

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST 2021 AT 7PM**

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

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sarah Tatham and David Storey (leave of absence) and District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Suzie Pye.

21/132 Public participation:

Four residents asked questions or made observations relating to the Dowson Field. The Chairman thanked each of them for their contribution but emphasised that the Council has made no application of any kind in relation to the field and care is being taken to assemble all the relevant documents before anything further can be done.

A resident raised the issue of Mill Ayre and its improvement - the Chairman outlined that discussions were taking place with residents and the YDNP and that he would meet with the other resident concerned and keep all informed of progress.

21/133 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/134 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/135 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.

21/136 Town Council Work programme:

Councillor Burchnall reported as follows:

- a. The earlier deadline for the installation of the CCTV could not be met, which is now expected to be in mid-September.
- b. Enquiries have been made about extending CCTV coverage to Devil's Bridge, to help discourage jumping from the Bridge, and to assist in identifying those who do. There is a waiting list for cameras.

21/137 Dowson Field:

Councillor Muirhead presented a short paper, on behalf of the Properties Working Group, that had been circulated to all Councillors. Several inquiries are still outstanding but it's hoped to make a recommendation to full Council in September.

21/138 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Fairhurst	1281.83	The Brow
Zebra Electrical	559.96	CCTV electrical work
Blacksheep Iron Works		
	1058.40	New gate
KL & LV CIC	5750.00	Half year's grant
KL & LV CIC	5000.00	Grant from SLDC
Ian Ashurst	495.00	Notice board repairs
Mike Marczynski	32.64	Reimbursement for printing

- b. The Clerk reported on the Council's finances between 1st April and 11th August 2021. The finance and monitoring group will meet soon to budget for the remainder of this financial year.
- c. It was resolved to rent a garage at Tram Lane, at a cost of £90 monthly, £45 being paid by the CIC, to be used for the storage, initially, of equipment for the weekly Charter Market.

21/139 Saving The Brow/Ruskins View:

- a. It was resolved to increase the budget for the initial work from £20,000 to £35,000, this being for quotations 1 and 2 together.
- b. The paper from Sam Millar will be referred to the fund-raising group.
- c. It was noted that heavy rain or snow could mean the closure of the footpath.
- d. A meeting between Rev Richard Snow, Peter Gregson, together with representatives from CCC, YDNPA and Councillors has been arranged for 24th August.
- e. The total cost of the remedial work on the Brow is likely to be in excess of £1M.
- f. The lead Councillors in the two Working Groups will be:

Technical Working Group - Councillor Marczynski;
Fundraising Working Group - Councillor Batty

21/140 Emergency Plan Preparation:

The Council agreed that Isabelle Bradshaw should formulate a Draft Community Emergency Plan, at a cost of £240-£360.

21/141 Community Cupboard:

Councillor Waller had circulated a very full report on behalf of the Community Cupboard, Community Hub, Food Club and Community Lunches. A number of local households are being regularly supported and the Food Club is assisting in the re-distribution of food. Despite COVID restrictions easing somewhat, there is clearly a continuing need in the town.

The Council expressed its thanks to Councillor Waller and others who have contributed towards the report and the ongoing work of the Community Cupboard.

21/142 South Lakeland Local Plan Consultation:

Each Councillor will shortly receive a printed extract from the Local Plan consultation document to be used at two special meetings, to be held in September, as under.

Friday 17th September 6 to 8pm Working group meeting

Friday 24th September 6 to 8pm Special Town Council Meeting

21/143 Booths roundabout/the Ram:

Councillor Marczynski agreed to talk further with Andy Kay as to how the Ram might be accommodated on the roundabout; to discuss with Booths if they would withdraw their proposal to maintain the roundabout and advertising signage; and to obtain a view from CCC as to the likely acceptability of the proposal, before any further work is undertaken. The Council reiterated its support for the erection of this sculpture on the roundabout. Councillor Waller advised that he would be happy to help source a plinth for the sculpture if it went ahead.

21/144 Planning - there were no planning matters.

21/145 Correspondence:

The Clerk said there had been several items of correspondence from residents relating to the Dowson Field; these had been circulated to Councillors and had been acknowledged. Councillor Marczynski had also informed the Council that Chris Potts has now submitted the planning application for the Play Park/Recycling project.

Councillor Batty updated the Council on the Play Park. The renovation work has now commenced (although children are still playing there) and this is expected to last for three to four weeks. Some landscaping will be carried out, with Craig Bradshaw. The ZIP wire will be re-fitted and re-aligned. Schools have been contacted with regard to anti-social incidents. Councillor Waller agreed to take over the lead role from Councillor Batty, while she pursues fund-raising.

21/146 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7pm in the main hall, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

Dated: