

**Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council, 10 March, 2021 (item 16)**

**KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN MEETING: INVITEES, PREPARATION AND AGENDA**

Extract of Town Council resolution of 8 July, 2020

The Covid 19 pandemic has shown that organisations and groups across the town can respond positively and effectively when the need arises. However, we need to learn from the experience of recent months and develop better communication networks and be able to respond as one community. The Town Council will convene a Town Meeting with representatives of all interested organisations and groups, in order to discuss and agree how the town should respond in future to issues which are important to the town as a whole and how the future direction of the town can be developed.

**SUGGESTED INVITEES**

Town Councillors

Chair of CIC and Town Manager

Chair of Chamber of Trade

Community Hub

Community Cupboard

St Marys Church

Methodist Church -

St Joseph's RC Church

Scouts and Guides

QES

QES Studio

St Mary's Primary School

Civic Society

Rugby Club

Womens Institute (WI)

SLDC

CCC

## **PREPARATION**

- Ask each representative to be prepared to introduce themselves and their organisation and initially to identify what lessons the organisation has learnt from the pandemic.
- During the course of the meeting be prepared to identify the top two issues facing each organisation and how others might assist.
- Consider in advance how agencies might work better together and be prepared to contribute on this aspect. In particular how organisations can put aside individual interests and take the broad view – letting go of organisational priorities for the greater good of the whole community.
- Do you have any ideas as to how can communication be improved?
- Should these meeting be held say twice a year to bring organisations together?

## **SUGGESTED AGENDA**

- Introductions and purpose of meeting
- Each organisation to introduce themselves and what lesson(s) they have learnt from the pandemic.
- General discussion to try and identify how organisations can work better together, how a wider vision for the Town can be developed and how communication can be improved.
- Key points emerging from the discussion and what actions can be initiated and by whom.
- Should other groups be included in future
- Support or otherwise for future Town meetings of this sort – frequency and scope.