

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MAIN HALL  
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7PM**

**Present:** Councillors Geoffrey Buswell (Chairman), Mike Burchnall, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead, Robin Ree, David Storey, Sarah Tatham and Edward Waller.

**Also in attendance:** District Councillor Kevin Lancaster, three members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marie Batty and District Councillor Suzie Pye.

The Chairman welcome Councillor David Storey back to the Council.

Cath Halstead addressed the Council on the project to bring B4RN to Kirkby Lonsdale and a number of questions were asked. Around 500 commitments are needed before the scheme will go ahead and at present only about half that number has been achieved.

**21/147 Public participation:** None.

**21/148 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**21/149 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**21/150 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors Marczynski 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.

**21/151 District Councillor's Report:**

Councillor Lancaster spoke about the new Unitary Authority which would be in place by 2023, with a shadow Council in place the previous year. He suggested that the Council looks at any assets that were handed over in 1972/74 to SLDC and what the future status of these will be.

Councillors Burchnall and Muirhead had attended an online meeting with SLDC about Local Government Re-organisation.

### **21/152 Town Council Work Programme::**

This will be updated at next month's meeting.

### **21/153 Saving The Brow/Ruskin's View:**

A meeting had been held with Tim Farron MP on 31st August, who was very supportive and will contact SLDC, CCC, YDNPA and the Environmental Agency about it.

The District Church Council was meeting tonight and would be discussing a possible alternative permissive path around St Mary's churchyard, should The Brow be closed.

It was reported that a lady recently fell in Lilywood to the north of The Brow on land owned by Underley; this was reported to make the community aware of the risks involved. The YDNP had also indicated that they would be constructing a series of steps to avoid future occurrences.

### **21/154 South Lakeland Local Plan Consultation:**

Two meetings have been arranged - both from 6 to 8pm:

Friday 17th September - a workshop for Town Councillors only

Friday 24th September - an additional Town Council meeting, when the Council's responses to the consultation will be finalised.

(These meetings were later cancelled as the deadline for responses to the SLDC Local Plan Review had been extended until late October)

### **21/155 Dowson Field:**

Councillor Muirhead had circulated a report with recommendations from the Properties Working Group regarding a request to provide car parking on the playing field.

*Recommendation: Council agrees that:*

- a. Despite making best efforts to find a solution, it is not possible to provide parking facilities on The Dowson Field.
- b. Council will consider at some future time how best to use The Dowson Field, but in the immediate future is prepared to enter into discussions with KLAFC to update and formalise an arrangement whereby the club can use the Dowson Field to enable football to be enjoyed by the youth of the parish and surrounding area.

These recommendations were agreed, with one abstention.

**21/156 Mill Ayre:**

*(The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Councillor Lancaster to speak)*

The Town Council is responsible for Mill Ayre but it was agreed that legal advice is required before proceeding further.

**21/157 Booths roundabout/The Ram:**

Councillor Marczynski had meet with Andy Kaye and they are looking at alternative locations in the town for the ram to be sited.

**21/158 Library Undercroft:**

Councillor Marczynski reported that SLDC are still investigating the likely costs associated with a possible future use of the Library Undercroft by the Town Council.

**21/159 Planning:**

*The following applications were considered:*

SL/2021/0735 Plot 2 Land North of Biggins Hall High Biggins. Single dwelling.

The Council considers that the plans for the proposed dwelling should be significantly amended to: reduce the footprint of the house in line with the earlier approval, so that the scheme reads as two separate units, not one large building mass; the height should be reduced to below that of plot 1; and the materials used should reflect the materials used elsewhere in High Biggins (eg stone and largely white window frames and render) - the use of black cladding, black window frames and black doors are totally out of character with the plot's surroundings. If significant amendments are not made the Council considers that this application should be refused.

S/09/8A Conversion of existing agricultural buildings to create cafe, estate shop, office, workshop and leisure spaces at Underley Home Farm, Underley Business Centre, Kearnstwick. Approval recommended and supported.

**21/160 Finance:**

*The following payments made since the last meeting, were noted and approved:*

Craig Bradshaw	£1,332.00	Maintenance contract
Chris Potts	£1,099.50	Re-location of recycling area and planning application.
Rapid Clear	£160.00	CIC

**21/161 Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported a number of communications regarding the Dowson Field, most of which had been circulated to Councillors.

There had also been an anonymous communication regarding wheelie bins and cardboard at the side of a shop in Mill Brow. The Chairman had delivered this to the business concerned. It was noted that the Council policy is normally not to respond to anonymous communications.

**21/162 Date of the next meeting:**

*Friday 24th September 2021 from 6 to 8pm*

***(This was later changed to Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7pm) in the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale).***

*The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*