

AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 2020

The Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 13 February 2020 at 6.00pm in the Town Council Office, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble.

PRESENT:

Cllrs Craig Weir, (Chair), Cllrs H Lewis, I Parks, C Foxley, J Watson, K Morrison, T Hinton, D Bewley V Smith - Town Clerk,

The Chair informed that the meeting was being recorded for administrative and transparency purposes.

220.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr J Dargue- accepted

221. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are requested to advise Council of any Declarations of Interest appertaining to the following Agenda Items.

To be made aware as and when items arise on agenda.

222.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes)

In accordance with Section 1(d-g) of the ATC Standing Orders members of the public present may address the Council at this point on the agenda. The Council/Committee reserves the right to respond or debate the issue at a later date.

222.1 To receive an update and introductions from the Morrisons Community Champion

Margaret Kerr attended from Morrisons and part of her role with this is as the Community Champion for Alnwick. A Community Champion for Amble has been appointed but details of this were not known yet. Margaret will be overseeing the opening of the new Morrisons site. Morrisons Community Champions support all registered charities, but all local groups are also welcome to come and raise their own funds. There will be a shared space of a community room and this will be free to use. Each store has an allocation of £200.00 a month to donate towards raffle prizes etc and can allocate up to 20 hours a week for community work.

They also run an unsold food project in Alnwick and it is hoped that Amble will do the same.

Morrisons Foundation is available to access for funding from £500 - £500k. If a Morrison employee is fund raising, they will be able to apply for match funding from Morrisons up to twice a year.

ATC wish to have a long-term relationship with the community champions. Clerk to send Margaret the list of all groups. Margaret is happy to meet with members outside of this meeting.

Clerk

It is expected the store will open 2 April 2020.

222.2 Update from Northumbria Police (TBC)

There was no update available at this time.

222.3 Questions from the public

There were 4 members of the public present.

Brian Doherty represented Park Leisure and was keen to establish a good working relationship with ATC, local businesses and the local community.

Karen Waugh represented a new community hub that was hoped to be established to help tackle local food poverty and food waste. The group are keen to establish links with local groups and share expertise. The group needed a home, a name and willing volunteers. It is hoped a community café could be set up with help from AAHS and Amble Food Bank. The next meeting takes place on 27/2/20 at URC Church 5.30pm.

223. MINUTES: TOWN COUNCIL

223.1: To consider the minutes of the meeting held 9 January 2020 items 201-219.4

The minutes were approved.

224. CLERK'S REPORT:

RECOMMENDATION – That the Council notes the contents of the report and consider actions

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where necessary.

224.1 Clerks Report

The Clerks report was accepted.

225. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS and REPORT:

To receive the communications and report of the Chairman pertaining to Council Business:

225.1: Chairman

Cllr Weir was involved with the staff interviews with Cllrs Bewley and Lewis.

225.2: Vice Chairman

Cllr Lewis attended a meeting with AAHS and gave an update on the issues they are currently facing. ATC agreed as a gesture of goodwill to print the letters that need to be sent to all tenants. The long term solution for the water issue has not been resolved and will be discussed further at their AGM ON 9 April 2020.

Clerk

Cllr Lewis was also involved in staff interviews.

226. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

226.1: To receive a report from County Councillor Clark:

The Local Area Committee has approved 7 houses on the artique site.

Some play equipment on the Tynedale site has been removed. It still remains unclear who is responsible for this site. It is not Amble Town Council. Ownership of this is now becoming urgent. The pothole at Charles Road has been fixed.

The rubbish at Lord Mayors Field has been removed. The grass cutting schedule is ongoing and will begin in March

The Philip Drive raised bed planter was damaged due to the forklift truck planting the tree.

The underpinning of the A1068 will begin on 24/2 and the road will be closed for 5 weeks. It is hoped that the roundabout could be cleaned whilst this work was going on.

The parking sign at Gordon Villas was requested to be replaced, however this is on private land and therefore not something NCC can do. It was suggested that the grass here actually belongs to NCC. Terry to check.

Cllr Clark has responded to the email regarding EV Points in the town.

TC was made aware of some broken kerbs on Anderson Crescent.

Next surgery is 7 March 2020, Library, 10am.

226.2: To receive a report from County Councillor Watson:

JW was made aware of the kerbs on High Street leading to West Avenue.

The 6 houses on Gloster Hill has received a lot of attention from the public and serious concerns re flooding. Northumbrian Water have agreed to meet with WPC to discuss.

The governance review outcome will be known by 19 February 2020.

The trees at the Artique development will remain.

JW was asked if a traffic survey could be carried out on Acklington Road when the A1068 is closed to assist in knowing what the increase in traffic will be once the new houses come online.

JW confirmed that the funding for JCSC and car park is in the budget.

JW followed up on the EV charging points email with Glen Sanderson. There is hoping to be 4 points in Morrisons, 2 in the new car park plus a possible 2 further in WHC car park.

JW confirmed that there was £1.5M was allocated within the budget for paths and kerbs. All members to contact JW/TC with proposals / ideas for areas that need improving by 17th February.

All

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

227.1 To receive the report of Councillors who represent ATC on outside bodies (**Cllr Reports**)

Cllr Weir attended TPWLG, Amble Inn, Active Amble, CAN, Amble Connect, CCT, SLA, Rotary, Park Leisure, AAHS.

Cllr Parks attended Active Amble, Amble Youth Project, Karen Waugh, Alnwick Business Forum

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with Cllr Dargue, Planning Committee, meetings at West Cemetery.

Cllr Morrison attended JCSC NGL Ford Planning meeting. Cllr Parks to attend the next meeting.

Cllr Morrison also attended planning meeting re Artique, Events Committee, Planning Committee, AONB with Cllr Watson.

Cllr Morrison / Watson/ Clerk to complete the AONB survey.

Cllr Hinton is due to attend the ADT meeting next week.

228. FINANCIAL REPORT:

228.1: To consider voucher numbers 274 – 311 for payment and receipt vouchers 114 - 125 for information (Finance) –

Cllr Weir declared an interest in 288.

Cllr Morrison declared an interest in 281

Cllr Lewis declared an interest in 309

A query was raised with regards to voucher 295. This figure seems very high given that there is no staff here and is only for a quarter. Clerk to investigate. Clerk

The payments and receipts were approved.

228.2 Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was approved.

228.3 YTD figures

Approved.

Clerk and finance consultant to meet to look at reducing the headings when new software is available. Clerk

228.4 Grant requests

- **Bailiffgate Museum (To note for information, £50.00 was agreed at May 2019)** Clerk

Agreed

- **Amble East End Juniors**

- It was agree that ATC would be prepared to fund the purchase of only one option. Clerk to contact and find out which one they would prefer. Clerk

- **Amble East End Walking Football** Clerk

Agreed to fund the purchase with £150

229. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

229.1 To note the minutes of the meeting 30 January 2020

The minutes were requested to be amended to state Clerk

“63.1 start date late February.

The numbering of the minutes needs amended.

The minutes were approved.

229.2 To discuss the replacement of the graphic decals at Paddlers Park

Cllrs were asked if they wished to replace these or to wait and think of another project given the cost would be minimum of £1400. This item was deferred to March meeting for Cllrs to look. Clerk

229.4 To note quote received for works to compound area gates (further quotes to be received)

Quote one £150

Quote two £175 Clerk

It was agreed to proceed with quote one. Clerk to contact. Clerk / HL to meet with NCC to discuss size requirements.

Clerk to continue to look at options for clay disposal Clerk

Clerk / HL to pursue tarmac options. Clerk

An amount of £500 was delegated to Chair / Chair of Amenities / Clerk to proceed with work to level the area.

229.5 To discuss the request regarding the Information Boards in Memorial Gardens Clerk

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Members were not happy with the finish on the Information Boards. Clerk is contacting supplier to rectify the problem.

Residents of Lawson Street have requested that the back of the sign be painted a lighter colour. Members considered this request and agreed that the back of the board could be painted a lighter colour but only once the issues with the finish had been resolved. Clerk to contact resident.

Clerk

231.12 To receive and discuss tender applications regarding Grave Digging Contract

It was agreed to discuss the above at this part of the agenda.

The tender for the Grave contract was agreed.

230: PLANNING COMMITTEE

230.1: To note for information planning decisions, planning matters pending and planning matters pending consideration during the month of January 2020

Noted

230.2 To discuss a verbal complaint made to Chair of Planning from meeting held on 28/01/20

The comments made were discussed and clarified and were not meant to cause offence or misunderstanding. The complaint was noted.

230.3 To note the minutes of the planning meeting on 28 January 2020

Clerk to make the agreed amendments.

Clerk

231. AGENDA ITEMS:

231.1 To discuss and agree a response to the AONB Draft Management Plan-deadline 2 March 2020

Cllrs Morrison / Watson/ Clerk to complete

KM/JW

231.2 To discuss and agree response to the Cycle Parking Storage questionnaire

Cllr Morrison/ Clerk to respond

KM

231.3 To discuss and agree comments to the Amble Marina Maintenance Works – deadline 24 Feb

No objection from Amble Town Council

Clerk

231.4 To discuss the request from The Rotary to adopt a bed in the Memorial Gardens

The bed nearest the ramp was agreed to be adopted by The Rotary but final agreements are still to be arranged regarding maintenance and planting. ATC do not wish for a large structure from to be erected here so discussions were needed. Clerk / Chair and Vice Chair were delegated to proceed.

CW/HL
Clerk

231.5 To discuss and agree a response to the Anti- Social and Petty Crime Survey – deadline 31 March

Response was delegated to Chair / Vice Chair / Clerk.

CW/HL
Clerk

231.6 To review and discuss tenders received for Memorial Garden works

No response was received regarding the landscaping works.

The maintenance tender was discussed.

It was proposed that Council accept the maintenance tender but enter into discussions regarding landscaping works with that contractor. Cllrs Lewis / Weir and Clerk to discuss further with contractor and circulate outcome via email for approval from members.

CW/HL
Clerk
Clerk

231.7 To discuss and agree a response to the Library Consultation

The response was agreed. Clerk to send.

231.8 To seek retrospective approval for Newsletter

Approval agreed.

CW

231.9 To receive an update on the Amble Community Hub

The project is in its early stages and is similar to the warm hub idea that CAN are developing. Cllr Weir to attend next meeting on 27/2.

231.10 To discuss and agree a logo for Amble Connect and date of first meeting

Cllrs Weir and Foxley have met with various businesses to design a logo. Unfortunately, this has

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not resulted in an outcome that would be suitable for this purpose and now a student from JCSC completing the DoE award is currently designing something.

The insert for the Ambler to be approved at the March meeting. The first meeting is expected to be held in end of April. There was some concern that this work had been duplicated via a website however when this was investigated more fully it was found that this was a commercial venture.

CF/CW

231.11 To discuss and agree response to the PSPO re Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Spaces – deadline 2 March 2020

HL

Cllr Lewis/ Clerk to draft a response and circulate to all for approval. It was felt that the potential for change is there and police are not able to support the issues we face.

231.12 Sinking of the MV Coquet Mouth

A late addition to the agenda under the discretion of the Chair.

HL

A request was received for the Council to support and be involved in a commemoration event to mark 80 years since the sinking of MV Coquet Mouth. Members were keen to do this. Cllr Lewis to meet with representative.

231.13 Future of PA

Clerk

A query regarding the PA was received by office staff. Staff to find out how much was paid for it originally and report back.

232. COMMUNICATIONS:

232.1 To note the parking complaint from a resident of Wellwood Street

The parking email complaint was passed to NCC and Northumbria Police.

232.2 Invitation to viewing of Anthropocene @ Bailiffgate Museum

All members invited.

233. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

233.1 To note the minutes from the meeting with Active Northumberland

Noted

Clerk

233.2 To note NALC Enews – 7/01, 15/01, 30/01.

Noted – Clerk to save the documents relating to the Childrens Funeral Fund.

233.3 To note NALC Member Bulletin 09/01, 15/01, 20/01, 05/02

Noted

233.4 To note the implementation of the PSPO for the Control of Dogs, effective from 31 January 2020

Noted

233.5 To note the minutes of the TPLWG on 16 January 2020

Noted

233.6 To note the minutes of the Partnership Meeting with NCC

Noted

233.7 To note the Funding Fair on 5 March 2020

Noted

Clerk

233.8 To note the minutes of the LCWIP meeting 30 January 2020

Noted. Clerk to contact Tony Derbyshire re right of way survey form.

Clerk

233.9 To note the supply of trees from NCC and the response from Glen Sanderson

Noted. Clerk to contact Northumberland Estates / Ian Dent.

234. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

234.1 Elaine Magnani, Hay and Kilner, 19th Feb, 12.30

234.2 Richard Schofield, 19th Feb, 5pm

234.3 Estate Walkabout 19 March 2020 10am

234.4 Locality meeting 19 Feb 2020, 2pm

234.5 Parking Meeting – Clerk to contact NCC for a response.

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235. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 12 March 2020

Under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public will be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.

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236: MINUTES –

236.1: Town Council meeting held 9 January 2020, items 217-219.4

Approved

236.2 Amenities

Approved

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

237.1 Cllr Watson agreed to contact Hindhaugh Homes regarding their donation now that planning has been granted. Clerk to add to next agenda. JW to ask developer if it is to be next to their development.

237.2 Cllr Weir attended the CCT meeting. Concerns are still regarding maintenance funds. The Town Council felt that less sculptures, but which have a more sustainable easy maintenance structure would allow more with a QR aspect. This would possibly lower future maintenance costs.

Clerk
JW

238. AGENDA ITEMS

238.1 To be updated on new staffing arrangements

After interviews on 4/2 a new member of staff has been appointed.

238.2 To receive an update regarding the tenancy

An update was given.

As the meeting continued passed 9pm, standing orders were suspended.

238.3 Active Northumberland Contract Proposal

Members were disappointed that the proposal did not fulfil their expectation and decided not to go ahead.

It was queried whether this work would be better placed with Ford NGL learning with the possibility of an online calendar and app. Cllr Parks to discuss with Head of IT at JCSC.

Clerk to contact Active Northumberland.

IP
Clerk

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