

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE RUSKIN ROOM
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Buswell (Chairman), Mike Burchnall, Allan Muirhead, Robin Ree and David Storey.

Also in attendance: One member of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mike Marczyński and Edward Waller and received from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

21/175 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/176 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/177 Declarations of Interest:

Councillors Marczyński and Muirhead declared an interest should any matters relating to the CIC be discussed and Councillor Buswell declared an interest in any matters relating to the allotments.

21/178 Casual Vacancies:

The Clerk gave notice that Councillor Marie Batty and Sarah Tatham had resigned from the Council. The Vacancies are now advertised by SLDC and after the 'waiting period', if there are no calls for an Election, the Council will be free to co-opt to fill the Vacancies.

The service to the community given by both Councillors was noted and the thanks for the Council were recorded. The Clerk will write formally to convey this to them.

21/179 Public participation: None.

21/180 County and District Councillor's Reports: None.

21/181 Planning sub-group: None.

21/182 Town Council Work Programme:

- a. CCTV - Councillor Burchnall is pressing for these to be installed as soon as possible.
- b. Emergency Plan - Issy Bradshaw has produced a 48-page draft Plan. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- c. Saving The Brow/Ruskin's View - it was resolved to co-opt Marie Batty to the fund-raising group.

21/183 Finance:

- a. The Clerk circulated a brief financial report. There is to be a meeting of the Monitoring and Finance Group before the next meeting, when further financial details will be presented.
- b. Councillor Burchnall gave a report on behalf of the Lunesdale Hall Management committee and it was resolved to make a grant of £1,000 towards the kitchen upgrade.
- c. Councillor Burchnall felt that the Clerk's computer equipment should be updated, in the light of new software now available and the age of the present system. It was resolved to purchase new equipment up to the cost of £1,000. The Clerk's other Councils will be asked if they wish to contribute, on the usual percentage basis, but without imposing an obligation upon them.

21/184 Booths roundabout/The Ram: Nothing to report.

21/185 Mill Ayre:

The Council's solicitor has been unable to identify any Town Council land in that area. The Town Council has no powers to put traffic control in place. It was felt that the gate should be replaced with a clear notice on it 'No parking' or a 'No through road' sign, both of which would be CCC Highways issues.

21/186 Leased Assets from SLDC:

The Assets SLDC leases to the Council are at present:

- a. 24 Main Street
- b. Jingling Lane toilets/office
- c. Charter Market
- d. Devil's Bridge toilets
- e. Land and footpath at Masters Grange
- f. Monument in the Square
- g. Additionally, the Library building - is not currently leased to this Council.

The Clerk will ask SLDC to consider granting the Council the freehold of these properties, in the light of the new unitary Authorities to be established in 2023.

21/187 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon 2022:

Craig Bradshaw has agreed to assist in this event. It was agreed to wait until New Year and then to arrange for a proper event to take place. This will be an agenda item for the January meeting.

21/188 Correspondence:

The Clerk circulated a list of the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting. This included the following:

- a. (To Chairman) - regarding the pavement between Fairbank and St Mary's. This has been passed to Councillor Cotton.
- b. In response to the receipt of an email from Mr John Short re The Brow footpath, Councillor Burchnall advised that the Town Council is convening a meeting between the Council's consultants, Fairhurst, and officers of the County Council to discuss the Brow footpath closure. It is hoped that this meeting will take place early next week and the letter from Mr Short will be provided to both Fairhurst and the County Council in advance of that meeting.
- c. Wendy Ingham (Business Crime Manager) seeking funding towards pub patrols from 17th December. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. Barclays Bank - announcing the closure of the Kirkby Lonsdale Branch in January. Noted.
- e. Mr John Buston, asking that his correspondence be passed on to the PCC as owners of the Glebe Field.

21/189 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7pm in the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

Dated: