

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MAIN HALL
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Mike Burchnell (Chair), Isabelle Bradshaw, Geoffrey Buswell, Paul Cassell, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead, Braddan Quayle, Robin Ree and Madeline Williams.

Also in attendance: Molly Watson (QES Councillor), District Councillor Hazel Hodgson, six members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price..

23/18 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings of 11th January 2023 and 24th January 2023 were approved to be signed by the Chair.

23/19 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/20 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Ree declared an interest in any matters relating to the Maintenance Contract and took no part in the discussions.

23/21 Public participation:

- a. SLDC would not accept 'Wood End Barn' (minute 23/5 refers) and so 'Modera Fold' was being suggested instead. The Council resolved to accept this.
- b. Questions were asked concerning the work of the CIC, and who within the organisation is responsible for it. Councillor Muirhead was happy to provide answers and confirm how the CIC operates.
- c. It was noted that the 'Disabled Access' initiative had not been progressed since the original survey. The Council hopes to take this matter up again with the new Westmorland and Furness Authority, in due course.
- d. It was noted, with regard to the possible designation of the Lune as an inland bathing water, that United Utilities is discharging on a daily basis into the river at Sedbergh.

23/22 First Responders:

Correspondence from Jean Hamlett had been circulated to all Councillors, highlighting the current lack of First Responders. It was resolved that Councillor Ree will ask a current First Responder to suggest the way ahead, but it was noted that the training required is arduous and First Responders have to take on a much greater responsibility than formerly.

23/23 Save Ruskin's View:

A short update on fundraising was provided, with a fuller update to be provided to the March meeting. Two contractors had visited the site and would hopefully provide quotations; once these are received a meeting of Councillors will be arranged to discuss the way forward. In view of the multiple ownerships involved in coming to a solution, the Town Council will at some stage need to seek legal advice, funding for which is included in the budget.

23/24 Designation of the Lune as an inland bathing water:

Tim Pitt, the local Trust Manager has agreed to address the Council at a future date, but it is important that a Councillor takes the lead and joins a webinar on this on 28th February. Councillor Bradshaw agreed to join the webinar and report back.

23/25 Town Council Work Programme:

The updated Work Programme had been circulated to all Councillors.

The following comments were noted:

- a. Councillor Ree will ask for a meeting of the Play Park group to be held as soon as possible, including the possible improvement in the access to the park.
- b. The Clerk has contacted Councillor Jonathan Brook, Leader-Elect of Westmorland and Furness Council, regarding a number of outstanding issues, including Ruskin's View, and awaits a response.
- c. Councillor Ree will re-visit the disabled issues and report back.
- d. The Clerk will ask Edward Waller if he is still able to attend the CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speeds) meetings, when they re-start.
- e. Councillor Burchnall will contact the Police regarding CCTV publicity and records.
- f. A meeting is to take place to discuss parking issues at St Mary's School.
- g. It was agreed that Councillor Bradshaw be the lead Councillor for the Community Cupboard and will update the Council at a future meeting.
- h. Councillor Ree agreed to attend the Respect meetings in future, in place of Councillor Muirhead.
- i. In relation to the Allotments, Peter Raven has agreed to update the rules based on the Kendal model.

23/26 'The Ram':

Councillor Marczynski said that an extension to the time allowed for documentation to be complete has been submitted and a response is awaited. A list of CCC approved contractors has been requested.

The Clerk has been in touch with the Council's insurers to ascertain that there will be both Public Liability and damage cover in place and a response is awaited.

23/27 Coronation weekend:

- a. An application has been submitted for street closure of Market Square on Sunday 7th May 2023 for Coronation Celebrations.
- b. It was resolved to purchase Coronation flags for the town at an approximate cost of £1098.90 less 15% and VAT 20% .a net cost £746.64 (this cost to be shared between the Chamber of Trade, the Christopher Robins Trust and the Town Council). The only additional cost would be the putting up and taking down of the flags.
- c. Councillor Burchnall said there will be a 'big lunch' in Market Square on Sunday 7th May, with the Brass Band in attendance. The Community Share meeting on 1st March is to discuss the arrangements for this.

23/28 Jubilee Park:

Councillor Ree displayed photographs he had taken, showing the work that had been undertaken to restore the view from the Park to the River, all the brushwood having been removed. The thanks of the Council are expressed to Craig Bradshaw for his assistance with this project.

23/29 Planning sub-group:

- a. *The following comments submitted, under the Clerk's delegated authority, were noted:*

SL/2022/1096 1 Ruskin Drive. Internal and external alterations, single storey front, rear extension & side extensions & rear dormer. No objections.

SL/2023/0036 2 Abbotsgate. Replacement of existing canopy structure with a single storey rear extension. No objections.

SL/2023/0016 7 Bective Road . Loft conversion including creation of a flat roof dormer on the rear elevation and alterations to the rear. No objections.

- b. *The following applications were considered:*

SL/2023/0098 Close Cottage, Chapel Lane. Replacement of existing windows and doors with new painted timber windows, insertion of roof lights, internal alterations to upgrade the existing accommodation. No objections.

SL/2023/0092 1 Lune Close. Double storey front and single storey side extension; rear dormer and internal and external alterations (Resubmission of SL/2022/0941). No objections.

SL/2023/0079 91 Fairgarth Drive. Erection of a replacement single storey side extension and a new single storey rear extension. No objections.

23/30 Reports:

Councillor Hodgson said that all the Directorates in the new Westmorland and Furness Council are now in place. It is hoped that 'Locality' will visit Kirkby Lonsdale on at least half a day each week, with a team to assist in any local enquiries.

23/31 Financial business:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

For KLTC:

Craig Bradshaw	£2246.40	Maintenance contract
Lunesdale Hall	£60.50	Hire of hall
Lunesdale Hall	£110.50	Hire of hall

For CIC:

Craig Bradshaw	£1452.00	Removal of Christmas Trees
Healthmatic	£390.00	Maintenance Contract
Thomas Graham	£27.79	Supplies
Thomas Graham	£117.36	Supplies

For The Brow:

Laura Keeler	£2067.88
Fairhurst	£1800.00
Commendium Ltd	£1440.00
Sam Millar	£1375.00

23/32 Correspondence:

Community Cupboard, thanking the Council for providing funding.

23/33 Future events:

'Parkrun', hosted by the Rugby Club on 1st May Bank Holiday.

23/34 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 8th March 2023 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7pm.

(Members of the public were then excluded from the meeting in view of the confidential business to be discussed)

23/35 Town Maintenance Contract:

Only Councillors Burchnall, Buswell, Cassell, Muirhead, Quayle and Williams were permitted to attend this part of the meeting and all attended.

The details of the two tenders received for the Town Maintenance Contract were discussed in detail.

(The meeting was then opened for any members of the public to attend)

The Council resolved to offer the Town Maintenance Contract for 2023-25 to Craig Bradshaw, in the sum of £18,000 per annum.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: