

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD BY ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH 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: District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Suzie Pye, 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).

21/36 Public participation: None.

21/37 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/38 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/39 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. Councillor Tatham declared a personal interest in the one planning application to be considered.

21/40 Updates: None.

21/41 County and District Councillors:

Councillor Lancaster said CCC and SLDC have now agreed their budgets for 2021-22. Consultations are now taking place for the four options being put forward for local government re-organisation and there is an online event on 18th March to set out these options (Councillors have already been notified of this meeting).

Councillor Pye said that the Appleby Fair will not be able to go ahead on the usual date this year, due to the pandemic. An alternative date is being considered, failing which the event may have to be cancelled again.

21/42 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- b. It was resolved to make a contribution of £100 towards miscellaneous expenses at the allotments.

- c. A request for funding from the Kirkby Lonsdale Community Cupboard was considered and it was resolved to contribute £5,000. Councillors applauded the work done by this group, especially during the current coronavirus pandemic.

21/43 The Brow:

The Council has now received the response from RG Parkins consultants, that says that in view of the 1996 Ground Investigation report by Babtie, they were now recommending that gabions alone at the foot of The Brow would be insufficient, and that ground stabilisation of the slope to the river, would be essential and necessary, and that soil nailing would be required into the bedrock. This concurs with the recommendations of Babtie in 1996. It was agreed that once restrictions are lifted a site inspection from members of the Council would take place.

Councillor Burchnall said that a draft 'Expression of Interest' is being prepared for a HLF application, for this work, and will be submitted in the next week or two. Match funding would be required.

21/44 Play Park:

Councillor Batty updated that fundraising for the Play Park renovation continues to gain momentum with two further awards since the last update. Of note, Councillor Batty thanked strong local business support after receiving the generous contribution of £3,000 from Business Lines Ltd t/a Checkpoint Safety Global HQ and a grant from the Holehird Trust Fund administered by the Cumbria Community Foundation. In addition, notice has been received that the money from the Russell Armer Development will be paid to the Council shortly.

The total cost of the renovation is around £40,000 and so fundraising will be continuing. Work on design and programme will continue through March, with two of the shortlisted 'bidders' to meet the committee on site, before the contract is awarded.

Councillor Batty encouraged people to identify further funders and would be happy to share further details as needed. The programme for installation is early summer 2021.

21/45 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

Councillor Waller reported on the meeting held on 18th February. The area covered is from Hawes to Hornby and across to Ingleton; areas within the Yorkshire Dales and the Lune Valley. A number of agencies are involved, including Highways, YDNPA, Police, and County/District Councillors. There is due to be a press release in local newspapers shortly. The next meeting is scheduled for 25th March

21/46 Jubilee Park:

Councillor Marczynski said four new bins have been ordered through SLDC. These have been paid for, and three more are on order. All seven will be installed in the same locations as the existing ones. Removal and installation will cost of total of £940.

21/47 Museum project:

Councillor Ree reported that a feasibility study is ongoing along with a search for possible premises. He met with the Curator of the Kendal and District Museum and is also in touch with an Ancient Buildings architect. A number of expressions of interest in the project have been received.

21/48 Library Undercroft:

Councillor Marczynski said there was no report at present. He and Councillor Ree had inspected the area and identified possible space.

21/49 Town Council Work Programme:

Councillor Burchnall summarised the quarterly update, which had been circulated to Councillors. A list of priorities had been drawn up, with a rating of 1, 2 or 3, in order of importance.

The following were noted:

- a. Re-location of access to the Play Park (The planning application has not yet been submitted and awaits advice from Chris Potts, architect).
- b. Disabled Access in Kirkby Lonsdale. There has been no response from CCC as yet.
- c. CCTV - the Council's planning application has still not been determined, despite pressure from the Clerk. Councillor Pye agreed to look into this and the Clerk will pass the details to her.
- d. Advertisement consent for Booths roundabout had been declared invalid. Councillor Marczynski agreed to speak to Booths about this.
- e. Auction Mart Yard. A period of consultation is now taking place; a decision must be made by May 2022. As it is this Council's application, no further comments are called for.
- f. The Emergency Plan will be a priority and will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

21/50 Town meeting:

A draft agenda with a proposed list of invitees had been circulated and was agreed. The meeting will not take place until it can be held in public. It is hoped that the Emergency Plan can be launched then, when consideration will be given as to what has been learned from the pandemic and to discuss the future direction of the town.

21/51 Possible return to 'Face-to-face' meetings:

The Clerk said that, at present, the government is not extending the legislation allowing remote Council meetings beyond 7th May 2021. NALC and other bodies are pressing for this to continue, especially as the date chosen is before the date published in the government's 'roadmap out of lockdown'. The Clerk has written to Tim Farron MP, who is also pressing for the legislation to be extended. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

21/52 Planning sub-group:

The following application was considered:

SL/2021/0065 Sunnydale, Tram Lane. Refurbishment and creation of a first floor to the existing bungalow including the demolition of two extensions and a concrete garage & erection of two new dwellings with access from Tram Lane and a single garage.

The Council raises no objections to the application but would request SLDC to negotiate the setting back of the house on Plot 1, to reduce the overlooking impact on existing properties in Dodgson Court, and require the applicant to secure, landscape and maintain the area of land within his ownership but not included in the application.

21/53 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 14th April 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: