

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM  
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillors Paul Cassell (Chairman), Mike Marczynski, Nigel Martin, Malcolm Perrin, Robin Ree and Stuart Taylor, one member of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Also in attendance: Six members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**24/17 Public participation:**

A question was asked regarding the committee/group monitoring the fund raising etc for The Brow. This would be answered later in the meeting.

**24/18 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved to be signed by the Chairman.

**24/19 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**24/20 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**24/21 Bench to commemorate Alan Day/Remembering Councillor Geoffrey Buswell:**

The two benches have now been delivered, the one for Alan Day to be placed at the Rugby Club and that for Geoffrey Buswell outside the Lunesdale Hall. There had been a contribution of £200 from the Civic Society and £500 from the Christopher Robins Trust. Craig Bradshaw is going to install them.

**24/22 The Brow/Save Ruskin's View:**

This is a summary of activities carried out by KLTC Technical Team during January and February 2024 in an effort to re-open The Brow footpath using a cost-effective approach that is low risk and safe for public access.

Monthly Report No.3 – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 was presented to Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council at the monthly Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The Technical Team continued to make progress through January and February, concentrating on Monitoring Surveys and Tree Management.

Stage 1a. considers tree management and vegetation clearance on the embankment. Arbtech Consulting Ltd carried out a Tree Hazard Risk Evaluation and Treatment System (THREATS) survey in mid-January in freezing snow conditions.

The objective of the inspection was to evaluate the risk of harm/damage arising from tree/component (e.g., branch) failure. A total of three individual trees and two groups of trees were surveyed. Details for each are provided in Arbtech Tree Safety Report of 30th January 2024. The report is attached to Technical Report No.3 – February 2024.

In summary, no major cropping or felling of trees is required, only general pruning of large branches overhanging the footpath and in danger of falling. Ivy has become very intrusive along the footpath and around trees, therefore it is recommended to sever the ivy to aid future inspections and fell dead ash trees (victims of ash dieback) to a safe height adjacent to path.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the member of the public to speak.

**24/23 Town Council website:**

- a. Councillor Taylor said that he had met with A2A and the present website will be updated as requested.
- b. Design Works are preparing the new joint website; a draft will be circulated soon, inviting feedback before going forward.

**24/24 Town Council Work Programme:**

The Work Programme has been amended and the Chairman will circulate it again to Councillors.

**24/25 Emergency Plan:**

The Emergency Plan (Resilience Plan) will still stand as circulated but a more basic one to meet the needs of the Town Council, adapted and localised, will be explored.

The Clerk will circulate any Emergency Plan from his other Councils.

Councillor Marczynski will take up with Tim Farron MP the issue of discharges into the river at Sedbergh, which has been discussed on several occasions.

**24/26 The Ram/Booths roundabout:**

The agreement is to be signed shortly, by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Renewed contact has been made with the quarry, from where it is hoped to obtain a suitable slab to mount the Ram on. A lighting scheme is to be explored

**24/27 Reports:** None,

## **24/28 Planning:**

*The following application was discussed and approval recommended:*

SL/2023/0815 26 Fairgarth Drive. Rebuild of existing fire damaged property to provide large footprint dwelling.

## **24/29 Finance:**

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

### **For KLTC:**

Craig Bradshaw	£2460.00	Maintenance contract
Athena Accounting	£100.00	Annual accountancy charge (For NEST Pension)

### **For CIC:**

Healthmatic	£390.00	
Healthmatic	£390.00	(missed payment)
Thomas Graham	£191.23	

b. The Clerk had circulated a financial summary to all Councillors.

## **24/30 Correspondence:**

- a. A request had been received from a resident asking for the number of rubbish bins in the town to be increased.
- b. Councillor Marczynski reported on a footpath enquiry from a resident in Low Biggins. After investigation, it was discovered the path was actually in Whittington parish.

## **24/31 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm in the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.***

*The meeting closed at 8.20pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*

