

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MAIN HALL
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Buswell (Chairman), Isabelle Bradshaw, Mike Burchnall, Mike Marczyński, Allan Muirhead, Robin Ree, Edward Waller and Madeline Williams

Also in attendance: One member of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Storey and District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

22/17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

22/18 Requests for dispensation: None

22/19 Declarations of Interest:

Councillors Marczyński and Muirhead declared an interest should any matters relating to the CIC be discussed. The Clerk explained, for the benefit of new Councillors, how 'Declarations of Interest' operates.

22/20 Public Participation:

Thanks were expressed to the Council for the article in 'AKL' regarding 'Saving The Brow/Ruskins View'. Also for the use of a microphone at Council meetings if these are held in the Main Hall, and to the Hall committee for the improvement in the lighting provision outside the Hall.

22/21 Saving The Brow/RuskinsView:

Sam Millar was unable to be present to bring a report. .

Councillor Burchnall had circulated a report and the following was agreed:

The Council agrees:

- a. To the establishment of a Fundraising Group, as outlined in the report, and that the first key actions should be a further approach to Heritage Lottery for funding and the preparation of a Case for Support and letter that can be distributed widely; and Sam Millar be asked to attend the March meeting to discuss the draft fundraising strategy;

- b. That a Town Meeting be held to launch the fundraising campaign and update the community on the issues and timescale involved, and that invitees include the town's technical consultants (Fairhurst), Sam Millar (the Council's consultant on fundraising), Cumbria County Council, South Lakeland District Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park, the Environment Agency and local organisations including the Churches/Big Vision, Rugby Club, Community Interest Company, the Chamber of Trade and major land owners;
- c. That Councillors Marczynski and Burchnall be authorised to agree the designs and cost sharing of the means of closing off the footpath to public access;
- d. That members of the Town Council carry out a site visit to the old churchyard, arranged by the Town Clerk, and accompanied by representatives of St Mary's, to consider the issues associated with a viewing platform, prior to considering this further at the March meeting; and
- e. That Fairhurst be invited to meet with Councillors, together with representatives of the Yorkshire Dales National Park (Steve Hastie or nominee), the Environment Agency (Emma Warner or nominee) and Carolina Goodship, to brief them on the work carried out to date, the Options Appraisal Report and to outline the next stages of the technical work being carried out, prior to the Council determining the preferred option for the way forward.

22/22 Draft Emergency Plan:

The Draft Emergency Plan had been circulated to Councillors and Councillor Bradshaw gave a presentation on it to the Council. A final draft of the plan will be prepared and this will be brought to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation. The Council gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Bradshaw for her work on this.

22/23 Market Square Traffic proposal

Councillor Muirhead circulated a document outlining two traffic management proposals for Market Square.

- a. Alterations to the exit from Market Square, which would provide a safer environment for pedestrians, were considered. Work would be done by both SLDC and CCC and the overall cost was estimated at £9,500. The Council approved the scheme with the recommendation that any traffic island should have dropped kerbs.
- b. A proposal to prohibit on-street parking on Thursday market days was also discussed. Council heard that CCC estimated the cost at around £10,000 which would be a one-off cost for an open-ended regulation. Councillors felt this could make the town more attractive to residents and visitors and could increase footfall for the town's businesses. The Council agreed to press for this scheme to be implemented and, while prepared to underwrite it, the Town Clerk would invite financial support from the Chamber of Trade and the town's Community Interest Company.

22/24 The Monument, Market Square:

Councillor Muirhead said he had received the Heads of Terms in respect of a 99-year lease at £1 per annum peppercorn rent. The monument has now been repaired and is water and damp proof. It is expected that the lease will be signed next month.

22/25 Finance:

- a. The second half of the grant (£5,750.00) paid to the CIC was approved.
- b. The Clerk gave a brief financial update.
- c. The possibility of using online banking will be considered at a later date.
- d. The Maintenance Contract will not be re-tendered until next year. The Clerk will check with Craig Bradshaw if he is happy to continue.
- e. The Chairman's request for funding towards the proposed flag display in the town was agreed. This will be amount to between £500 and £550, to be divided between the Chamber of Trade, the Christopher Robins Trust and the Town Council.

22/26 Planning Sub Group:

There were no applications to be considered but it was noted that the following applications have all had 'approval recommended' responses sent by the Clerk, as advised by the Planning sub-group:

SL/2022/0057 3 Biggins Hall Farm Barn, High Biggins. Single storey rear extension & internal alterations.

SL/2022/0051 & 0050 Red Dragon Yard, Main Street. Refurbishment of ground floor trade area, alterations to kitchen & toilets layouts & replacement of the extraction system

SL/2022/0042 97 Fairgarth Drive. Extensions and alterations including new glazed balcony and new porch canopy (Revised scheme SL/2021/0422).

22/27 Reports: None.

22/28 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

Councillor Waller reported that meetings of this group have continued on ZOOM for the past 18 months, and the project is being supported by all three local Police forces. Up until now, the main issue has been the speed of vehicles but now the actual noise is to be monitored by special 'noise cameras'. He asked if the Council had views on where monitoring should take place and it was agreed that this should be around Devil's Bridge on the A65 and on the B6254 between Kearnstwick and Old Town.

22/29 Play Park/New entrance to the Play Park:

The Annual Inspection of the Play Park had recently been carried out; it was agreed that, in future, this would be circulated to all Councillors. A quotation from Gavin Charlesworth, who had inspected two trees close to the toddler area, was awaited. It is likely to be in the region of £120 to £150 and it was resolved to accept this. A plaque, commemorating the renovation of the Play Park is to be considered and the Clerk will write to thank former Councillor Batty for leading on this project. It was also noted that there is some cracking on the edge of the tarmac path. The Clerk reported on the Play Park account and noted that a grant had recently been received from the Freida Scott Trust.

Councillor Marczynski said there has been delays in the planning decision being made, at SLDC, but a meeting had now been arranged for SLDC planners, Chris Potts and those Councillors involved, on 24th February.

22/30 Kirkby Lonsdale Relief in Charity:

Dr Peter Weeks and Mr Alan Day were re-appointed to the Kirkby Lonsdale Relief in Charity for a further four years.

22/31 Devil's Bridge toilets:

This was deferred to a future meeting.

22/32 Booths roundabout/The Ram:

The planning application is about to be submitted by Chris Potts to SLDC.

22/33 Queen's Platinum Jubilee events (together with the CIC):

The CIC is arranging a series of meetings for various groups and organisations in the town but there are no firm arrangements yet. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Councillor Bradshaw will attend on behalf of the Community Cupboard and Councillor Ree on behalf of the Lunesdale Hall. The Council is happy for Jubilee Field to be used for an event. Phoebe Rodway (CIC) will keep the Council updated.

22/34 Correspondence:

- a. A Councillor from outside this area had contacted the Council with suggestions for the repair of The Brow/Ruskins View. A response had been made to the suggestions.
- b. A resident had complained twice regarding tree lights at Robrairie, being left on 24 hours each day. Councillor Muirhead agreed to investigate.
- c. A request was made by a resident for the Council to consider the feasibility of installing a footpath/cycle track to the services (Vets, Kirkby Motors, Kirkby Lonsdale Business Park, etc). This will be passed on to Councillor Cotton.

22/35 Date of the next meeting:

***Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7pm in the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale
(Councillor Williams agreed to take notes, in the absence of the Clerk, who will
type up the minutes upon his return)***

***It was resolved that the May meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday
18th May 2022 (This will be the Annual Meeting).***

***All other meetings during 2022 will be held on the second Wednesday in each
month, as usual.***

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: