

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7PM**

**Present:** Councillors Allan Muirhead (Deputy Chairman, in the Chair), Marie Batty, Mike Burchnall, Mike Marczynski, Robin Ree and Sarah Tatham.

**Also in attendance:** Five members of the public, Imogen and Izzy (QES Councillors) and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Buswell, Pring, and Storey, and received from County Councillor Nick Cotton, and District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Suzie Pye.

*A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs Lesley Buswell, wife of the Chairman of the Council, who died last week.*

**19/172 Public participation:**

- a. It was pointed out that, although the new street light at Low Biggins has been in situ for two months, there is no electricity supply to it yet. Councillor Burchnall agreed to investigate.
- b. Janet Nuttall (Tourism and Town Manager) requested funding from the Council towards placing lights throughout the town during the festive period, in addition to the usual trees provided. Councillors welcomed this project - sharing the cost will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**19/173 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**19/174 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Muirhead declared an interest in any matters relating to the CIC.

**19/175 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. An amendment was made to 19/163 (CCTV) as follows:

*The Council.....1. 'agrees to submit bids for two CCTV cameras on the basis of the revised costs outlined in this report; and 2. that the bids, to be submitted before 30 September, be agreed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman'..*

**19/176 Booths roundabout and possible re-location of the recycling bins on to Booths rear car park:**

The Council fully supports proposals for a donated sculpture on the roundabout, for which Booths will make any necessary planning application.

Booths is also supportive of proposals to move the town recycling bins to the car park adjacent to the Surgery. Councillor Marczynski has arranged for Chris Potts to prepare a feasibility report. The Council agreed to take the lead on both projects.

#### **19/177 Play Park:**

Councillor Batty reported that funding is coming in. The renovation of the toddler area is likely to cost around £40K.

There is always the potential for vandalism in the park and the QES Councillors said they would reinforce this point in their sixth form.

#### **19/178 Event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in 2020:**

Councillor Muirhead said the project is developing slowly.

#### **19/179 CCTV:**

Councillor Burchnall reported that two bids have been submitted for CCTV in the town. SLDC had indicated that there might be a grant of around £2,500 available towards each camera.

#### **19/180 Finance, Strategy and Monitoring Group:**

The Finance, Strategy and Monitoring Group are meeting on 14th October in order to focus on budgetary provision for 2020-21, using the Budget Statement to be noted later in this meeting. Priorities will be set for the forthcoming year and a report brought to the next meeting by Councillor Burchnall.

#### **19/181 BT Payphone Removal Consultation:**

The Council has learned that BT is consulting until December over proposals to remove telephone kiosks from Kearswick and at the Library. It was agreed that BT be asked to retain a public telephone service at the Library, as figures show it is being used. As the Kearswick kiosk had not been used in the past 12 months, the Council felt local residents should make their own representations over the proposal.

#### **19/182 Barwatch scheme:**

Councillors Muirhead and Tatham had attended the recent Bar Watch meeting and found it most informative. Two security teams are being employed around the festive period, in order to protect the well being of participants and this is being supported by the Police. Financial support is being sought and it was agreed in principle that the Council will offer this, subject to a resolution at the next meeting.

#### **19/183 Working with SLDC:**

Councillor Muirhead said that negotiations around the monument and traffic management on Market Square are ongoing.

#### **19/184 Appleby Horse Fair:**

Councillor Muirhead reported on his attendance at the recent Respect Meeting. It is hoped that the success of this year's additional police presence will not result in a reduced level of police support next year.

#### **19/185 Climate change event:**

CALC is offering an event or course related to Climate Change. It was resolved that the Clerk should indicate the Council's willingness to participate.

#### **19/186 The Brow/Ruskins View:**

Councillors Marczynski and Storey are leading on this. A professional inspection of The Brow will take place later in October. Enquiries continue around the ownership of the site and a report will be submitted to the next Council meeting.

#### **19/187 Reports:**

- a. **Police:** The Police Report had been circulated.
- b. **County Councillor:** None.
- c. **District Councillors:** None (clashed with full SLDC Meeting)
- d. **Town Clerk:**
  1. ACTION with communities in Cumbria regarding Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Neighbourliness. It was agreed the Clerk will invite Lorraine Smyth, the Executive Director to address the Council at a future meeting.
  2. Dodgson Croft Crossing. Nothing further has been heard from CCC Highways yet. The Clerk is following this up.
  3. Clearance of the footway between the Lancaster Road junction and Stanley Bridge (minute 19/169e refers). Councillor Cotton had contacted SLDC, who will carry out the work in the next two to three weeks.
  4. Four Councillors had attended a meeting on 1st October with the Big Vision Group, the church-led community project to determine how the community wants to utilise the buildings and land used by the town's three churches. Various options are being considered by the working group and the Council supports the Big Vision project in principle.

#### **19/188 Disabled access in Kirkby Lonsdale:**

The Council agreed to a £200 Town Access Audit being done on 17th October by a Kendal-based disability charity. Councillor Ree is leading on this and would welcome residents' comments about access issues for disabled people or families with prams etc.

## 19/189 Planning sub-group:

- a. *The following application was considered and approval recommended::*

SL/2019/0779 Plot 1, Land north of Biggins Hall, Biggins Lane. Dwelling with new vehicular access. The Council would prefer to see a more traditional design.

- b. *The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority were noted:*

SL/2019/0652 7 Fairgarth Drive. Alterations and extension to existing house, including external works and demolition of existing garages and erection of single garage with ancillary accommodation over. Granted.

SL/2019/0541 4 Mill Brow. Retention of side conservatory. Granted.

SL/2019/0631 Netherwood, Low Biggins. Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling with integral garage with associated external works. Granted

SL/2019/0544 The Tree House, Fairbank. Change of use and alterations of dwelling and detached garage (Use Class C3 dwelling house) to residential care home annexe (Use Class C2 residential institutions) Granted

- c. *The following comments, submitted under the Clerk's delegated authority, since the last meeting, were noted:*

SL/2019/0723 6 Raygarth. Single storey front porch and two storey and single storey rear extension. Approval recommended.

SL/2019/0656 Tall chimneys, Biggins Old Hall, High Biggins. Laying of natural cobbles on solid base to front of property to replace existing deteriorating surface. Approval recommended.

SL/2019/0716 The Coach House/Stables, Fairbank. Repair and/or replace south facing roof slates. Approval recommended.

SL/2019.0699 11 Main Street. Renovation of ground floor window and front first floor window frames, installation of double glazed timber window frames to rear and replacement timber rear door and internal alterations. Approval recommended.

SL/2019/0740 Springs View., High Biggins. Erection of a livestock building with concrete apron for feeding cattle. Approval recommended.

**19/190 Finance:**

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

HMRC	£1,132.90	PAYE
K M Price	£226.63	Quarterly expenses to 30th September, including use of home office and travel
Thomas Graham		
	£35.02	CIC

- b. The half-yearly accounts were noted including the Budget Statement. This will inform the meeting of Finance, Management and Monitoring Group meeting next week.
- c. A brief statement of finances for the Play Park account was noted.
- d. It was agreed to make an application for funding from Great North Air Ambulance an agenda item for the next meeting.

**19/191 Forthcoming events:**

25th October          CALC AGM at Wigton

**19/192 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7pm at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.***

*The meeting closed at 8.25pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*