

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2019 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Buswell (Chairman), Marie Batty, Mike Burchnall, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead , Sheena Pring, Robin Ree, and Sarah Tatham.

Also in attendance: Four members of the public, District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Suzie Pye and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Storey and received from County Councillor Nick Cotton.

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

19/108 Public participation:

Daryl Hardy of The Red Dragon expressed concern about recent comments made about this establishment, when it had been claimed that the presence of door staff lowered the tone of the town. He explained that door staff are a requirement of his license in order to deter what could be criminal activities. He added that Parliament was considering legislation requiring all licensed premises to employ door staff. He said he was willing to speak with anyone who had concerns. The pub is owned by Robinsons Brewery and is a member of 'Bar Watch' which has recorded 57 incidents involving Police in recent months.

19/109 Requests for Dispensations: None.

19/110 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.

19/111 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 12th June 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19/112 Booths roundabout:

Councillors Marczynski and Pring had met with Edwin Booth earlier today, who was sympathetic to the proposal for a sculpture on the roundabout that Booths are sponsoring, as well as part funding the pedestrian crossing to be installed. CCC Highways are to be contacted for their views and also to consider a 30mph speed limit in the vicinity of the roundabout.

19/113 Play Park:

A meeting with SLDC Play Park inspector (Peter Clarke) was attended by Councillor Batty. They confirmed that immediate maintenance and repairs are within the current allocated budget as per report. Each of the play park equipment items are quite costly, so it was noted that replacing the roundabout pedal at a cost of £500 should be omitted. It was agreed that further repair to the wooden toddler unit would not be wise, but rather to remove the ladder and replace the full unit when Phase 1 of fundraising is available. A design brief is to be circulated, with an open day planned for August to invite firms to tender for the overall design and delivery of a new toddler area. Public consultation will follow.

A letter has been sent to Russell Armer (RA) on behalf of the Council requesting release of funds for Play Park improvements. Councillor Batty felt optimistic that RA would support the scheme and reiterated that this is an essential part of the funding programme which would help to unlock other matched funding.

The recent launch of a Play Park Initiative Facebook page has produced a strong community response, successfully attracting a wide range of volunteers, crowdfunding and local business support. While it is a huge effort, this initial response has put the play park on track to deliver phase 1.

Councillor Pring updated the Council on the implementation of 'dog poo' signs along the river path and at the four entrances to the play park. It was noted that a strong 'toxocara' message was required to drive action and deter dog owners from exercising their dogs in the children's play park. A generous offer to make the signs was received from a local business and a quotation has been requested for fitting.

Councillor Batty expressed appreciation for all local business support.

Councillor Pring is having a meeting to discuss signage issues tomorrow.

19/114 Review of Town Council Work Programme:

The Updated Work Programme was presented and discussed. Councillor Burchnall advised that a key meeting with SLDC Councillors and Officers was to take place on 15th July regarding the Lunesdale Hall; that the new street light in Low Biggins was to be installed as agreed but Electricity North West and CCC were finalising the technical details, including a road closure; that CCTV was being progressed but the Council was awaiting an application form for funding; and that the CIL figure was now £10,035. It was agreed that the Finance Group be renamed the Finance, Strategy and Monitoring Group.

19/115 Social Media and the Town Council:

This was deferred to a future meeting.

19/116 Event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in 2020:

Councillor Muirhead has had a very positive response so far with various people and organisations, including the Chamber of Trade, expressing support for such an event. The Lunesdale Hall is already booked

19/117 Possible re-location of the recycling bins on to Booths' rear car park:

Following the meeting with Edwin Booth and Judy Newall earlier today, it had been ascertained that the contract for the land on which the recycling bins are currently placed is up for renewal in 2020. They are sympathetic to the Council's request and understand the reasons for it. The Clerk will write to SLDC regarding the recycling sites and the Council's suggestions.

19/118 Traffic management at Market Square:

Councillor Muirhead said there was very little to report and he would bring an update to the next meeting.

19/119 Community Defibrillators:

Councillor Tatham circulated a full list of the whereabouts of defibrillators in the parish and adjacent areas, including the times they are available for public access. The Chairman thanked her for her work.

19/120 Monument in The Square:

Councillor Muirhead will provide an update at the next meeting.

19/121 SLDC Tree Planting Scheme:

SLDC is offering to supply trees to Parish and Town Councils, to plant them and to provide after-care for 12 months. It was resolved to apply for two trees for the Play Park, to replace those recently felled.

19/122 New bench along The Brow:

It was resolved to accept as a gift to the town the new bench along the brow dedicated to the Revd. Alfred Haythornthwaite. (The existing bench is being replaced by a recycled plastic type on a new concrete base "arranged by the Christopher Robins Trust" for the daughter of the Revd. Haythornthwaite). A formal letter of thanks will be sent in due course.

19/123 The Brow/Ruskins View:

Councillor Marczynski said that it was important to ascertain the ownership of The Brow before further progress can be made. The postcode is LA6 2BB, as far as is known, and Councillor Marczynski and the Clerk will see if the information is available via the Land Registry.

He had recruited a retired Civil Engineer who is willing to assist the group.

19/124 Reports:

- a. **Police:** The report had been circulated. The Council would like to know how the town is being policed at present, whether on foot or by vehicle and how often, especially in the light of reports of alleged drugs offences. Councillors are asked to send their comments on this to the Clerk who will collate the response in time for the visit of Inspector Latham at next month's meeting.
- b. **County Councillor:** None.
- c. **District Councillors:**

Councillor Pye said she had today attended the review meeting following the Appleby Fair. The next meeting is in early September.

Councillor Lancaster said the Appleby Fair had been totally different this year, largely due to the increased Policing provided.

19/125 Disabled access in Kirkby Lonsdale:

Councillor Ree gave a presentation on disabled access in the town, highlighting many of the difficulties wheelchair users face. The Council agreed three actions:

- a. Councillor Ree progresses the carrying out of an accessibility audit and reports back.
- b. The Clerk will write to the Health Centre regarding the difficulties of access there.
- c. Councillor Pring will raise this issue with the Chamber of Trade.

19/126 Planning:

- a. *The following application was considered and approval recommended::*

SL/2019/0424 Smithy, 18 Fairbank. Fixing of cast aluminium information plaque on front wall of Jonty's Smithy

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

SL/2019/0326 27 Fairgarth Drive. Front and rear dormers and single storey side extension. Granted.

SL/2019/0338 9 Bective Road. Installation of rear dormer. Granted.

- c. The following comments, submitted under the Clerk's delegated authority, since the last meeting, were noted::*

SL/2019/0462 37 Fairgarth Drive. Single storey flat roof extension and dormer with internal remodelling. Approval recommended.

19/127 Finance:

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

Rapid Clear	£180.00	CIC - Devils' Bridge toilets
Rapid Clear	£150.00	CIC - Devil's Bridge toilets
Wallgate Ltd	£1,173.60	Contract - toilets
HMRC	£1,132.70	PAYE
Acorn Tree Services	£500.00	Tree felling
Acorn Tree Services	£690.00	Tree felling
Badger Press	£87.00	Councillor Brochures
CALC	£45.00	Councillor Training
K M Price	£342.33	Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.

19/128 Forthcoming events:

14th July	Two showings of 'Kirkby Lonsdale remembered'.
26th July	Grant Funding Training
29th July	Lunesdale Hall meeting

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: