

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL WAS HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2022 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT – Cllrs Lynch, Ferriby, Hodson, Speksnyder, Robson, Hamblin, Crouch, Huntington, Armstrong, Jackson, Stapley, Robbins, Clark and Scott

FC/14/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Pitcher - ABC

FC/15/2022 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Town Council AGM meeting held on 11th May 2022 – Approved and signed as a true record

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Festivals meeting held on 17th May 2022 – Approved and signed as a true record

Parks, Open Spaces and Allotments meeting held on 23rd May 2022 – Approved and signed as a true record

FC/16/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Armstrong – Item 11

FC/17/2022 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/18/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

18/2022/1 To receive any representations from members of the public – None

18/2022/2 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors in attendance –

Cllr Lynch had attended ABC development panel on 7/6. First meeting of the new Cumberland Council on 17th May where they set out the constitution etc. Also appointments of the shadow executive. Cllr Lynch is on the exec for Education, skills and training.

Cllr Crouch – AGM on the 18/5 and training for licencing.

FC/19/2022 CO-OPTION OF VACANT SEAT

The Chair welcomed Shane McCarthy to speak. Mr McCarthy told members that he has lived in Wigton for 4 years and has a wife and young family. He feels his background in business would also be helpful on the town council.

Members voted and unanimously co-opted Mr McCarthy to the council. He then read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office, he took a seat at the table.

FC/20/2022 ASSET REGISTER 2021/22

To approve the asset register as of 31st March 2022. **AGREED** total value of assets = £1,105,014

FC/21/2022 RISK ASSESSMENT – GENERAL AND FINANCIAL

To receive and approve an updated general and financial risk assessment – Emailed to members prior to the meeting - **APPROVED** by members

FC/22/2022 INTERNAL AUDIT 2021/22

22/2022/1 To receive the Council's Internal Auditors Report – **RECEIVED**

22/2022/2 To note that the Finance Committee have reviewed the effectiveness of Internal Audit control and concluded it has operate effectively for 2021/22 and have re-appointed Mrs Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for 2022/23 - **NOTED**

FC/23/2022 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2021-22: ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

23/2022/1 To approve the accounts for year ended 31st March 2022 - **APPROVED**

23/2022/1 To review and approve Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the AGAR for 2021/22 and authorise the chairman and Clerk to sign - **APPROVED**

FC/24/2022 FINANCE MATTERS

24/2022/1 To receive and authorise payments and financial statement for May 2022

The statement was received. Payments **AUTHORISED**

24/2022/2 To receive a recommendation from the Finance committee to use sponsorship money to purchase a new mower for the putting area – **AGREED** to spend up to £500 on a new mower.

FC/25/2022 REMOVE A PARTY – CUMBERLAND BUILDING SOCIETY

To confirm that Patricia Williams is no longer a Wigton Town Councillor and therefore needs to be removed from the bank accounts signatory list. Members confirmed P Williams is no longer a member of Wigton TC and needs to be removed from the signatory list.

FC/26/2022 STREET NAMING – LOWMOOR ROAD

To discuss the suggested names for the new development on Lowmoor Road – It was **AGREED** by members to put the following names to the developers for consideration from Cllr Hodson who felt they were more relatable to the site.

Lowmoor Walk

Weavers Walk

Roman Way/Walk

Hodges Close/Way

Maglona Way/Walk/Close

FC/27/2021 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT

No report received this month.

FC/28/2022 PUMP TRACK WORKING GROUP

Members would like Council to change the name of the working group to Throstle Park Working group as the site is still in its infancy and there are still projects outstanding – Members **AGREED** to rename the working group.

Cllr Robson asked if some of the money donated by Sarah Donnelly be used to purchase some picnic benches for Throstle Park. All **AGREED**

FC/29/2022 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Making at Workington

Cleaning the fountain along with Cllrs Hodson, Clark and Jackson

Party in the Park – A great success

Lighting of the beacon

Art Exhibition

FC/30/2022 CLERKS REPORT –

The report below was noted by members

Wigton Chamber of trade wish to close the account they had with the Cumberland Building Society as they are no longer in existence. They have asked for the town council hold this money? Approx. £197.00 (New business group do not have a bank account as yet so couldn't take the money) All **AGREED** to hold the money

The Clerk reported that she would be leaving her post with the council later in the year (September/October) wants to give council time to replace her.

FC/31/2022 MEMBERS REPORT

To receive reports from Councillors who have attended meetings or represented the Town Council. It's also an opportunity to bring matters of interest to the council for information or future discussion.

AJ – Cleaning Fountain, Church Service, Beacon Lighting and Park

MA – Town meeting, beacon, working group, asked if we could explore costs of path along riverside of Barton Lanes? To discuss with CCC regarding public right of way.

SH – Town meeting, walk round business in town, Art Exhibition, Fountain cleaning, Food pantry, Church service, town crier, beacon lighting, Jubilee day and RBL

MH – WBJC and Church service

MC – Cleaning Fountain, Church Service and Beacon lighting

MB Fountain Cleaning and Beacon lighting

DF – Town meeting, Church Service, Beacon lighting, Jubilee day and code of conduct training

EL – Church service, beacon lighting and Jubilee day

NR – EA and Cumbria Rivers Trust meeting – They have £25k to spend in and around Wigton. Farmers with land along rivers, show them what has been done at Barton Lanes already and the benefit.

MS – Art exhibition and Code of conduct training.

CSt – Beacon lighting and Jubilee day

HR – Town meeting, Church service, Town crier, beacon lighting and Jubilee day. WBJC have met – problems with steep increase in grave digging costs. Looking at alternatives but it's complicated. Also problems with balloons on graves – this is not acceptable by the committee and they have put this in their rules and regulations for the cemetery.

JC – Town meeting and Church Service. Has asked if we can look to turning lights off at Barton Lanes changing rooms. Can they be put on a sensor?

FC/32/2022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th July 2022 - Meeting closed at 8.15pm