

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM  
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Mike Burchnall (Chair), Isabelle Bradshaw, Paul Cassell, Mike Marczynski, Robin Ree and Madeline Williams.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Geoffrey Buswell and Braddan Quayle, Sgt. Suzanne Scott-O'Neill and Judith Collinson (CIC).

**23/97 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved to be signed by the Chair.

**23/98 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**23/99 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**23/100 Co-option of new Councillor:**

Interviews had been held immediately prior to this meeting. It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Malcolm Perrin to the Council. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat.

**23/101 Public participation:**

*The following issues were raised:*

- a. Will second homes in the parish be charged 100% extra on their Council Tax bills? The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with WAF Council but he understood that this was certainly going to happen within the Lake District National Park.
- b. Appleby Horse Fair and its effect on the town – this would be discussed later in the meeting.
- c. CIC – what is its current financial position and is it tenable? The Chair indicated that a report would be brought to the Council by the CIC in September or October.
- d. Save Ruskin's View – what is the current position? The Chair said that there is a briefing meeting of interested parties arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> June and information will be available following that.

### **23/102 Save Ruskin's View:**

A joint briefing meeting has been arranged for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 6 to 7pm at the Lunesdale Hall. There will be an update on possible charitable status being achieved, concerning which legal advice is being sought, prior to an application being made to the Charity Commission. The Chair said that both Laura Keeler and Sam Millar will be reducing their hours and this will be discussed at the meeting.

The final report from Fairhurst should be with the Council this week, indicating the likely cost of the work on the Brow.

**23/103 Planning** – there were no planning matters.

### **23/104 Town Council Work Programme:**

The Town Council Work was examined in detail and alterations and additions made. The revised Programme will be circulated to Councillors as soon as possible.

**23/105 Reports:** None.

### **23/106 Appleby Horse Fair:**

Several issues had arisen around the period of the Fair, including the removal of a kissing gate (it was unsure who owned this). There were other issues to flag up and it was felt that drop-in sessions are needed, especially after the Fair has ended. The Clerk will contact the Police about this.

### **23/107 A Town Tidy Up Team:**

This will be considered at a future meeting.

### **23/108 QES student representation on the Town Council:**

The Clerk will contact QES, in order to ascertain what representation there might be from the school in the next academic year. The Council has been pleased to have Molly Watson as the representative during the past year.

### **23/109 Amalgamation of the town's websites:**

Further quotations are being sought for this work and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

## 23/110 Finance:

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

For KLTC:

Craig Bradshaw	£1956.00	Maintenance contract
Lunesdale H and G	£36.90	Padlocks
Lunesdale Hall	£93.50	Booking
KL & LV CIC	£1,000.00	Coronation grant
Rural Services Partnership Ltd	£108.90	Rural Market Town Group

Membership

(replacing cheque for £90.75 previously written)

For CIC:

Thomas Graham	£245.03	Supplies
Healthmatic	£390.00	Maintenance contract
Fools Paradise Ltd	£858.00	Coronation event

For The Brow:

Laura Keeler	£204.12	Whelprigg expenses
Laura Keeler	£1810.00	May
Craig Bradshaw	£300.00	Coronation weekend
WCAS Ltd	£79.20	Coronation events
Lunesdale Hall	£103.00	Bookings
Absolute Digital	£130.00	Coronation leaflet
Mrs S J Millar	£375.00	May-June work

- b. The report from the Council's Internal Auditor was noted, with thanks. This will be circulated to all Councillors before the next meeting, when there will be a full financial update and review.
- c. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements, all Councillors having received a copy of each document.

## 23/111 Correspondence:

- a. Chris Rowsell, regarding the Dowson Field. The Clerk will ask for specific details of what is required to be submitted as an agenda item for a future meeting.
- b. A visitor had reported a dead animal in one of the town's car parks and it was still there two weeks later. The Clerk reported this to WAF Council and it was subsequently removed.

## 23/112 Matters to be followed up:

- a. Market Square parking – the Clerk will ask WAF Council what the present position is.

- b. The value of the RAM sculpture was stated to be £15,000 – this will be added to the Council's insurance policy. Public liability etc is already covered.
- c. Market Square monument – The Clerk will ask Councillor Mitchell to make enquiries if this asset has now been transferred to the Council.

**23/113 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7pm at The Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.***

*The meeting closed at 8.20pm*

Signed:

Dated:

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