

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 8 March, 2023 AT 7PM**

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

Also in attendance: Laura Keeler (Town Council consultant) and three members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Paul Cassell, Kevin Price (Clerk) and SLDC councillor Ian Mitchell

23/36 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 22nd February, 2023 were approved to be signed by the Chair.

23/37 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/38 Declarations of Interest:

Councillors Marczynski and Muirhead declared an interest in any matters relating to the Community Interest Company (CIC)

23/39 Public participation:

None

23/40 Respect meeting

Councillor Muirhead attended the recent Respect meeting, which monitors the movement of travellers before and after the Appleby Horse Fair. Stones on the path leading up to the caravan park are to be repositioned to make the route more pedestrian-friendly; it's recommended that grass in Jubilee Park should be cut short and the double gates to Jubilee Park should be locked; Councillor Ian Mitchell has been nominated as next Chair of the Respect Group; the next meeting will be in September, but avenues of communication will be open up to the event, although no drop-in sessions are planned; a new PCSO is in place for Kirkby Lonsdale; and police Sergeant Scott O'Neil is due to attend the next meeting of the Town Council.

Councillor Ree will be take over from Councillor Muirhead at future Respect meetings.

23/41 'The Ram'

Councillor Marczynski advised that Chris Potts is approaching highway contractors re the proposed works; a visit to Hanson's quarry is to take place on 14 March to select the plinth; a survey of the roundabout will be necessary to ensure the base for the Ram and plinth will be stable, or whether an under base may be needed, and that power for lighting is available. Whilst no formal response has been received from CCC re an extension of time, it is hoped that a submission of further details by 31 March will be sufficient.

23/42 Play Park

Councillors Ree and Marczynski had met with Edward Waller re a number of outstanding issues.

To eliminate a potential trip hazard and in view of the state of the footpath Wenning have been asked to quote for remedial measures; the large gate to the rear of the fire station is rotten and quotes were being sought for its replacement; improvements to the entrance similar to that at Tram Lane were being investigated and priced; the two notice boards will be renovated; and the District Council Inspector had noted that a number of benches were not attached to the ground – Edward Waller is to attend to these.

Concern was again raised about the condition of the large sycamore adjacent to the zip wire. It was agreed that the Clerk should follow up the correspondence he has had with SLDC and CCC and provide an update at the next meeting.

23/43 Community Share meeting

Councillor Burchnall reported on the meeting that had taken place on 1st March. Apart from the Coronation (the following item) the Group had discussed how the Town would deliver the Christmas celebrations this year and received feedback from Phoebe Rodway on last year's very successful event. The next meeting is on 28th March at 4.30 in the Methodist Hall.

23/44 Coronation weekend

The Community Share group are putting together a draft programme for the weekend, largely the Sunday, to be entitled 'Random Acts of Kindness'. Phoebe Rodway has agreed to be the Event Manager and the programme has been costed at £5,000. Contributions are being sought from groups and organisations across the Town. The CIC has agreed £1,000 and the Chamber of Trade £1,100.

The Town Council agreed to contribute £1,000 to the event.

23/45 Town Council Facebook Page

Councillor Bradshaw presented a revised version of the Council's Digital Communication Policy and proposals for a Facebook page. A number of changes were discussed in relation to the Digital Communication Policy and it was agreed that: a further revised version be submitted for adoption to the Council at its next meeting; that Councillor Bradshaw be confirmed as the moderator as set out in the policy, with the Clerk assisting as necessary; and that Councillor Bradshaw continue with the setting up of a Facebook page.

23/46 Kirkby Lonsdale Relief in Need of Charity

Mrs Janet Bradshaw was confirmed as the Council's nominated Trustee

23/47 Memorial – Former TC Chairman Alan Day

It was agreed that a bench be placed within the Rugby Club Ground at a position which Alan cherished. Councillor Buswell agreed to discuss this with Alan's son and report back on the contribution that the Council can make to this.

23/48 Planning Sub- Group

The comments submitted by the Clerk were noted.

23/49 Reports from County and district Councillors

None

23/50 Finance

It was agreed to pay the revised list of outstanding accounts circulated prior to the meeting.

In respect of a request from the town's Cricket Club for funding, it was agreed to ask them to submit a formal request for grant support, the Clerk to send them the official application form to be completed.

23/51 Save Ruskin's View (SRV)

Laura Keeler provided an update on the funding committed to date, the upcoming events and the issues faced by the Fundraising Group. A copy of her report was circulated to Councillors after the meeting.

23/52 Correspondence

None

23/53 Future events

The next Community Share meeting is scheduled for 28th March at 4.30pm in the Methodist Hall.

Neil Anderson from the Rugby Club advised that the Park Run will not be on 1 May as minuted. It will be later that month, the date to be advised.

23/54 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 12 April, 2023 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm