

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD BY ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 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: Helena Constantine (QES Councillor), 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) and District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

21/1 Public participation:

Mr Neil Anderson gave a brief presentation on the 'food share' scheme which is now run from the Rugby Club premises, as also is the Community Cupboard, which has been run in tandem with it since August. Hot meals are now provided every Friday and last week 40 hot meals were distributed. It was resolved to consider the Council's involvement with this venture at the next meeting and the Clerk will be provided with a proposal for the agenda.

21/2 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/3 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/4 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.

21/5 Updates:

- a. **Play Park.** The deadline for quotations to be submitted is 3rd February 2021 and the fundraising details will be circulated in due course. Councillor Batty thanked Councillor Ree and Graham Gladwinfield for a donation of £1000 which was raised from the sales of their Photobook " Images around Kirkby Lonsdale".
- b. **CCTV.** Councillor Burchnall said the outcome of the Council's planning application is awaited, probably by the end of January.
- c. **Emergency Plan.** Councillor Batty has got together some good examples of plans from other Councils and will bring information and/or a proposal to the next meeting.

- d. **Recycling bins.** Councillor Marczynski has approached Chris Potts to ask for a planning application to be prepared, as this is required by SLDC. A response is awaited.
- e. **Litter bins.** Councillor Marczynski has written to SLDC and a reply is awaited.
- f. **Disabled access.** Councillor Muirhead confirmed that there is still no response following the submission of the report to SLDC. It may be necessary for the Council to deal with whatever adjustments are made to improve disabled access in the town.
- g. **Climate Change action plan.** Councillor Batty and Helena Constantine have yet to discuss this matter.
- h. **Transport and Public Realm Study.** Councillor Burchnall had made enquiries and the cost of a full study was well beyond the reach of the Council. He has now approached Victoria Upton of CCC Highways for advice on how to proceed.

21/6 County and District Councillors: None.

21/7 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- b. The Maintenance Contract has run for one year and it was resolved to extend it for the second year. Additional work is needed from time to time and this is arranged as required under the terms of the contract.
- c. The Budget Report and supporting documents had been circulated, following a meeting of the Finance, Strategy and Monitoring group earlier this week. It was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council for the financial year 2021-22 in the sum of £59,286, which would not increase the Town Council Precept.

21/8 'Weekend bikers meeting':

Councillor Waller is to represent the Council at this meeting the following evening, organised by Garsdale Parish Council and supported by most of the Councils affected by the noise and speed of the 'weekend bikers'. As the area traverses three county boundaries it is hoped to obtain support from the three Police Authorities. Various views were voiced and the Council is concerned about speeding and noise.

21/9 The Brow:

Councillor Marczynski has researched previous work carried out on The Brow and has been through the file/drawings when work was last carried out, around 1985-90. R G Parkins were involved at the time.

The geological survey report (around March 1990), however, is missing and the Clerk was asked to contact the Record Office to ascertain if they have it in the Council's archives.

21/10 Library Undercroft:

Councillor Marczynski said there was nothing to report as legal opinion is still being sought regarding any future use of the building by the Council.

21/11 Proposed feasibility study to create a 'Kirkby Lonsdale Museum of local life':

The proposal is to create a central point where the rich history of the town and area can be viewed and celebrated. The Council agreed in principle to support such a study and to make initial enquiries, before updating the Council at the March meeting. Councillor Ree will lead on this, supported by Councillor Marczynski.

21/12 Pedestrian crossing between St Mary's School and Queen Elizabeth School:

The Council agreed that Councillor Burchnall submit a report to the next meeting outlining the previous options that have been developed and discussed to improve pedestrian safety on Kendal Road in the vicinity of St Marys Primary School and Queen Elizabeth School, and that Councillor Burchnall be authorised to discuss this issue with the Head Teacher of St Mary's Primary School in advance of the next meeting.

21/13 Planning sub-group:

The following applications were considered:

SL/2020/0981 Scout Headquarters, Fairbank. Change of Use from a former Scout Hut to a two bed holiday let.

The Council would support the retention and reuse of this historic building and support in principle its conversion to a holiday let, but would ask the Planning Authority to negotiate changes with the applicant that reduced the overlooking of the adjacent garden as much as possible.

SL/2020/0971 The Tree House, Fairbank. Erection of two additional dwellings, a new detached garage and the remodelling of the existing Tree House including the demolition of the existing detached garage along with modifications to the vehicular entrance from Fairbank leading to the existing private access road.

The Council considers that the application should be refused on the grounds of overdevelopment, given that the proposal results in overlooking and overshadowing of adjacent residential properties, minimal space around the two new houses and the loss of part of the garden area to Brant Howe. It is considered that there may be scope for one additional house, sensitively designed and located within the site.

21/14 Clerk's matters:

- a. The Clerk had circulated a request from Queen Elizabeth School for donations of old laptops or cash, in order to raise further funding for extracurricular activities and the subsidising of trips, etc, to assist the students.

The Chairman said he would contribute £100 from his Chairman's allowance and this will also be an agenda item for the next meeting.

- b. Several Councillors said how pleased they were to see the Chairman back from hospital and chairing this meeting in his usual efficient manner. The Chairman thanked everyone for their good wishes and thanked Janet Bradshaw for the excellent food hamper at Christmas as well as the 'food share scheme' for providing him with a hot meal last Friday.

21/15 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 10th February 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:

Dated: