

KLTC June 8, 2022

**Agenda item 12: Land at the junction of Town End (Main Street) and the A65 - to note the licence agreement giving the Town Council the management rights (Councillor Muirhead)**

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KLTC has a commitment to keep the town safe and tidy. It has regularly identified areas where improvements can be made and has taken steps to ensure its policy is effective and practical. Acquiring the public open space at Masters Grange is a case in point.

The grassed plot of land at Town End (Main St) at the junction with the A65 is a key site when used to attract visitors to the town. It is the main entrance to Kirkby for visitors from the south or east.

Over the years, the town council has used this plot to erect a Christmas tree, and was able to acquire a safe power source. Banners are regularly put up there advertising local events, and, on occasion, the large vertical stone supports advertising material.

Craig Bradshaw keeps the plot tidy but it was unclear who is actually responsible for the plot.

The question was put to the county council who eventually confirmed that it was 'highways' property. During conversations with the highways department, they were amenable to giving the town council authority to ensure the plot was kept tidy and could be used by the town council as a 'welcoming' gateway site.

This could be done through a licence agreement issued by the county council at no cost to either party.

As this was within the town council's declared policy, the deputy Chair accepted this offer.

The terms are not contentious and allow the town council to continue to erect a Christmas tree as well as any other seasonal items, to ensure the vertical boulder is kept safe and not misused and that any advertising on the site is time-limited.

Cllr Allan Muirhead  
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