

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

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

**Also in attendance:** Six members of the public and Sam Millar.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Isabelle Bradshaw and David Storey, District Councillor Kevin Lancaster and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**22/36 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, with an amendment to minute 22/21e to include 'St Mary's Church and the Rugby Club'.

**22/37 Requests for dispensation:** None

**22/38 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors Marczyński and Muirhead declared an interest should any matters relating to the CIC be discussed.

**22/39 Public Participation:**

- a. A resident spoke on planning application SL/2022/0169 (Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club). An email (commenting on the application) had been received which recommended that club should advise campers and caravaners that the The Brow was temporarily closed and that this should be required by any planning decision. The club felt this unnecessary as they agreed to give the information when bookings were made.
- b. Phoebe Rodway (CIC) gave a presentation on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events and reminded Councillors that she had submitted a request for £1,000 towards entertainment, decorations and overnight security.

## **22/40 Saving The Brow/Ruskin's View:**

A presentation around fund-raising was made by Sam Millar.

The Council resolved:

- a. Not to take the issue of a viewing platform in the old graveyard any further as it would achieve little, was too costly and would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the graveyard.
- b. That Council would investigate with St Mary's Church whether the Gazebo could be an alternative viewing point, and if the removal of tree branches would enable a better view;
- c. To agree that it had not been possible to identify a feasible or acceptable alternative footpath linking the rugby club land and St Mary's churchyard. (Councillor Ree dissented)
- d. To thank the Chamber of Trade for supporting the Council's fund-raising effort by collecting tins in local shops and businesses. Details would be discussed with the Chamber by Councillors Buswell and Muirhead;
- e. To ask the Fundraising Group to appoint an Appeals Coordinator;
- f. To set up a community-representative Brow Steering group, to include two Town Councillors.
- g. To hold a Town Meeting on 25th May between 7 and 9pm in the Lunesdale Hall;
- h. To hold a meeting between Fairhurst and Town Councillors, together with other parties, on 13th April between 3 and 5pm in the Bective Room.

## **22/41 Town Council Work Programme:**

Updating Council on the proposal to move the Play Park entrance, Councillor Marczynski said after lengthy delays, an on-site visit took place with SLDC planning officers. These officers remained opposed to the proposal on the grounds of safety, even if the opinion of a transport consultant supported it.

It was resolved to submit the application for planning committee consideration, to engage with local district Councillors, and submit photographic evidence to support the application.

## **22/42 Queen's Platinum Jubilee events (together with CIC):**

Following the presentation made earlier in the meeting, it was agreed to make a grant of £1,000 towards this event.

## **22/43 Finance:**

- a. It was resolved to make grants of £200 to two QES pupils to facilitate attendance at the South Korean Scout Jamboree.
- b. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Craig Bradshaw for the Maintenance Contract for 2022-23 at £14,520. The Contract will be reviewed in September 2022.

## **22/44 Auction Mart Yard:**

The Council was advised that the CCC, on 2nd March, resolved 'that the Council's application to identify a public footpath at Auction Mart yard be rejected. It was agreed that the Council could take no further action.

## **22/45 Planning:**

- a. *The following applications were considered:*

SL/2022/0113 55 Main Street. 2 non-illuminated fascia signs & vinyl window sign to top of window. Approval recommended.

SL/2022/0735 Plot 2, Land north of Biggins Hall, High Biggins. Single dwelling.

Refusal recommended, on the grounds that: the proposed dwelling is still too close and has a detrimental impact on Plot 1; by virtue of the scale of the building (size and height) is too large for the plot and will be detrimental to visual amenity; and the proposed extensive use of cladding is alien to the materials used in existing properties in High Biggins.

SL/2022/0169 Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club, Raygarth. Removal of condition 2 (Temporary period) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0261 (Change of use of land to camping site from 1 May to 1 September each year)  
The Council supports the application but requests that the Rugby Club add the following to the guidance given to campers until The Brow footpath re-opens:

*The Brow footpath into town from the Rugby Club is currently closed and there is no access to the town in this direction. The pedestrian route into town is via Raygarth and Fairgarth.*

*The following applications have all had 'approval recommended' responses sent by the Clerk, as advised by the Planning sub-group:*

SL/2022/0093 18 Harling Bank. Conversion of existing garage to habitable space including raising roof height, construction of external terrace to rear elevation with glazed balustrade & alterations to driveway

SL/2022/1136 8 Swine Market, Mill Brow. Installation of a gas boiler flue through the outhouse wall, removal of sand and cement render and replacement with lime mortar to the front and gable elevations (Retrospective)

SL/2022/0105 Wood End Farm, Low Biggins. Seven new dwellings including two affordable with access, landscaping and associated works (Resubmission of SL/2021/0914).

**22/46 Reports:** None.

**22/47 Correspondence:**

The Clerk had received correspondence regarding sheep health around Devil's Bridge and had recommended contact be made with Underley, SLDC or the RSPCA.

**22/48 Date of the next meeting:**

Before confirming the date of the next Council Meeting, the Chairman indicated his intention to stand down at the Council's Annual Meeting in May.

Next meeting - *Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7pm at the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.*

*(Councillors will have a private briefing from Fairhursts via Zoom at 3pm)*

*The meeting closed at 8.40pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*

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