

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD BY ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2020 AT 7PM**

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

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Marczynski and David Storey (leave of absence) and County Councillor Nick Cotton.

Janet Bradshaw gave an update on the Community Cupboard, explaining how it is run and the number of households benefitting from it. The Council is asked to promote this facility, especially during the present pandemic and the forthcoming winter..

20/116 Public participation:

Rosie Bradshaw said she is happy if future Facebook posts are made by the Town Council webmaster, now the new website is up and running.

20/117 Vote of thanks:

Councillor Burchnall proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped the Chairman during his recent illness, especially Councillor Batty. It was resolved to minute this.

20/118 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/119 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.

20/120 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

20/121 County and District Councillors:

Councillor Lancaster reported as follows:

Proposals for a Unitary Authority for Cumbria are being considered and these will be presented to a full SLDC meeting on 28th October 2020.

Alterations to Parliamentary Constituencies are to take place.

20/122 Possible Unitary Authority for Cumbria:

A discussion paper had been circulated by Councillor Muirhead and this was considered. It was resolved that this Council advises CALC that it wishes to be part of any working party or group set up to present a unified case for further devolution of power and responsibilities to local communities through their Parish or Town Councils. It was also agreed to invite Amanda Atkinson, the new Locality Officer, to attend the next meeting to outline the role of the Locality Officer and her team and how the Town Council should relate to them.

20/123 Emergency Plan:

A volunteer is needed to lead on this project, Councillor Burchnall agreed to circulate two good examples of Emergency Plans to all Councillors and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/124 Planning sub-group:

The following applications were considered:

SL/2020/0497 & SL/2020/0498 Market Cross, Market Place. Removing the existing roof covering and replace with new liquid applied roof covering, repairs of damaged masonry, new proprietary outlet and repair of stone flag paving. Approval recommended,

SL/2020/0641 & SL/2020/0642 Tearnside Hall. Alterations and extension to existing main house including extension of garden curtilage into adjacent paddock. Conversion of attached and detached barns to form two separate dwellings, the rebuilding and extension of the derelict stable to form outbuildings together with updated services including new sewage treatment plant and landscaping.

The Council shares the Concerns of Historic England and considers that the application as currently presented should be REFUSED. In order to justify the level of intervention to this important site a full condition survey of the main buildings is required together with a financial appraisal of the costs involved in protecting and preserving the building, which should form a viability appraisal, justifying the amount of enabling development, if any. The Council also considers that the concerns of neighbours over drainage, access/disturbance and overlooking must be resolved before the granting of any permission is considered.

20/125 Play Park:

Councillor Batty reported as follows:

The chain and seat on the zipwire have been taken down pending replacement. The supplier has been contacted and the Play Park Inspector has been informed. An extension to the deadline for tenders for the Play Park project may be required, to the end of November. Councillor Batty asked for discretion to be allowed her in this matter and this was agreed by Council.

20/126 Website:

The Clerk reported that the new Town Council website is now up and running, with just a few minor adjustments to be made, Councillor Tatham agreed to be responsible for keeping the site up to date. A2A offers some training as part of the new website package and the Clerk will make arrangements for this. The Clerk will also notify the Chamber of Trade, Love the Lune etc of the new website details.

20/127 Social Media:

A paper from Councillor Muirhead and some advice from CALC were both considered. It was resolved to formulate a policy on the use of Social Media by the Council. Councillor Tatham will lead on this, assisted by Councillor Muirhead and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/128 Auction Mart Yard:

A reply had been received from the Secretary of State, indicating that CCC have been asked to reply to the Secretary of State's letter by 11th November 2020. The Clerk will forward a copy of this letter to Councillor Lancaster.

20/129 Clerk's matters/Updates:

- a. The Clerk had received a copy of a letter from the solicitor acting on behalf of the applicant for planning permission at the Royal Barn. This had been circulated to Councillors and was noted.
- b. South Lakeland Local Plan Review. Councillor Burchnall advised the Council that it would be mid-2021 before sites were notified to the Council.
- c. Offer of sandbags (minutes 20/114 refers). A possible suggested site was behind the Fire Station but this requires further discussion and consideration.

20/130 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 11th November 2020 by ZOOM at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated:

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