

AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL – JUNE 2014

At the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 12 June 2014 in the Town Council Meeting Room, The Quayside, Harbour Road, Amble.

PRESENT: Cllrs C Weir(Chair), R Arckless, K Bennett, J Dargue, H Lewis, K Morrison and J Watson
The Town Clerk in attendance – Miss E Brown
J Willoughby – Northumberland Gazette.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs I Hinson – Ill health, Cllr P Robinson – Holiday. The apologies were agreed.

Actions

19. ACCEPTANCE OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none.

20. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – none.

21. TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

21.1: The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held 8th May 2014 were agreed as a true record.

21.2: The minutes of the Town Council meeting held 8th May 2014 were agreed as a true record.

21.3: The minutes of the meeting held 15th May 2014 were agreed as a true record.

22. CLERK'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION – That the Council notes the contents of the report

22.1: Enquiry to schools re: local democracy week – The Clerk informed that a reply had been received from JCSC who would love to be involved. The Clerk would contact the first schools again.

Clerk

23. AGENDA ITEMS FROM CLERK'S REPORT

23.1: Update on public conveniences – The opening hours of the toilets at the Tourist Information Centre and Harbour Road were extended from 5pm to 7pm but following an Operative reporting vandalism in the Tourist Info. Toilets in the first week of the extension, NCC reviewed the extended hours to 6pm. The Members' disappointment was noted that the hours were revised after such a short trial period. This would be raised at the next meeting with the Locality Officer.

23.2: To consider accepting the notes from the meeting with NCC re: parking – The notes were accepted for information. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Barry Rowland, the Clerk, Cllr Watson and one other. County Cllr Arckless would be briefed

23.3: To consider the notes of the Paddlers Regeneration working group – The notes were accepted for information.

Clerk/
Locality
Officer

24. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS and REPORT

The Chair reported to having attended the following:

24.1: Amble Post Office launch of internet/digital area for the local community to use – he commented that this would be a very useful resource for the town.

24.2: RAF Boulmer Spring Reception – which was an excellent event.

24.3: Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – the Chair was unable to attend.

25. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

25.1: County Councillor Arckless' report was circulated. A copy is available on request:

25.2: County Councillor Watson reported that the paperwork for the bus shelter on the residential side of Acklington Road was now underway. He also reported that the Rotary Club were disappointed with the lack of appearance of poppies on Rotary Way due to overzealous cutting by NCC. Hopefully this would improve over the 2014-18 period.

26. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS:

To receive the report of Councillors who represent ATC on outside bodies

26.1: Cllr Morrison – JCSC Year 11 awards ceremony – The report was circulated.

26.2: Cllr Morrison – Amble Youth Project meeting held 5th June – The report was

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circulated. Cllr Watson commented that he was talking with the Youth Service over the lack of provision in Amble. Cllr Arkless believed NCC should be working closer with the voluntary sector.

26.3: Cllr Weir – Community Action Northumberland meeting – Cllr Weir would send the report of the meeting to the Clerk for circulation.

Cllr Weir

26.4: Cllr Weir – NALC meeting – Cllr Weir would send the report of the meeting to the Clerk for circulation.

Cllr Weir

27. AGENDA ITEMS:

27.1: Comments on Town Tidy up week – It was noted that the Town Tidy up worked quite well with the litter being picked across the town for the duration of a week and the Town Centre focused onto one evening. It was agreed this should be repeated in 2015.

27.2: Consideration of draft news page – It was RESOLVED that the newspaper be agreed except for the item regarding an additional Allotment award.

Clerk to
Ambler

28. FINANCIAL REPORT:

28.1: To consider the accounts for payment – The accounts for the month were agreed.

28.2: To consider amendments to Financial regulations – It was RESOLVED that the amendments be accepted.

28.3: To consider amendments to Financial Risk Assessments – It was RESOLVED that the amendments be accepted.

28.4: To consider amendments to the Statement of Internal Control – It was RESOLVED that the amendments be accepted.

29. REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

29.1: The minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held Thursday 29th May 2014 were agreed. A 'most improved' allotment award as detailed in the Committee recommendations was agreed. This was also approved for inclusion in the newsletter.

29.2: Reminder of garden inspections – The ward Members were reminded that garden inspections were intended to take place between 23rd June and 3rd July. A rota of availability for escorting the judge around town was also required for 14th July. Details of availability to the Clerk. A list of 2013 Shortlisted gardens were requested

Cllrs

Clerk

30. COMMUNICATIONS:

30.1: Love Northumberland Awards 2014 – It was RESOLVED that the Council would nominate the Pride in Amble group for their work on improving the aesthetic appearance of the Town Square through floral displays.

Clerk

30.2: Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group 'tell us what you think' – The leaflets were circulated for Members to complete in their own time.

Cllrs

30.3: Northern Lands Project – Sense of Place – The invitation to the event was noted for information.

30.4: NCC – Reporting litter thrown from vehicles – The Clerk had circulated the reporting form.

30.5: NCC – Town and Parish Council Annual Meeting – Now that NCC had held meetings with Town Councils and service centres, it was planned to hold cluster style meetings with Town and Parish Councils with the Clerk and Chair invited to attend. The local meeting would be held at Druridge Bay Community Centre on Tuesday 15th July at 6pm with doors opening at 5pm.

Clerk/
Cllr Weir

30.6: Northumberland Coast and Lowlands LEADER consultation - The Northumberland Coast and Lowlands LEADER Transition Group are currently developing their five year funding strategy. They are consulting communities, businesses, and individuals and would like to hear from you over the priorities for this funding. As part of the wider consultation, there is a very short on-line questionnaire for individuals, organisations and businesses to complete at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CandLLConsultation>

Cllrs

30.7: Alnwick Area Friends of the Earth – Invitation to Local Councillors – The Clerk had previously circulated this invitation to Members.

31. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

RECOMMENDATION - That the Council note the information items.

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31.1: CANNY News May 2014

31.2: NALC E-news June 2014 – The Clerk highlighted that article on the Local Council Charter which read; There remains an unanswered question about 'who will make any new provision that is needed'. For burials, we have been discussing with NCC a proposed 'capacity audit' of current provision (whether provided by a local council, church or NCC) to help develop a policy for making any new provision. The revised version of the Charter can be seen at

<http://committees.northumberland.gov.uk/aksnorthumberland/images/att18484.pdf>

The information items were accepted.

32. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

32:1 The next Meeting will be on **Thursday 10 July 2014 at approx. 6.30pm.** in the Town Council Meeting Room, The Quayside, Amble

It was RESOLVED that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.

PUBLIC VERSION OF PRIVATE

33. PRIVATE REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS:

33.1: To receive the report of Councillors who represent ATC on outside bodies
Cllr Dargue reported of vandalism problems and the County Wide review of CCTV taking place. Mobile CCTV camera can be operated via laptops. It was RESOLVED to explore legalities and costs with delegated powers given to Cllrs Dargue, Watson and the Clerk. Findings should be returned to the July meeting.

Clerk/
Cllr Dargue/
Cllr Watson

The Clerk detailed an email that had been received regarding issues relating to anti-social behaviour on third party land and the potential plans from the tenants of the site to deal with the issues.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk respond stating the Town Council's position on the matter.

Clerk

34: Paddlers Regeneration Project – The next steps – County Cllrs Arkless and Watson Members Small Scheme contributions were reserved for 2015-16. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the Locality Officer stating that now that the Feasibility study was complete the Town Council would like NCC to take a lead in progressing the project. It was agreed to utilise the consultants in the anticipated joint meetings up to a maximum of 2 occasions.

Clerk

35: WW1 Commemorations – 2nd August Service and required expenditure – It was RESOLVED to allocated £400 from the budget for the travel expenses of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Band.

It was RESOLVED to have a light buffet meal for invited guests at the service. More accurate numbers- would be confirmed.

It was RESOLVED to agree that the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland lay a wreath on the Amble and Radcliffe Memorials should he wish to do so.

It was RESOLVED to have a toast to all those who served as the climax of the event in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Members of the Council were asked and agreed to personally contribute Whiskey/ Whisky and Sherry for the toast. There would be Fruit Juice as an alternative.

The meeting closed a 8.33pm

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