

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE RUSKIN ROOM  
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2022 AT 7PM**

**Present:** Councillors Mike Burchnall (Chair), Isabelle Bradshaw, Geoffrey Buswell, Mike Marczyński, Allan Muirhead and Madeline Williams.

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

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Robin Ree and received from District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Ian Mitchell.

The Chair announced the resignation of Edward Waller from the Council and the Council recorded a vote of thanks to him for his time as a Councillor. The Clerk had declared a Casual Vacancy and this would be considered later in the meeting.

The following Motion, from Councillor Muirhead, was to have been considered under item 7c:

*"That this Council deplores the sacking of Town Councillor Robin Ree as a volunteer with our town's Parish Church because of comments he made as a Town Councillor at the Council meeting of 8th June 2022".*

The word 'deplores' was changed to 'regrets'.

The Motion was then withdrawn.

**22/105 Minutes:**

After minor amendments (noted below) were made, the minutes of the meeting of 8th Jun 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Minute 22/91 It was agreed that Councillor Burchnall be the third Council Trustee.

*Minute 22/92 Composition of Council working groups:*

e. Play Park/Recreation group: Councillor Marczyński to join this group.

f. Community Response group - this will now consist of just two Councillors.

**22/106 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**22/107 Declarations of Interest:**

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

## **22/108 Public participation:**

The following questions were asked regarding the issues surrounding Ruskins View/The Brow:

- a. The Fairhurst report listed six options, costing from less than £100,000 to between £1 to £2M: What is the likely cost of the maximum intervention?
- b. Closure of the footpath: Could CCC Highways be asked what is the minimum amount of work required to enable the footpath to be re-opened?
- c. The sole public consultation on 25th May lasted two hours and of 69 questionnaires completed, 92% favoured remedial work being done. As that represented only 3.15% of the town's population, should there be further consultation?

It was agreed the Council will respond in due course.

## **22/109 Council Vacancies:**

SLDC has confirmed that there has been no requests for an Election and so the Council is free to fill the vacancies by co-option. It was agreed to advertise the two vacancies widely and hold interviews immediately prior to the next Council meeting on 10th August.

## **22/110 Save Ruskin's View:**

*Councillors were told that:*

- a. The Gazebo is in good condition and only minor work is required; it could be open under controlled hours. The removal of a number of tree branches is to be discussed with the YDNPA.
- b. Commendium reported that while there had been no noticeable movement at The Brow, there is a continued risk. It was agreed that the frequency of inspections be reduced to bi-monthly. Commendium recommends that the path should remain closed to the public.
- c. A possible alternative footpath is to be considered by the District Church Council.
- d. The Council agreed a response to correspondence from a local resident, Mr Derek Atkinson. The Clerk to advise Mr Atkinson accordingly.
- e. The fund raising initiative by the Royal Barn was welcomed.
- f. The letter of support from Mrs Claire Hensman, Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria was noted and will be used in future publicity.

## **22/111 Jubilee Field:.**

There had been recent 'wild camping' in Jubilee Field; a mess had been left which had been cleared away by Craig Bradshaw. Whilst this might be a one-off event, it was agreed that the Police be contacted by the Clerk and asked if they would be prepared to take any action in the future, possibly in conjunction with the Town Council. The Council will also examine the use of a private security company in the future.

### **22/112 Play Park:**

- a. Former Councillor Edward Waller has agreed to lead on the Play Park/Recreation group and this is welcomed by the Council.
- b. A meeting to consider improving access to the Play Park is to be held with Andrew Vickers of SLDC.
- c. The Play Park working group were asked to identify improvements to the Park from the two lower car parks and submit a costed proposal to the Council. The Clerk will advise the Chair of the working group.

### **22/113 Town Council Work Programme:**

Councillor Marczynski reported that Chris Potts has undertaken to submit the planning application for the 'Ram sculpture by 5th August.

### **22/114 Planning sub-group:**

- a. *The following applications were considered and approval recommended:*

SL/2022/0551 19 Main Street. Single storey and cellar rear extension.

SL/2022/0573 Stoneycroft, Tram Lane. Double storey front and single storey rear extensions, internal and external alterations.

SL/2022/0597 The Fountain House, 8 Beck Head. Detached garage building, internal and external alterations and landscaping

- b. *The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:*

SL/2022/0438 38 Main Street. Fascia - Remove existing signage badge and replace with new signage & double sided projecting sign to match existing size, to be painted. Granted.

- c. *The following applications, to which the Clerk responded with an 'approval' recommendation, on his delegated authority, were noted:*

SL/2022/0541 14 Lunefield Drive. Erection of a replacement front porch.

SL/2022/0572 3 Biggins Hall Farm Barn, High Biggins. Installation of replacement patio doors to living room.

SL/2021/0095/0096 Barn north of Woodend Farm, Low Biggins. Conversion of barn into dwelling and change of use to form domestic curtilage.

### **22/115 Reports:**

District Councillor Ian Mitchell had walked around town with the Town Council's Chair and Deputy Chair, to identify outstanding issues requiring attention in the coming months.

## 22/116 Finance:

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

### For KLTC:

Lunesdale Hall	497.00	Use of hall 2021-22
Lunesdale Hall	380.00	Use of hall 2022-23
Craig Bradshaw	1452.00	Maintenance contract
Ian Ashurst	474.00	Repairs - Jingling Lane
Ian Ashurst	305.00	Repairs - 29 Main Street
HMRC	1054.41	PAYE
K M Price (reimbursement)	143.88	ZOOM licence to June 2023 (other Councils will contribute)
K M Price	220.25	Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel

### For CIC:

Thomas Graham	71.52	
Wallgate	1197.00	
Healthmatic	390.00	
Focus	439.69	
Focus	184.26	Credit note
Lighting and Illumination	1560.00	
Viking	57.52	
Tactical Security Options	432.00	
Rapid Clear	180.00	
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Focus	336.00	
Tents & Events	2088.00	

- b. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted. The Clerk will discuss informal recommendations that were made, with the Finance, Strategy and Monitoring group at their next meeting.
- c. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- d. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Accounting Statement.
- e. It was resolved to set up a separate website for 'Save Ruskin's View'. Councillor Bradshaw will action this. The cost will be around £15 monthly.
- f. It was resolved that Laura Keeler, Appeal Co-ordinator, can liaise with one Councillor for the early payment of expenses incurred in the appeal, rather than wait for the monthly schedule of payments.

**22/117 Correspondence:**

*The Clerk reported on the following:*

- a. Andrew Vickers, SLDC, arranging a meeting to discuss access to the Play Park.
- b. Councillor Buswell, regarding loose stones on the fountain in Queens Square. It was agreed to ask Craig Bradshaw to replace them during his usual maintenance visits.
- c. A 'den' had been created by persons unknown under Stanley Bridge. The Clerk had been in touch with Steve Hastie of YDNPA who had suggested CCC and SLDC should be the best points of contact, but that he would help if possible.
- d. An enquiry had been received regarding the re-tendering of the Maintenance Contract. This is due to be considered during the autumn months.

**22/118 Future events:**

*The following were noted:*

25th July      Lunesdale Hall management committee  
21st July      Respect meeting at Barbon Village Hall at 4pm.  
21st July      CIC Board Meeting.

**22/119 Date of next meeting:**

***Wednesday 10th August 2022 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7pm.***

*The meeting closed at 7.45pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*