

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2019 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Buswell (Chairman), Marie Batty, Mike Burchnall, Nick Cotton, Mike Marczynski and Allan Muirhead.

Also in attendance: Two members of the public, District Councillor Sheila Capstick and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Kim Bradshaw and Dave Storey, and also received from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

100 Club Draw – the draw for the 100 Club was made before the business of the Council commenced.

The meeting commenced with one minute's silence being observed in memory of Dr Graham Matthews, who died the previous week.

19/1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 12th December 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19/2 Councillor Vacancy:

The retirement of Councillor Mackie had been notified to SLDC and the Council was free to co-opt or not, as the vacancy falls with six months of the next Election. It was resolved to co-opt Sheena Pring to the Council for the remainder of this Council's term.

19/3 Requests for Dispensation - None

19/4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Buswell declared an interest in any matters relating to the allotments; and Councillor Muirhead declared an interest in any matters relating to the CIC.

19/5 Police report

The Police Report had been previously circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk agreed to ask PCSO Martin Boak what the current status is following the theft of lead on 7th January and for details of the outcome of investigations into other crimes reported.

19/6 Public participation: None.

Janet Nuttall, Town and Tourism Manager, presented a full report for 2018, covering such matters as the information and gift shop, volunteers, Kirkby Lonsdale website, My KL Cards, public toilets at Devil's Bridge and Jingling Lane, QES contacts, Charter Market and various events held during the year..

19/7 Pearson and Pearson Archive:

Councillor Marczynski reported that he had already obtained the support of the Christopher Robins Trust and he intends to attend the auction of the Archive to see if the items are sold or not. He estimated that these could be worth between £970 and £1,050.

19/8 Planning sub-group:

a. The following applications were considered and approval recommended:

SL/2018/1016 Beech House, High Biggins. Internal alterations, new windows to rear and gable elevations and five new conservation style velux roof windows, garden re-modelling in rear garden area.

SL/2018/1030 16 Main Street. Installation of an exterior light over the front door.

SL/2018/1029 Queen Elizabeth School. New main entrance and 1.2m high bow top fencing.

SL/2018/1023 Garden Cottage, High Biggins. New internal staircase to access existing attic rooms, three new conservation style velux roof windows and internal re-modelling in attic areas.

b. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:

SL/2018/0637 16 Main Street. Internal alterations including the re-opening the historically blocked up doorways from the hallway and first floor landing of number 16 into the rooms and blocking up the current access points at ground and first floor levels, replacement windows and painting of the front facade. Granted.

SL/2018/0877 and 0878 Land to the rear of The Biggins, High Biggins. Erection of single dwelling. Granted.

c. The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority, under the Clerk's delegated authority, were noted:

SL/2018/0997 41 Mitchelgate. Discharge of condition 3 (windows / door detail) attached to planning permission SL/2015/0689. Approval recommended.

19/9 County and District Councillor's Reports:

- a. District Councillor Capstick reported on likely issues with private water supplies being inspected and possible increased charges. She also had made enquiries regarding the monument in The Square and ascertained that this is owned by SLDC.
- b. (County) Councillor Cotton reported as follows:
 - i. He and Councillor Burchnall are continuing to progress the proposed Dodgson Croft crossing and an application for LIPs funding has been made as well as funding from other sources. It is likely that this will be a zebra crossing rather than a toucan crossing.
 - ii. There will be a meeting regarding Appleby Fair next week in Kirkby Stephen.
 - iii. CCC are planning to contact all parishes to ascertain what local work each Council carries out, especially regarding minor maintenance issues, so that a uniform system can be established to cover insurance issues, etc.

19/10 Seat/Memorial plaque (The Brow) to commemorate the Armistice:

The proposed wording on the plaque had been circulated to all Councillors and this was agreed.

19/11 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

CALC	£90.00	Councillor training.
K M Price	£210.60	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.
HMRC	£375.95	PAYE
Craig Bradshaw	£1,086.00	Maintenance contract
Geoffrey Buswell	£21.30	Remembrance Wreath (£20) Councillor's expenses.
Seasonal and Community Engineering	£208.00	Christmas Tree - Market Square
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- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £53,896 for the financial year 2019-20.

- d. KLRUFC applied for funding, but Councillor Cotton sad he had recommended they apply for a grant from the County Council's South Lakeland Local Committee. It was agreed to await the outcome of their application and then reconsider the application if necessary.

19/12 Correspondence:

- a. Chris Rason, regarding the spur path at Masters Grange. It was agreed to ask if he could provide the Council with a drawing, showing exactly which land he is referring to, before the contractor goes on site.
- b. SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel. Consideration of the Panel's report will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- c. Jonathan Crewdson of The Neighbourhood Project, informing the Council of a delay in the project starting (KLTC gave a grant of £100 to this project recently). The Council will be kept informed.
- d. Laura Chapman, Corporate Support Office at SLDC. Councillors Philip Dixon, Giles Archibald, and Jonathan Brook would like to meet with representatives of this Council to highlight informally the benefits of and opportunities of localism.
- e. CALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The Council agreed to nominate the Chairman and his wife for attendance at this event. The Chairman will confirm with the Clerk if he wishes the nomination to be submitted.
- f. Davis & Bowring, indicating an allotments rent increase from £500 to £750 per annum from 25th March 2019. The Clerk had written to allotment holders advising them of the increase and invoices will be issued after the February Council meeting. The will be an agenda item at that meeting.

19/13 Speed limits in the town:

A reply had been received from Victoria Upton of CCC. Councillors agreed that a full assessment of the situation is required and independent guidance needs to be obtained, although a possible 20mph speed limit is not being ruled out. There will be an agenda item at the next meeting to consider a traffic survey and likely costs of this.

19/14 Forthcoming events:

21st January Lunesdale Hall Management Committee

19/15 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7pm at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: