

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD BY ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 9th JUNE 2021 AT 7PM**

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

Also in attendance: QES Councillor Abi Pearson, five members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

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

The Chairman welcome Abi Pearson, as the new QES Councillor.

21/98 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/99 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/100 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. Councillor Tatham had already declared an interest in Planning Application SL/2021/0445 (Land to the south east of Sunnydale, Tram Lane. Erection of a single dwelling and creation of new vehicular access from A65 Bentinck Drive, with associated works).

21/101 Public participation: None.

21/102 Kirkby Lonsdale Football Club/Dowson Field:

Councillor Muirhead had circulated a paper to all Councillors , proposing the following, which was agreed:

"The Council agrees to set up a working group to investigate the benefits and disadvantages of using an area of Dowson Field or Jubilee Field, both the responsibility of the Town Council".

21/103 Play Park:

Councillor Batty updated that the works programme for renewal of the toddler area has a preliminary date of August 2021 to start work. The Play Park will need to be fully closed to complete works due to site activity.

The community crowdfunding request reached a tremendous £5,185 closing the gap on funding requirements for the work to start. Councillor Batty requested that our public just giving request be left open until the end of June to raise further funds for landscaping & contingency as works progress.

21/104 Appleby Horse Fair:

The new dates for this year's event, which will run from Thursday, 12th August, were noted. The Council will seek from SLDC, CCC and the Respect Group, full details of control procedures being put in place to ensure there is minimum disruption to residents and businesses before, during and after this event.

21/105 Request from Janet Nuttall to use Jubilee Park:

A request has been received from Shakira Christodoulou from Kriya Arts who are planning an eight week walking pilgrimage from London to Glasgow to raise awareness of the impact of Climate change. Along the way they will perform a piece of immersive theatre, shaped by the land and the people they meet, to present at the UN Climate Conference on the 8th November 2021.

Kriya Arts is a multi-award winning, not for profit arts organisation, funded by Arts Council England. This project will be delivered in key partnership with Anna Lehmann from No Planet B Initiative, a Community Interest Company.

They have asked if they could set up camp on Jubilee field for two days rest on the 1st/ 2nd October. They have their own facilities and equipment but would appreciate the availability of drinking water from Devils Bridge toilets. They would leave the site as they had found it. They have also offered to present a theatre piece such as George and the Dragon for the public.

The Council agreed to this proposal.

21/106 Booths roundabout/the Ram:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

21/107 Recycling bins:

Chris Potts hopes to submit a planning application for this work later this month.

21/108 Horse trough - Queen's Square:

The Civic Society would like to offer to investigate the feasibility and cost of restoring the Horse Trough in Queen's Square. If this is practicable they may then do the restoration as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations next year, the Society having been founded in 1972 to oppose the proposed redevelopment of Queens Square. The Society would like Mr Hold, who has corresponded with the Council a number of times regarding this, to be involved.

The Council welcomes this proposal.

21/109 Notice boards refurbishment:

Work has already commenced. A report will be given at the next meeting.

21/110 Monument in the Square:

Councillor Muirhead said that SLDC intends to complete work on the monument before handing it over to the Council. This item will be taken off the agenda for the time being.

21/111 Applications to site benches:

Councillor Buswell reported on the meetings he has held with the applicants and Craig Bradshaw has also been consulted. Sites were agreed and these will be offered. Councillor Batty said a bench in the Play Park would be appreciated in due course.

21/112 The Brow:

The Town Council resolved to:

- a. Reaffirm its initial budget for Saving The Brow/Ruskin's View at £20,000.
- b. Delegate to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Councillor Marczynski, expenditure within this limit.
- c. Expenditure to cover a range of matters including further investigations, the commissioning of design work, the obtaining of estimates for construction, the obtaining of consents/permits and, if necessary, appointing consultants to fundraise on behalf of the Council.
- d. Agree terms for the further appointment of Fairhurst, and the Clerk to contact Fairhurst to arrange this.
- e. Agree that contact be made with South Lakeland District Council, Cumbria County Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park to see how they might assist the Town Council.
- f. Make a discussion about funding the Saving of Church Brow and Ruskin's View the main topic of discussion at the first face to face meeting the Council is able to have.
- g. Arrange with the Council's grounds contractor to erect a barrier/fence at the bottom of the radical steps to prevent public access upstream under The Brow, with a sign indicating that this is done on the grounds of public safety.

- h. The Council's grounds contractor to meet with Councillor Batty on site and agree the arrangements for removing the bench and cordoning off the second Brow viewing point, with a notice indicating that this is being done on the grounds of public safety;
- i. Discuss further with Fairhurst any implications for the use and future of the Radical Steps.
- j. The Council's insurers be advised of the position and sent a copy of the Fairhurst report.

21/113 Flags for the Battle of Britain Anniversary in August:

The Chairman outlined the plans to display RAF flags and flags from other countries as part of the commemoration of the anniversary of the Battle of Britain. A formal request will now be made to the Christopher Robins Trust and the Chamber of Trade for funding as part of a joint project.

21/114 Planting a tree with a plaque in Jubilee Field:

YDNPA has approved the planting of a tree (possibly a wild cherry) in the park and a plaque will be provided. The Council is not directly involved in this but it was agreed to check the wording on the plaque before it is made.

21/115 Planning sub-group:

- a. *The following applications were considered:*

SL/2021/0445 Land to the south east of Sunnysdale, Tram Lane. Erection of a single dwelling and creation of new vehicular access from A65 Bentinck Drive with associated works.

It is recommended that the application be refused on the grounds that the proposed dwelling would result in overlooking, overshadowing and would be overbearing on adjacent residential properties particularly those in Greenside and would result in a further vehicular access to the A65, adjacent to the Greenside access, to the detriment of highway safety. The Council would reiterate its view that this strip of land is not capable of development and should be landscaped or included in adjacent gardens.

SL/2021/0500 Jingling End, Jingling Lane. Installation of two wrought iron side gates. Approval recommended.

SL/2021/0489 23 Mitchelgate. Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of a two storey rear extension.

It is recommended that the application be refused on the grounds that the extension will result in the overlooking of neighbouring properties, is out of character with other properties in this part of the Conservation Area and would harm the character and appearance of the adjacent listed building.

SL/2021/0422 97 Fairgarth Drive. Extensions & alterations including replacement glazed balconies and new porch canopy. Approval recommended.

- b. *The following 'approval recommendations' sent since the last meeting, on the Clerk's delegated authority were noted:*

SL/2021/0401 & 0407 6 Market Square. Cellar conversion to form additional living accommodation together with external staircase to cellar level

SL/2021/0403 Bracken Barn, Low Biggins. Detached double garage with ancillary accommodation over.

SL/2020/0981 and SL/2021/0192 Scout Headquarters, Fairbank. Change of use from a former Scout Hut to a 2 bed holiday let with internal and external alterations

21/116 Finance:

- a. The interim accounts for 2020-21 were noted, including the accounts for the Play Park.
- b. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement.
- c. It was resolved to renew the ZOOM licence (due on 23rd June 2021)
- d. An application for funding the Kitriding parkrun and the Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club parkrun was considered and it was resolved to make a grant of £1,000.

21/117 Date and place of the next meeting:

It was resolved that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7pm - the Clerk will announce details of the venue, in the light of the government's planned easing of COVID restrictions nearer the date.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: