

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Mike Burchnall (Chair), Paul Cassell, Mike Marczynski, Malcolm Perrin, Robin Ree, and Madeline Williams.

Also in attendance: Three members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson arrived at 7.15pm.

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Isabelle Bradshaw.

The Chair announced the recent death of former Councillor Mel Mackie, who was a Town Councillor from 2010- 2018 and also a South Lakeland District Councillor. The Clerk will convey the Council's sympathy to Mrs May Mackie.

It was noted that Councillor Braddan Quayle had resigned since the last meeting.

23/184 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 11th October 2023 were approved to be signed by the Chair.

23/185 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/186 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

23/187 Public participation: None.

23/188 Town Council Work Programme:

There were no updates to the Work Programme.

23/189 Town Council Calendar:

The updated Council Calendar had been circulated. The inclusion of the Precept and the budget details to be circulated in advance, were noted.

23/190 Councillor Vacancies:

There had been no firm expressions of interest in the two vacancies.

23/191 Lunesdale Hall Trustees:

Councillor Perrin agreed to be the Council's fourth representative.

23/192 The Ram:

The Memorandum of Agreement had been received from W&F Council, to be discussed in public and this was agreed in principle, but not to sign it until it is amended to allow lighting of the Ram. A suitable stone for mounting The Ram is still being sought. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

23/193 Bench to commemorate Alan Day:

Councillor Ree agreed to progress this.

23/194 Repairs to the Play Park:

Edward Waller had given a verbal report to Councillor Marczynski. There were other items that required attention, including the zip wire and it was agreed to ask for a full report at the next meeting.

It was reported that the gate by the Fire Station has been replaced and new signage is now needed for this. The required tree works had been carried out.

23/195 Environmental task group:

Councillor Williams agreed to take the lead on this. There are now 11 volunteers involved including Nick Cotton.

23/196 Footpath link – St Mary's Church:

The study has now been completed. The Council noted the decision of the Diocesan Advisory Committee not to support a public footpath through church grounds.

23/197 Save Ruskin's View:

The Chair outlined the Public Meeting which had been held on 20th October. Some 50/60 local residents attended and there seemed to be broad agreement with the Council's approach in implementing Stages 1 and 2 of the Fairhurst proposals.

Councillor Perrin was asked to outline what work would now be put in place. He reported that a Technical Working Group was being set up with himself as the Leader and consisting of Councillors Marczynski and Ree, together with two local residents, Nick Hampson and John Peel, who had engineering expertise. The Technical Group would report to the Chair and Town Council on a monthly basis.

Councillor Perrin indicated that the Technical Group would initiate the agreed tree treatment and vegetation management; and establish a monitoring system involving three forms of survey.

The Chair pointed out that this did not include the agreed stabilisation and remediation of the footpath, the Stage 2 works. This was agreed Council policy and what The Friends of Ruskin's View were raising money for. He indicated that these Stage 2 works must be taken forward by the Technical Group.

23/198 The Booths No 1 Car Park:

A meeting had been held with representatives of Booths, following which Booths had responded. The decision of Booths to change the new restrictions and allow evening parking from 19.00 – midnight was reported.

Councillor Hodgson said she has made contact with Booths regarding the Parking Permits and the reduction in the hours covered by them, and awaits a reply.

23/199 Westmorland & Furness Council Consultation:

It was agreed to support the proposed parking restrictions on the A65 in as far as it relates to Kirkby Lonsdale.

23/200 Consideration of a 20mp speed limit in all or parts pf the town:

Councillor Perrin will send the Clerk a map of the proposed areas for the 20mph speed limit so that the matter can be progressed (minute 23/174 refers).

23/201 Merging of the town's main websites:

The Council agreed to the appointment of Design Works of Kendal to produce a new combined website, merging the current Town Council, Community Interest Company and Chamber of Trade websites. The organisations are to share the cost equally.

23/202 Remembering Councillor Geoffrey Buswell:

Councillor Ree said that this is ongoing. It will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

23/203 Free trees for community groups and schools:

Up to 420 free saplings are being offered, to be delivered next December. Councillor Ree agreed to study the matter and report back to Council.

23/204 Reports:

Councillor Hodgson reported as follows:

- a. She was sorry to hear the grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for The Brow had not been successful.
- b. W&F Council had made a grant of £2,210 to the CIC for the Christmas Fair.
- c. W&F Council – is still working on its strategy to deal with applications for 20mph speed limits.

23/205 Planning:

The following application was considered and, after being put to the vote, it was resolved to raise no objections:

S/09/3B 7 Underley Business Centre, Underley Home Farm, Kearsywick.
Installation of ground mounted solar panels.

23/206 Finance:

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

For KLTC:

Robin Ree	£62.88	Reimbursement
Casterton Village Hall	£18.00	Internal Audit meeting (KLTC)
Craig Bradshaw	£1800.00	Maintenance Contract
Charlesworths	£1,476.00	Clearing vegetation

For CIC:

Healthmatic	£390.00
Parks Tanks	£144.00
J J C Hire Ltd	£242.00

For The Brow:

Sam Millar	£250.00
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- b. The Clerk circulated a Budget update. It was agreed that he will send out detailed financial information before the December meeting, to assist in setting the Precept at the January meeting.
- c. The Clerk will contact the CIC, the Play Park group and the Community Cupboard, prior to the December meeting, in order to ascertain what their financial requirements for 2024-25 are, and a reasoned justification for this .

23/207 Correspondence:

- a. Councillors were reminded of the Remembrance Day Parade and Service on this coming Sunday, 12th November.
- b. 'Play Park' will be an agenda item for the next meeting. The Clerk will ask Edward Waller for an update.

23/208 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 13th December 2023 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: