

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2017 at 7PM.**

Present: Councillors Mark Day (Chairman), Geoffrey Buswell, Nick Cotton, Mel Mackie, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead and David Storey.

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor Kevin Lancaster and PCSO Mandy Coleman.

17/68 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Mark Day was elected Chairman for 2017-18 and he then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

17/69 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Geoffrey Buswell was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2017-18

17/70 Requests for Dispensations: None.

17/71 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Buswell declared an interest in any matters relating to the allotments, Councillor Day declared an interest in any matters relating to QES and Councillor Muirhead declared an interest in any matters relating to the CIC.

17/72 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, with two small amendments.

17/73 Public participation:

This had already been dealt with in the Assembly Meeting.

17/74 Police Report:

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been only five incidents of note in the Kirkby Lonsdale area, details of which were given.

17/75 Casual Vacancy:

SLDC has confirmed that there have been no requests for an Election and the Council is therefore free to co-opt a new Councillor to fill the vacancy. The Clerk will advertise this on the notice boards and elsewhere and the closing date for applications is 31st May, after which candidates will be interviewed before the next meeting on 14th June.

17/76 Contracts and Grants sub-group:

- a. Councillor Muirhead said that funding has been received from SLDC towards the improvements to both Devil's Bridge and Jingling Lane toilets.
- b. The Clerk reported that the contractor engaged to construct the Masters Grange footpath has backed down. the contract had been offered to the second bidder, Wayne Atkinson of Distinctive Group. He has accepted and work is due to commence on 5th June.
- c. The Clerk reported that only two out of three tenders had been submitted for the Town Improvement Contractor. After discussion, the contract was awarded to Horton Landscaping Ltd.

17/77 Church Brow sub-group:

This was deferred until the next meeting Councillors Cotton and Day to liaise.

17/78 Planning sub-group:

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

SL/2017/0072 & 0073 10 Main Street. Single storey rear extension, removal of chimney stack, installation of additional conservation roof lights and installation of railings to front elevation. Granted.

SL/2017/0163 16 Main street. Discharge of conditions 3 (external joinery) & 4 (detailed plans of rear elevation dormer/roof extension) attached to planning application SL/2016/1039. Partial discharge of conditions granted.

SL/2017/0221 54 Fairgarth Drive. Single storey rear extension, dormer window, new chimney and alterations to roof. Granted.

SL/2017/0128 Former HSBC Bank, 29 Main Street. Internal alterations and external repairs. Granted.

SL/2017/0079 Land at Laitha Lodge. Erection of single dwelling. Granted.

SL/2017/0065 & 0112 Masonic Rooms, 7 Fairbank. Single storey rear extension to form toilet facilities. Granted.

- b. *The following comments, made on the Clerk's delegated authority, since the last meeting, were confirmed:*

SL/2017/0258 & 0259 Biggins House, High Biggins. Single storey side extension. Approval recommended. Councillor Marczynski advised that this application has since been withdrawn, pending consultation with the Conservation Officer.

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

SL/2017/0344 3 Fairview. Two storey rear extension with external decking, single storey side extension, conversion of integral garage to domestic accommodation and erection of detached double garage and boundary wall.

17/79 Updates:

- a. Councillor Muirhead reported on the Good Friday procession from the Market Square to St Mary's Church (minute 17/76 refers) which had been praised by residents and visitors alike.
- b. Councillor Muirhead said that the final draft of the 10-year lease on 24 Main Street is now ready.

17/80 County and District Councillor's Reports:

- a. Councillor Mackie congratulated Councillor Cotton on his recent re-election as a County Councillor.
- b. *Councillor Cotton reported as follows:*
 - i. A Respect Meeting had been held earlier this week. Posts had been erected on the A683 and boulders placed to prevent access on to the Loop Road. There will be a Drop-in event from 4 to 6pm on Wednesday 17th May at Barbon Village Hall.
 - ii. Biggins Road is to be re-surfaced.
 - iii. Gullies are to be emptied next week.
 - iv. Year 7 pupils at QES have been helping with litter picking.

17/81 A65 Quiet Asphalt:

There is no further news on this matter, although enquiries are continuing. A 'quiet' surface is likely to cost around £4 per square metre more than the conventional surface. Councillor Cotton will contact Graham Wheelhouse again and ask if, when the road is re-surfaced again (it is currently breaking up in places) that consideration will be given to using the 'quiet' surface.

17/82 Donald Carmichael Trophy:

The trophy has now been purchased by the Rugby Club and an invoice will follow. The trophy will be presented each year to the leading Junior Colts (under 17s) player.

17/83 Auction Mart Yard:

A large number of responses had been received from members of the public, to verify having had unhindered access across the yard, some for many years. The Chairman has now submitted the application to CCC. From the responses received, witnesses will be required who are prepared to speak at any hearing.

17/84 Finance:

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

KL & LV CIC	£4,500.00	First half of Precept grant
KL & LV CIC	£14,000.00	Grant from SLDC - toilet improvements

KL & LV CIC	£62.09	Refund from EDF
Zurich Municipal	£1,753.20	Insurance premium
CALC	£287.64	Annual subscription
Society of Local Council Clerks	£68.50	Annual subscription (25% of £274.00)

- b. The Provisional Accounts having been noted at the last meeting, the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign Parts 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.
- c. The purchase of a replacement metal trim for the information board at Mill Ayre, which has been damaged by a reversing vehicle, was agreed. This will cost £120 including delivery and it will be funded by the donations box for the upkeep of the picnic area.

17/85 Correspondence:

- a. SLDC. The Council's application for LIPs funding had not been successful.
- b. Kirkby Lonsdale and District Civic Society, regarding lights that detract from the town's conservation area, and it is wondered what funding might be available for their replacement. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting. In the meantime, Councillor Cotton will enquire as to the likely cost.

17/86 Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 16th May Lunesdale Hall Committee meeting.
Wednesday 24th May LAP Meeting

17/87 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 14th June 2017 at 7pm at The Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: