no Recommendations.

C4/12/22 Public Participation

a) There were no public representation or questions from members of the public.

b) County and District Councillors Reports

County Council Report:

The County Council Report from Cllr Connell was received and noted. Cllr Connell reported that:

ACTION

Cllr Hayes

Cllr
Anderton

Cllr
Stephenson

Cllr
Anderton

- Westmorland & Furness Councillors were advised at the Council meeting held on 19th December, that nearly 90% of employees of the current County and District Councils, know which Council and in what capacity they will be working when the new Council comes into full operation on 1 April.
- Currently, unless a General Election is called, the only scheduled elections for 2023 are Parish Council elections to be held on 4th May.

District Council Report:

The District Council Report from Cllr Greenwood was received and noted.

Cllr Greenwood also reported that it was hoped to have the building work to Voreda House completed by end of March 2023. This will be the primary Penrith base for the new Westmorland & Furness Council.

C5/12/22 Police Report

There was no police report this month. It was agreed that for future meetings, the Clerk would send a link to the monthly Cumbria Constabulary policing report for the area.

Clerk

C6/12/22 Chair/Mayor's Report

The Mayor's Report was received and noted. Cllr Hayes reported that:

- He had had a busy month attending various Christmas events in the community, including switching on the Christmas lights at the beginning of the month, which saw a fabulous turnout. The children's Christmas party at the Hub raised £700 for the Platinum Playground fund and the Mayor's coffee morning raised £140 for the Air Ambulance, which will be donated in honour of the late Hughie Potts.
- A big thank you to ACAT and Appleby Rotary for all their efforts in lighting up Appleby during the Christmas period. Thank you to them and all the other voluntary groups for their terrific efforts during 2022.

7/12/22 Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reported a busy month, including working on putting together the budget for next year. The Precept for 2023-24 cannot be finalised until January when we have all the information from EDC on the Council Tax Base and CTRS.
- The building work on the Cloisters is now completed, slightly ahead of schedule and under budget.
- Fundraising for Jubilee Park is going really well and we have started to submit grant applications.
- The complaint made by Appleby Fair Community Group to the ICO regarding a Freedom of Information request is still ongoing.

C8/12/22 Outside Body Reports

There were no outside body reports.

C9/12/22 Schedule of Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the schedule of payments for the month of November, totalling **£45,897.47**. This figure includes employee salaries and all other expenditure and purchases; and is inclusive of VAT.

Cllr Hayes

C10/12/22 Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas

- Cllr Stephenson reported that the planning permission for 25 affordable homes has been approved.
- Appleby Rotary had had a very successful day on Saturday and had collected a van load of clothing, etc for the Ukraine appeal and had also collected around £1,600, which would be used to purchase 2 generators.
- The protective casing for the plague stone is now ready and Cllr Rooke will organise with Pigneys to install the stone at the beginning of the new year.
- Agreement has been reached in principle with EDC on the siting of a commemorative bench outside the British Legion Club. The Clerk will liaise with EDC and the BL regarding the exact positioning of the bench prior to any formal agreement with EDC being drawn up.

C11/12/22 Dates of the Next Meeting and important additional dates

Councillors noted that the next Ordinary **Meeting of the Council** will be held at the **Moot Hall** on **Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7pm.**

Full Council

It was agreed to change the date of the **Annual Meeting** from **Wednesday, 3rd May 2023** to **Wednesday, 10th May 2023** and the **Civil Service** from **Sunday, 7th May 2023** to **Sunday, 14th May 2023**, in line with **Local Council Elections** which are to be held on **Thursday, 4th May 2023**.

There being no further business, Part 1 of the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Rev Roger Collinson (Mayor's Chaplain) and Cllr Greenwood left the meeting.

PART TWO – PRIVATE SESSION

Closed to members of the Public

There being no further business, Part 2 of the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2023**
THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORISED BY THE COUNCIL TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO
CONFIRM THEIR BEING AN ACCURATE RECORD:

Gareth Hayes
