

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD BY ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2021 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Buswell (Chairman), Allan Muirhead Marie Batty, Mike Burchnall, Mike Marczyński, Robin Ree, Sarah Tatham and Edward Waller.

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Storey (leave of absence).

21/79 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Geoffrey Buswell was elected Chairman for 2021-22.

21/80 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, with a small amendment being agreed.

21/81 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/82 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.

21/83 Appointment of Deputy Chairman:

Councillor Allan Muirhead was appointed Deputy Chairman for 2021-22.

21/84 Public participation: None.

21/85 Kirkby Lonsdale Football Club:

(The club is looking for permission to create an access for motor vehicles from the land at Mill Ayre to the Football Club land above).

Several Councillors spoke and expressed their views. It was resolved to:

- a. Write to the agent for the landowner to determine if an alternative access route or routes could be established through mutual negotiation.
- b. To make a site visit to familiarise Councillors with the site.

21/86 Water feature outside St Mary's churchyard:

The Chairman is trying to discover who the legal owner of this structure is and it was agreed to defer this until that has been done. Councillor Marczynski will check the Civic Society archives.

21/87 Play Park:

A revised design for the new proposed toddler play area was shared with Councillors. The priority has been to retain both the multi-play activity unit and the rope pyramid to ensure best play experience. A pre-contract meeting will take place to finalise logistics and works programme.

Fundraising total has reached over £42,000 with recent successful grant applications. The committee plan to create further awareness and share design to drive further community fundraising. Local removal of wet pour surfacing could provide some saving and is being investigated.

21/88 Updates:

Councillor Marczynski reported as follows:

- a. The Brow: the report from Fairhursts from Leeds had made a proposal to carry out a desk study for £5500 + VAT, and hoped to do this quickly. It would centre on the issue of drainage, the slope's stability, and would look to make use of the earlier report and recommendations from 1996, but also envisaged a more staged process, and potentially a lower cost eg in soil nailing. It was recommended that the Council accept this proposal from Fairhurst, and that we terminate our relationship and any further costs from RG Parkins. Additionally, an engineer from Fairhursts would look to visit Kirkby Lonsdale in the very near future.
- b. Councillor Burchnall said the Expression of Interest to the National Lottery Heritage Fund had been submitted and a response is expected within 20 days.
- c. Moving of the recycling bins: He had spoken to Chris Potts who had started working on a planning application for this, which should be in the system sometime in June.
- d. Jubilee Field bins: These are all now exchanged and the new ones installed. Many thanks to Craig Bradshaw for carrying out this work.
- e. Booths roundabout. A planning application has now been made by Booths for their advertising signage. Chris Potts is in touch with Rob Lewis of CCC Highways to discuss KLTC's proposed 'RAM' sculpture. This is to determine the level of support, pre-application.
- f. Library Undercroft: It was resolved to abandon this possible project at this stage, pending any further specific proposals for the utilisation of the space.
- g. Museum: This is a long-term project, possibly to be housed in a rebuilt former barn at Underley, so no action is required at present.

21/89 Litter bins at the Brow:

It was resolved that these should be replaced with lockable bins. Councillor Batty agreed to contact Andy Vickers at SLDC to obtain a price for this.

21/90 Applications to site benches:

It was agreed to offer sites to the three applicants. The Clerk will contact them and ask them to meet with Councillor Buswell who will show them the possible sites. It was resolved that, in future, no applications for benches will be considered for the foreseeable future.

21/91 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

Councillor Waller reported on the recent meeting of this group. PC Kevin Jackson from Cumbria Police had been in attendance and informed the group about the Cumbria Biker Action weekend held from 15th to 18th April. This had been held to raise awareness of the problem of bikers on the A65, A683, A684 and other roads in the area. It had also received a mention on BBC breakfast news. Funding through the Police Forum is providing posters and 'think bike' placards. All three Police forces have agreed to work together on this project.

21/91 Expansion of Charter Market:

Councillor Muirhead had raised the issue of restricted parking on market days, with CCC and the work to make this possible would cost around £10,000 as a one-off fee. A tripartite approach is proposed, with the CIC, Chamber of Trade and the Town Council sharing the costs. The Council agreed to underwrite the costs.

21/92 Footpath from Kirkby Lonsdale to Kearsywick:

A vote of thanks was moved to Underley Estates for the provision of an off road footpath from Kirkby Lonsdale to Kearsywick. This was unanimously agreed.

21/93 Flags - help by the Fire & Rescue Service:

A vote of thanks was moved to members of the Fire & Rescue Service for assistance in putting the flags up in the town, following their training session.

21/94 Work Programme updates: None.

21/95 Planning sub-group:

The following applications were considered:

SL/2021/0326 & SL/2021/0327 13 Market Square. 1 non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 non-illuminated hanging sign. Approval recommended but the Council ask that the fascia sign should be central to the window and the hanging sign should be raised.

SL/2021/0312 Belle Vue Farm Buildings, Belle Vue Farm House, Mansergh, Replacement warehouse buildings. Approval recommended.

SL/2020/0851 Salt Pie Cottage, Salt Pie Lane. Alterations, extension and separation to create new dwelling. Approval recommended.

SL/2021/0365 1 Mitchelgate. Two storey rear extension and internal alterations. Approval recommended.

21/96 Finance:

The deadline for the submission of the annual accounts is not until 3rd July, so this will be dealt with at the next meeting.

21/97 Date of the next meeting:

***Wednesday 9th June 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm
(It is anticipated there will be a return to face to face meetings after 21st June).***

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: