

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST 2022 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Mike Burchnall (Chair), Geoffrey Buswell, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead, Robin Ree and Madeline Williams.

Also in attendance: Molly Watson (QES Representative), four 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.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders and gave Councillor Muirhead the floor. Council was told that Fiona Crackles, a member of the England women's hockey team which won Commonwealth Gold in Birmingham earlier in the month, was a Kirkby Lonsdale resident. She had previously won Olympic Bronze with the national team.

Council agreed to the proposal that the Town Clerk write to Fiona Crackles to congratulate her and to thank her for enabling Kirkby Lonsdale to be regularly mentioned by media commentators during the Games.

This was unanimously agreed.

22/120 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2022 were approved to be signed by the Chair.

22/121 Requests for Dispensations: None.

22/122 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/123 Public participation:

Helen Lancaster addressed the Council regarding Planning Application SL/2022/0670 & 0671 (Tearnside Hall) and outlined the intention to bring this property back into use as a family home. The application would be considered by the Council later in the meeting.

22/123 Council Vacancies:

Three applicants had been interviewed immediately prior to this meeting and it was resolved to co-opt Paul Cassell and Braddan Quayle to fill the two vacant seats.

22/124 Save Ruskin's View:

A report from Councillor Burchnall had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was reported that consent had been granted for the tree works required to open up the view from the Gazebo and an email from Derek Atkinson referring to further damage to The Brow was reported. 'Financial update' will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

22/125 Play Park:

Councillor Marczynski updated the Council on the relocation of the recycling bins which had been carried out with the help of SLDC.

It was resolved to ask the Play Park group for proposals to improve the main entrance to the Play Park which might include a more attractive entrance and improved signage.

22/126 Town Council Work Programme:

Councillor Marczynski reported that the planning application for the 'Ram' structure has now been submitted.

22/127 Town Council 'surgeries':

It was resolved to hold Council 'surgeries' for a trial period, commencing on Thursday 15th September from 6 to 8pm. It is hoped QES can be involved in some way.

22/128 Tree planting:

It was agreed that a tree with ornamental guard would be planted in Jubilee Field in memory of June Peckston, who had served the town in a variety of ways over many years, including working on behalf of the British Legion. The tree would be supplied by Peter Irving. The Council agreed to contribute £50 towards the cost.

22/129 Parish Council Elections 2023:

Council noted advice from CALC that Councils, such as Kirkby Lonsdale, who face an election next year should budget for this. Costs will be borne entirely by the Town Council and could amount to around £2,000.

22/130 Signage in the town:

A request had been received from two residents to provide better signage from the town to the river/Devil's Bridge. It was thought that a sign at Jingling Lane/Back Lane might be put on a boundary wall. Councillor Muirhead agreed to make inquiries.

22/131 The Great Big Green Week:

An email from Julie Hendry at CALC was noted. It was agreed to ask Councillor Bradshaw to look into this and report back to the Council.

22/132 Proposed creation of a traffic-free walking/cycling/riding route from Kirkby Lonsdale to Ingleton:

Councillor Williams had attended a recent meeting held by Sustrans on these proposals. Initial discussions have been held with landowners, especially those close to the old railway track. Further consultations are planned soon and the Council will be updated in due course.

22/133 Planning sub-group:

a. The following applications were considered::

SL/2022/0476 Biggins Lodge Farm, High Biggins. Erection of rural workers dwelling & detached garage. Approval recommended, subject to:

- i. The elevational treatment being amended to more closely reflect materials used in High Biggins, particularly stone.
- ii. The applicant voluntarily revoking the planning permission for six affordable houses on Pit Lane (which could otherwise provide accommodation for the farm worker).

SL/2022/0670 & 0671 Tearnside Hall. Refurbishment of residential accommodation to main Hall, change of use of attached barn and annex barn from commercial/retail use in order to extend the residential accommodation, repair and rebuild of stables to create garden store and home office. Approval recommended.

SL/2022/0489 23 Mitchelgate. Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of a single storey rear extension. Approval recommended.

b. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were considered:

SL/2022/0442 10 Beck Head. Change of use of the first floor office space (use class E) to a one bedroom self-contained holiday flat (Use class C3). Granted.

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

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

22/134 Reports: None.

22/135 Finance:

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

For KLTC:

David Higson	£270.00	Honorarium - Internal Audit
T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll Administration - annual charge
Planning Portal	£149.20	Planning Application
Laura Keeler	£1840.00	'Save Ruskin's View' June and July
Craig Bradshaw	£1584.00	Maintenance Contract

For CIC:

Healthmatic	£390.00	Maintenance contract
Nortech Radio Communications Ltd	£162.00	two-way radio hire

- b. The Interim Accounts for the period 1st April to 31st July 2022 were noted. A quarterly internal audit will now take place, due to the much increased number of financial transactions taking place.
- c. It was resolved to contribute a further £1,000 towards the refurbishment of the Lunesdale Hall kitchen.

22/136 Correspondence: None.

22/137 Future events:

The following were noted:

Art Society Annual Exhibition	all this week
Poetry Festival	12th to 14th August
Gardening Association Annual Show	20th August
The Brow Fund Raising group	6th September

22/128 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 14th September 2022 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: