

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MAIN HALL
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2021 AT 7PM**

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

Also in attendance: District Councillor Kevin Lancaster, three members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Storey and Sarah Tatham, and District Councillor Suzie Pye.

The meeting commenced with a minute's silence in memory of Mrs June Peckston, who passed away last week.

21/163 Public participation:

Comments were made regarding the South Lakeland District Council Local Plan review. These included the need to challenge:

- a. The number of new homes that it is claimed are required.
- b. The proportion of new homes that are allocated to Affordable Housing.
- c. The number of properties that will become second homes.

and to comment on the need to retain green areas, eg the QES pitch.

21/164 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/165 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/166 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.

21/167 District Councillor's Report: None.

21/168 South Lakeland Local Plan Consultation:

It was resolved to accept the Report produced by Councillor Burchnall with the following additions:

- a. The Local Plan should include restrictions around new housing to help manage and control the second home market.
- b. If it is agreed that site 2020-CfS-46 (on the north side of the A65) should be used for employment purposes then this should be accompanied by a commitment to provide a pedestrian footpath on the north side of the A65, either by the developer or the highway authority, or a combination.
- c. If it is agreed that site 2020-CfS-44 (Bridge Brow) is to be allocated for housing development then this should only be for affordable housing, preferably rented housing.
- d. Parking is an issue. This should be examined as part of the Local Plan process and a view taken about the amount of off-street parking which may be required in future years.

It was resolved that the full report, including Annexes and additional points, be submitted to SLDC as the Council's formal response to the consultation.

21/169 Saving The Brow/Ruskins View:

- a. Update on the footpath Closure. Councillor Burchnall outlined the process that had taken place with regard to the closure. The Town Council had provided the Slope Stability report to CCC. The County's technical experts had examined the report and deemed that closure was necessary - the Town Council had taken no part in this. However, the barriers put in place had not prevented access and despite approaches to CCC at officer and member level the issue had not been resolved. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the County expressing the Council's concern over this and requesting that the closure fencing be secured as a matter of great urgency.
- b. Update on technical issue. Councillor Marczynski has had a meeting to consider the way forward and a meeting is to be set up with Fairhurst soon, who will be asked to quantify the figures quoted. Other questions to be addressed with them include the access to the graveyard and it was agreed the Clerk will contact the Rugby Club in order to obtain permission to access the graveyard via their land.
- c. Update on funding. Councillor Batty confirmed that the Council is still looking for funding of around £1M. A list of potential funders is being drawn up in order to put a funding strategy in place. HLF had turned down the Council's application due to the lack of an activity plan; this may be re-opened in due course. Any funding ideas should be passed to Councillor Batty.

- d. Councillor Muirhead proposed that a Project Manager/Fund Raising co-ordinator should be appointed and it was resolved to make this an agenda item for the December meeting.

21/170 First World War silhouettes:

It was resolved to purchase two First World War silhouettes (life-size metallic outlines of soldiers) at a cost of around £160 each.

21/171 Planning sub-group:

The following applications were considered:

SL/2021/0925 & 0943 Hopewell Cottage, Low Biggins. Erection of a new three bedroom dwelling. Refusal recommended on the grounds that: the proposed dwelling takes away a significant part of the curtilage of this listed building and in so doing harms to a significant degree the setting and appearance of the listed building; the new dwelling constitutes over development of this small site; and it has a detrimental impact on the adjacent property, Overdale, through loss of light and its overbearing impact.

SL/2021/0941 Wood End Farm, Low Biggins. Six new dwellings and associated works and modified access. Approval recommended.

21/172 Finance:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

21/173 Correspondence:

The Clerk gave details of the small amount of correspondence received since the last meeting, all of which had been dealt with or circulated to Councillors.

21/174 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7pm in the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: