

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM  
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 7PM**

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

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Paul Cassell and Braddan Quayle.

Prior to the formal business, there was a presentation from the two Cumbria Scouts, Tess Batty and Joe Elliott, who attended the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea supported by the Town Council and other local organisations/firms.

A number of slides were shown, and both Scouts provided a commentary on these. A number of questions were asked by Councillors and members of the public and the Council was thanked for their financial support for this worthwhile venture.

**PART 1:**

**23/168 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were approved to be signed by the Chair.

**23/169 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**23/170 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors Bradshaw and Burchnall declared a personal interest in Planning Application S/09/14 (Hawkrigg, Lune Valley Park).

**23/171 Public participation:** None

**23/172 Presentation from the Community Cupboard:**

Janet Bradshaw gave a full report (Councillors had received a copy of this) and answered a number of questions. She expressed thanks to the Council for the grant of £12,000 and said that the work of the Community Cupboard is constantly expanding, with 300 hours of volunteer work being carried out each week.

**23/173 Consideration of two standing items:**

- a. The Town Council Calendar: The revised calendar had been circulated – it was noted that the financial update will be an agenda item for the next meeting, which would be closer to the setting of the Precept at the January meeting.

- b. The Town Council Work Programme – there were no amendments to be made at present and the programme will be updated every three months,

**23/174 Consideration of a 20mph speed limit in all or parts of the town:**

As Westmorland & Furness Council has now adopted a new policy in relation to 20mph zones, it was resolved that the Council formally seeks, via the Locality Board, such a limit on all the main roads leading into and through the town. Councillor Perrin agreed to send a map of the area, to the Clerk. It is not known, at this stage, what the financial implications for the Council would be.

**23/175 Proposed transfer of funds from the Save Ruskin's View account to the main Town Council account:**

It was resolved to transfer £20,000 from the Ruskin's View account to the Town Council's main account, on the basis that this money is transferred back when the Council's financial position allows it, and no later than the start of the next financial year.

**23/176 Save Ruskin's View:**

The Chair outlined the current position. The application for £600,000 funding had not been successful but an application is being made to the Community Ownership Fund for a grant between £400,000 and £1 million. This is likely to be early in the New Year.

A Public Meeting is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm at which the final report from Fairhurst will be considered (copies are now available for Councillors and some spares), together with presentations from Matt Sowerby, who is now leading on fundraising, Sam Millar, Councillor Perrin and the Chair.

Councillor Perrin will also report on security and safety measures that might be put in place to stop unauthorised access to The Brow footpath, at the next meeting.

A new website for 'Save Ruskin's View' has now been launched:

*<https://saveruskinsview.co.uk>*

**23/177 Remembering Councillor Geoffrey Buswell:**

A quotation of £4,000 had been received for a 'railway' bench, with 'Kirkby Lonsdale' on it, as well as Geoffrey's name. If this goes ahead, funding would be by public subscription and an amount has already been promised towards this. An update will be brought to the next meeting.

It is also planned to establish a 'wildflower garden' at Mill Ayre. Councillor Ree said that this will not be expensive.

### **23/178 The Booths No 1 car park:**

The Council had received correspondence from members of the public and also from W & F Councillor Hazel Hodgson on this issue. The Chair had issued a report with the agenda for this meeting. It was resolved that the Council, together with the CIC and Councillor Hodgson, request an urgent meeting with senior management at Booths to discuss concerns that are outlined in the report and those that have been expressed via the local community.

Allan Muirhead had been in touch with Edwin Booth, on behalf of the CIC and the Clerk will make contact with Allan to discuss this.

**23/179 Reports:** None.

### **23/180 Planning:**

*The following applications were considered:*

SL/2023/0662 Land to the rear of The Smithy, Fairbank. Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved) for the demolition of existing garage/storage unit and outline consent for 2 bedroom single storey dwelling.

The Council recommends refusal of this application. The application is bereft of detail and therefore the impact on the adjacent listed buildings, the Conservation Area and neighbours could not be assessed.

S/09/15 Hawkrigg, Lune Valley Park. Change of use of land for the siting of one holiday lodge with associated parking and landscaping.

The Council has no objections to this application, but stresses that there should be no further similar developments at this site.

### **23/181 Finance:**

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

#### **For KLTC:**

<i>Chq 272 Lunesdale Hall</i>	<i>£32.00</i>	<i>Booking SRV</i>
<i>Chq 273 Lunesdale Hall</i>	<i>£115.80</i>	<i>Bookings</i>
<i>Chq 274 Craig Bradshaw</i>	<i>£3,423.00</i>	<i>Maintenance Contract (including additional work)</i>
<i>Chq 275 CALC</i>	<i>£5.00</i>	<i>Councillor Training</i>
<i>Chq 276 Stramongate Press Ltd</i>	<i>£179.00</i>	<i>Fairhurst final report</i>
<i>Chq 277 Bedroq TM</i>	<i>£6,001.08</i>	<i>CCTV (1 year)</i>
<i>Chq 278 Community Cupboard</i>	<i>£12,000.00</i>	<i>Annual contribution</i>
<i>Chq 279 K M Price</i>	<i>£285.75</i>	<i>Clerk's expenses to 30th September Including use of home office and travel.</i>

**For CIC:**

<i>Chq 280 Lancaster Electrical Services</i>	<i>£198.00</i>
<i>Chq 281 Healthmatic</i>	<i>£390.00</i>
<i>Chq 282 Thomas Graham</i>	<i>£309.42</i>
<i>Chq 283 Thomas Graham</i>	<i>£236.36</i>
<i>Chq 284 Annual contribution</i>	<i>£11,500.00</i>
<i>Christmas Fair (BACs)</i>	<i>£1,000.00 (Additional contribution)</i>

**For The Brow:**

<i>Chq 285 Sam Millar</i>	<i>£125.00</i>
<i>Chq 286 Jayne Davies</i>	<i>£500.00</i>
<i>Chq 287 Laura Keeler</i>	<i>£1,760.00</i>

*(The Chair reported on the effectiveness of the CCTV system in the town, several offenders having been apprehended following the use of the CCTV footage).*

- b. It was agreed to defer the financial update until the next meeting.

**23/182 Correspondence:**

*The Clerk reported on the following:*

- a. Correspondence relating to the death of the late Councillor Geoffrey Buswell. This had been responded to.
- b. Derek Atkinson, regarding The Brow. The details were felt to be more appropriate for the Public Meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- c. Correspondence relating to parking issues at Booths had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.
- d. Janet Atkins, regarding the 20mph discussion. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting and was noted. The Clerk will respond.
- e. Mary Quinn, asking for a new Trustee to be appointed for the Kirkby Lonsdale Relief in Need charity, following the death of Councillor Geoffrey Buswell. Councillor Marczynski agreed to be nominated.

**23/183 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 8th November 2023 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7pm.***

**PART 2:**

- a. A resolution to exclude the public and the Clerk from this part of the meeting was made, in view of the confidential nature of the discussion.
- b. A report, submitted by the Chair to all Councillors, making recommendations about the Clerk's salary and hours was considered.

It was resolved that, with immediate effect, the Clerk moves on to Point 22 on the salary scale and that his hours are increased to 17 per week.

*The meeting closed at 8.25pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*