

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7PM**

**Present:** Councillors Geoffrey Buswell (Chairman), Marie Batty, Mike Burchnell, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead , Robin Ree, David Storey, and Sarah Tatham.

**Also in attendance:** District Councillor Kevin Lancaster, four members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Pring, and received from County Councillor Nick Cotton, and the QES Councillors.

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

The Chairman welcomed Janet Nuttall, Town and Tourism Manager, who gave presentation about the Town Guides project. Five volunteers have been trained and will welcome groups and individuals to the town, accompanying them to various sites, if required. ID badges and certificates will be awarded and she would like the Town Council to be associated with this project

**19/152 Public participation:**

- a. Comment was made regarding the number of children coming out of the Play Park into Tram Lane on scooters and cycles at speed, when visibility is limited at this location.
- b. A similar problem was reported at Harling Bank, opposite the footpath leading to Fairgarth, where the speed of traffic at the entrance to the new estate is causing a problem, when children come off the estate on their cycles, etc.

**19/153 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**19/154 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Buswell declared an interest in any matters relating to the allotments, Councillor Muirhead declared an interest in any matters relating to the CIC and Councillor Ree declared an interest in agenda item 19c (Town Guides funding)..

**19/155 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. A small amendment had already been made to the file copy and this was accepted.

**19/156 Booths roundabout and possible re-location of the recycling bins on to Booths' rear car park:**

This matter is still in hand and the Clerk agreed to contact Councillor Archibald for an update on any further response from SDLC.

**19/157 Play Park:**

Councillor Batty gave a brief update on progress and said that a number of pieces of equipment have been repaired or replaced and paid for. More volunteers to help with work in the park will be appreciated. The Play Park has a separate bank account, under the auspices of the Town Council and its signatories. Russell Armer has agreed to contribute half of the agreed funding (£11,850) and SLDC has been asked to half the remainder upfront, so that various other projects can go ahead. Following on from the comments made in public participation about the risk to children from vehicles using Tram Lane, Councillors agreed to investigate placing warning signage in the play park, and to ask District Councillor Pye to ask for SLDC signage on their boundary wall at Car Park No.1.

**19/158 Council Work Programme:**

Councillor Burchnall had circulated an update of the Council's Work Programme. The next update will be at the November meeting, when it is hoped there will have been more progress on some of the headings.

**19/159 Event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in 2020:**

Councillor Muirhead said he is open any further suggestions for the event. The Hall has been booked and plans are being made, involving various groups in the town.

**19/160 Traffic management at Market Square:**

Councillor Muirhead said there was nothing to report at this stage.

**19/161 Monument in the Square:**

Councillor Muirhead said that progress is being made to arrange for the transfer of this asset to the Town Council, following repairs being carried out.

**19/162 Town Council Workshop Session to input to the Kirkby Lonsdale Big Vision Discussion:**

Peter Gregson had offered three possible dates and Tuesday 1st October was chosen, five Councillors indicating their intention to attend as individual Councillors. An overall Council view will be decided at a subsequent Council meeting.

### **19/163 CCTV:**

Councillor Burchnall updated the Council on progress and had circulated details to all Councillors. A bid will be made before the end of September, which is the deadline.

### **19/164 The Brow/Ruskins View:**

Councillor Storey had arranged for a visit by a contractor to look at The Brow/Ruskins View and provide the Council with a report of his findings. This action was approved by Council.

### **19/165 Respect Meeting:**

Councillor Muirhead agreed to attend the Respect meeting in Sedbergh on 25th September at 2pm.

### **19/166 Reports:**

- a. **Police:** The Police Report had been circulated.
- b. **Clerk's update:**
  1. Bar Watch - Councillor Muirhead agreed to attend the meeting on 26th September at 10am. Councillor Tatham said she could probably attend future meetings from time to time.
  2. Dodgson Croft crossing. The Clerk had contacted CCC Highways and had received an acknowledgement, following the acceptance at the last meeting of the standard agreement to enable the LIPs grant to be claimed. But the Officer said he would not be able to provide more information until mid-September.
- c. **County Councillor:** None.
- d. **District Councillor:** Councillor Lancaster explained that planning application SL/2019/0261 (Land at Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club; change of use of land to camping site from 1 May to 1 September each year) had been postponed. He stressed that he has an open mind on this issue as a member of the planning committee.

The Clerk will ask if and when there will be further consultation on this application and , if necessary, this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **19/167 Disabled access in Kirkby Lonsdale:**

Councillor Ree recommended that a Town Audit be carried out. It would be done by Kendal-based Charity, One Voice, and would cost approximately £200. Council agreed to ask for the audit. The Chamber of Trade will be advised that the audit has been requested.

## 19/168 Planning sub-group:

a. *The following application was considered:*

SL/2019/0372 Land south of Kirkby Lonsdale Business Park, Kendal Road. Hybrid application: Full Planning Application for children's day nursery (Use Class D1) and Outline Planning Application all matters reserved, apart from access, for provision of extension to employment business park (Use Classes B1 and B2).

The Council recognises that there is a need for additional childrens' day nursery capacity in the Town but it is recommended that this application be refused on the following grounds:

This greenfield site lies outside the development boundary of Kirkby Lonsdale and is not allocated for development in the South Lakeland Local Plan;

Contrary to what is stated in the application, there is no justification for further employment land in Kirkby Lonsdale given the 1 hectare of undeveloped employment land with planning permission at Kendal Road, part of the Russell Armer development;

Any new or replacement day nursery should be located within the development boundary of Kirkby Lonsdale, thereby minimising travel for parents – the application provides no assessment of options which may exist within the town;

The application contains no technical assessment of drainage issues which already affect this site and it does not demonstrate how ground water run off will be dealt with, risking contamination of ground water and local flooding - the site lies within an aquifer which provides drinking water to Biggins and the application does not demonstrate how this aquifer will be protected;

And the access to the site is at an already dangerous point on the A65 with the conflict of uncontrolled accesses from a number of existing developments (ie two business parks, a garage and a veterinary surgery) – this development would add to these problems without justification.

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

SL/2019/0652 7 Fairgarth Drive. Alterations and extension to existing house, including external works and demolition of existing garages and erection of single garage with ancillary accommodation over Approval recommended, as it doesn't impact on any neighbouring properties, subject to a condition that it is only occupied ancillary to the main house. The condition would stop it being occupied as a separate unit of accommodation.

### **19/169 Finance:**

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

(Play Park)

Craig Bradshaw	£84.00	Zip wire work
Alan Dale	£210.00	Repair work
Huck Nets	£477.60	Replacement trolley

(KLTC)

Craig Bradshaw	£1284.00	Maintenance
Purcell	£5400.00	Purcell - Lunesdale Hall Feasibility Study
Signs Express	£301.78	Welcome banner
P J S Pease	£375.00	Allotments rent (half year)

(CIC)

Smart Card Store Ltd		
	£165.54	Smart Cards (CIC)
S & S Site Services Ltd		
	£216.00	Sewage pump station service (CIC)
Thomas Graham	£45.84	Toilet supplies (CIC)
AST Signs Ltd	£614.02	Door wraps Jingling Lane (CIC)

- b. A summary of the Council's accounts was noted.
- c. It was resolved to pay for seven Town Guide badges at a cost of £112.
- d. Approval was sought for the clearing of the branches and undergrowth from around the brown Kirkby Lonsdale sign on the A65 between the pill box and the road leading to the caravan park. It was agreed to obtain an estimate of the cost for re-siting the sign away from this location, The Chairman will let the Clerk know the outcome.
- e. Approval was sought for the clearance of the footway between the Lancaster road junction and Stanley Bridge (this is part, not the whole stretch) but as this is not in Kirkby Lonsdale parish it was agreed the Clerk will ask Councillor Cotton for advice.

**19/170 Forthcoming events:**

Lunesdale Hall Management committee                      Monday 7th October at 7pm.

**19/171 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 9th October 2019 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7pm.***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*