

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MAIN HALL  
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7PM**

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

Also in attendance: Four members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Isabelle Bradshaw, Paul Cassell and Robin Ree, and received from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster and Molly Watson (QES Councillor).

**23/1 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved to be signed by the Chair.

**23/2 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**23/3 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Muirhead declared an interest should any matters relating to the CIC be discussed and Councillors Burchnall and Marczynski declared a personal interest in Planning Application SL/2022/1078 13 Lower Abbotsgate (to be considered later in the meeting)

**23/4 Public participation:**

- a. It was reported that residents at Oakfield Park are having difficulty in getting grit bins filled as the road is not yet adopted. The Clerk will ask CCC Highways for help.
- b. Street Naming – as this was to be discussed later in the meeting, the Chair moved this item forward:

**23/5 Street Naming:**

An email from Alison Powell, WDP Architects, had been circulated regarding street naming at Wood End Farm. The Council is being consulted as there are more than five houses (seven new dwellings). The Council resolved not to raise any objections, but to point out that 'Wood End' should appear as two words.

**23/6 Play Park:**

Edward Waller had submitted a proposal for short/medium term improvements and this was considered. It was noted that this does not include proposed improvements to the play park entrance.

### **23/7 Budget for 2023-24:**

The Budget Report was carefully considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council/Westmorland and Furness Council in the sum of £120,000. There is therefore no increase in the town element of the Council Tax this year.

### **23/8 Save Ruskin's View:**

Prior to the meeting a report updating on fundraising activities had been circulated to all Councillors. Laura Keeler, the Council's Appeal Co-ordinator, outlined the key points in the report and answered questions on it.

Councillor Marczynski advised that a further contractor, Yates, would be visiting The Brow on 18th January and would then be able to give a cost for the works. Also on that day that there was to be a meeting between the Council (Councillors Burchnall and Marczynski), Fairhurst and representatives of St Mary's to discuss how to take the project forward.

### **23/9 Projects requiring action by District and/or County Council:**

In view of the various projects still requiring action by SLDC or CCC, the Clerk will contact Councillor Jonathan Brook (Leader of SLDC and Shadow Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council) and reiterate the need for an urgent meeting with Councillors, outside of a formal Town Council meeting. Councillor Muirhead will supply the Clerk with a full list of projects/issues.

### **23/10 Town Council Work Programme:**

This was deferred until the next meeting but Councillors were asked to check the circulated copy for accuracy.

### **23/11 'The Ram':**

Planning permission has been granted , but CCC are claiming erroneously that they were not consulted as Highway Authority and that the structure cannot be erected because of its size and impact on highway safety. It was resolved to contact the officer involved at SLDC, affirming that the Council believes that permission has been granted and that there is no reason why the proposed development should not go ahead. Depending on the response received, it may be necessary to involve the Chief Executives of both SLDC and CCC and MP Tim Farron.

### **23/12 Planning sub-group:**

- a. *The following comments, submitted under the Clerk's delegated authority, were noted:*

SL/2022/1135 9 Ruskin Drive. Internal and external alterations, single storey flat roofed rear extension, single storey front extension & rear dormer. No objections.

SL/2022/1096 1 Ruskin Drive. Internal and external alterations, single storey front, rear extension & side extensions & rear dormer. No objections.

SL/2022/1061 Manor View, Pit Lane. Single storey rear and side extension. No objections.

*b. The following applications were considered::*

SL/2022/1078 13 Lower Abbotsgate. Proposed single storey front extension and two storey side extension. No objections, although the Council recognises that there will be some loss of light for the neighbouring property.

SL/2022/1136 The Flat, 7 New Road. Replacement windows, internal alterations to create additional bathroom facilities, internal works to improve fire protection, re-roofing & rebuilding chimney with associated works. Approval recommended.

*c. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

SL/2022/0941 1 Lune Close. Double storey front and single storey side extension; rear dormer and internal and external alterations. Granted.

SL/2022/0970 Elmdene, Ruskin Drive. Ground floor alterations to existing bungalow to create an open plan living area, utility space, repositioning of front entrance door and loft conversion with rear dormer to create additional 2 bedrooms & bathroom. Granted.

**23/13 Reports:** None.

**23/14 Finance:**

*The following payments were agreed:*

**For KLTC:**

|                                  |          |   |
|----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Craig Bradshaw                   | £1452.00 | Maintenance contract  |
| Ian Ashurst                      | £488.00  | Building work – ZINK (to note – already paid)                                 |
| Lunesdale Hall                   | £539.25  | Hire of hall  |
| CNP Associates                   | £750.00  | Work on the proposed ‘Ram’  |
| CALC                             | £24.50   | Training – Councillor Booklets  |
| Kirkby Lonsdale Chamber of Trade |          |   |
|                                  | £96.00   | Membership Subscription   |
| K M Price                        | £280.66  | Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel. |

**For Play Park:**

|                             |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| J Mortimer Fabrications Ltd |         |         |
|                             | £212.90 | Repairs |

**For CIC:**

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| Healthmatic    | £390.00  | Maintenance contract        |
| SLDC           | £195.97  | Insurance on 24 Main Street |
| Craig Bradshaw | £3108.00 | Christmas events            |
| Lite           | £1560.60 | Christmas events            |

**For The Brow:**

|                 |          |                                |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Laura Keeler    | £2200.00 | Paid by BACS                   |
| Sam Millar      | £1200.00 | Paid by BACS                   |
| Cumbria Tourism | £246.00  | Subscription                   |
| Mike Burchnall  | £78.78   | Reimbursement for padlocks etc |
| Laura Keeler    | £1711.97 |                                |

**23/15 Correspondence:** None.

**23/16 Future events:** None announced.

**23/17 Next meetings of the Town Council:**

***Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 4pm. – additional meeting at 4pm to consider tenders submitted for the 2023-24 Maintenance Contract.***

***Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm***

***(This was later changed to 22<sup>nd</sup> February to facilitate attendance at a Westmorland and Furness Council open meeting for Councillors – online)***

***Both meetings at the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.***

*The meeting closed at 8.25pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*