

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD BY ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 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: 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) and District Councillor Suzie Pye.

21/16 Public participation: None.

21/17 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/18 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/19 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.

21/20 Updates: None.

21/21 County and District Councillors: None.

21/22 Finance:

- a. Details of the Precept for 2021-22 had been circulated to all Councillors following the last meeting and these were noted.
- b. The report from the External Auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP) had been circulated to all Councillors.

21/23 The Brow:

Councillor Marczyński reported that the original survey report from 1996 had now been found and so it appeared that a further survey would not be required. Oliver Sugden, of R G Parkins, has been sent a copy of this report and a response is awaited. At that time the estimated cost was £390,000

21/24 Riverbank repair work:

Councillors Burchnall and Muirhead reported that three trees have been removed by this Council since the last meeting, as an urgent measure. Repairs to the section of river bank now under discussion is likely to cost in the region of £70,000 and £80,000. YDNPA has obtained some funding, from CCC, the Christopher Robins Trust and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. A letter from Steve Hastie was considered, requesting the Council to consider making a significant contribution to the work. It was resolved to offer £15,000, from the CIL money being held, plus £1,000 towards the £4,500 for replacement of the fencing between the field and the road. This will be increased by an additional £1,000 if the holders of the lease on this land are prepared to allow walkers and controlled dogs to use it without charge. The Clerk will write to Steve Hastie to thank him for all his work on this matter.

21/25 Play Park:

Councillor Batty reported that the tender had been circulated with a 3rd February deadline for responses. All five of those who attended the park had quoted for the required work. The Play Park group had met during the past few days and chosen two of these for further consideration. The Council agreed on this action.

Councillor Burchnall advised the Council that Russell Armer had generously agreed to pay Section 106 monies in advance, providing a significant part of the funding for the Play Park improvements. The Council agreed to thank Russell Armer for this.

Applications are being submitted to other bodies to meet any likely shortfall and consideration is being given to a fund raising event in the spring. The total cost of the work is likely to be in the region of £40,000. The Council thanks Councillor Ree for the £1,200 raised from the sale of his photobook.

The Council's thanks was recorded to the group for all their work.

21/26 Jubilee Park:

After some discussion it was resolved to replace the seven litter bins within Jubilee Park, on a like for like basis. Councillor Marczynski will contact SLDC to agree sites and costs.

21/27 Library Undercroft:

Councillor Marczynski said that there is not a lot to report at present. However there has been an offer from the Curator at Kendal Museum to help assess the potential for Museum of local life, possibly at this location.

21/28 Emergency Plan:

This was deferred until a later meeting.

21/29 Pedestrian Crossing between St Mary's School and Queen Elizabeth School:

The Council noted the report and the document provided by Brian Jones, the Headteacher of St Mary's Primary School. It was agreed that Councillor Burchnall would have further discussions with both schools and the CCC Highways and provide a full report to the March or April meeting.

21/30 Kerbside parking in Market Square on market day:

It was agreed to ask CCC to suspend parking (disabled bays excluded) in Market Square each Thursday and, if this was acceptable, to indicate if there would be any cost to the Council.

21/31 Town meeting:

The Council agreed to hold this meeting and that the scope, timing and structure of the meeting would be discussed at the Council's forthcoming Training Session/Workshop.

21/32 Kirkby Lonsdale Community Committee:

Councillor Waller was appointed the Council's representative on this committee, with Councillor Burchnall as reserve.

21/33 Planning:

a. The following applications were considered::

SL/2021/0056 28 Oakfield Park. Two storey side extension and detached double garage. Approval recommended.

SL/2021/0041 and 0042 5 Fairbank. Demolition of existing garden buildings and construction of new garden room. Approval recommended, subject to the use of the garden buildings being ancillary to the use of the main house and not as a separate unit of accommodation.

b. The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:

SL/2020/0822 Manor View, Pitt Lane. Single storey rear extension (Resubmission SL/2020/0377). Refused.

21/34 Future Agenda items:

CANS ('weekend bikers') meeting - Councillor Waller will report at the next meeting.

21/35 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 10th March 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: