

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2022 AT 7.15PM**

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

Also in attendance: Six members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Isabelle Bradshaw and received from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

22/65 Election of Chair/Chairman:

Councillor Mike Burchnall was elected Chair for 2022-23. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

22/66 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

The Council expressed its thanks to Councillor Buswell for his chairmanship since 2017 and are glad he will continue as a Councillor.

22/67 Requests for dispensation: None

22/68 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/69 Appointment of Deputy Chair/Chairman for 2022-23:

Councillor Allan Muirhead was appointed Deputy Chair for 2022-23.

22/70 QES Representation:

The Chair welcomed Molly Watson, as representative for QES.

22/71 Public Participation:

- a. Merlin Hibbs updated the Council on the progress of B4RN. It is very pleasing that Phase 1 is going ahead as there is now sufficient sign-up. £150,000 further investment will be needed if Phase 2 is to be achieved. A leaflet drop in town is planned in the next few days.

- b. A suggestion was made that the Council holds regular 'surgeries' such as the local MP does, so that members of the public can come and ask questions and share concerns with the Council. The Clerk said that there are Councils in South Lakeland which do this. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

22/72 Saving Ruskin's View

Councillor Burchnall summarised the report that had been circulated prior to the meeting and also reported on the Western Parishes meeting of the Yorkshire Dales National Park which had taken place on 11th May, attended by himself and Councillor Ree.

It was resolved that at the 8th June Town Council meeting the main item be a discussion about the adoption of a preferred option for the remediation of the Brow and the issue of an alternative route, and that Standing Orders be suspended for this discussion, prior to the Council coming to a formal view. It was further resolved that the Charitable Trust being set up comprise three Town Councillors and two other members of the community and that the selection of trustees be delegated to the Chair and Deputy Chair, with confirmation at a future Council meeting.

22/73 Drop In Session on 25th May:

A 'drop-in' session has been arranged to take place from 6 to 8pm on Wednesday 25th May in the Lunesdale Hall, so that members of the public are able to view details of the problems at The Bow/Ruskin's View and the possible ways forward.

22/74 Planning sub-group - *the following application was considered:*

SL/2022/0335 Land off Oakfield Park. 34 dwellings associated engineering works, landscaping and infrastructure.

The Council resolved to OBJECT to the application, considering that; plots 1/10 should be deleted to retain the existing landscaped area; the scheme should be redesigned to delete the second access to Kendal Road; the scheme should make a financial contribution to the Town's Play Park in lieu of open space in the scheme; and commuted sums should be paid to St Mary's Primary School and the NHS Commissioning Group, in view of the extra demand on resources.

The Council also resolved that there was no objection to housing in principle, including the affordable housing, but that the scheme should count towards the housing targets in the emerging Local Plan, not the current Local Plan.

22/75 Town Council Work Programme: .

The programme will be updated at the July meeting; in the meantime, Councillors are asked to check the tasks assigned to them and provide a report at that meeting.

22/76 Reports from County and District Councillors: None.

22/77 Queen's Square:

It was agreed to request CCC Highways to provide signage in Queen's Square, by two triangular signs warning of the presence of pedestrians in the road.

22/78 Councillor's responses to approaches from members of the public:

Councillor Muirhead stressed the need for Councillors to be sensitive to approaches from members of the public regarding local issues. They should also remember that formal action is normally taken by the Town Clerk on advice from the Chair.

22/79 Emergency Plan - deferred until the next meeting.

22/80 Climate change action - deferred until the next meeting.

22/81 Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Councillor Waller updated the plans for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; On Thursday 2nd June, there will be a market in Market Square, beacon lighting in the Play Park with entertainment from 7pm. Beacon lighting is at 9.45pm. On Friday, between 10am and 5pm, there will be live music in Market Square, children's games, a dance workshop, with a disco in the evening. On Saturday, there is to be a celebration in St Mary's Church and there will be various street parties. A closing ceremony will take place in St Mary's Church on the Sunday.

The Clerk is to ask the police about advisory notices regarding CCTV in the town and request that the Council is kept up to date on the forthcoming Appleby Horse Fair, delayed by a week due to the Jubilee celebrations.

22/82 Finance:

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

CCC	£623.98	CIC - Christmas Tree electric supply.
Thomas Graham	£14.46	CIC - supplies
Healthmatic	£390.00	CIC - maintenance contract
CALC	£20.00	Councillor Training
Craig Bradshaw	£1,450.00	Maintenance contract
Zurich Municipal	£1,800.32	Insurance premium

b. A request for funding from the Community Cupboard was considered. It was resolved that to grant £7,500 and to ask for a report on their work towards the end of the year, to help Council determine how it might provide ongoing financial support.

Councillor Muirhead declared a personal interest in this application and did not vote.

c. The Clerk said that the accounts are being prepared for audit and a full report would be given at the next meeting.

- d. The Clerk summarised charges being levied by the Council's bank, in view of Council's annual turnover being in excess of £100,000.

22/83 Correspondence:

Correspondence had been received from Andrew Royce, Solicitor representing John Short, in relation to the use of the Dowson Field. The Clerk has responded.

22/84 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th June 2022 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Dated: