

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2017 at 6.30PM.**

**Present:** Councillors Mark Day (Chairman, from 17/6), Geoffrey Buswell (Vice-Chairman, who was in the Chair up to 17/6), Nick Cotton, Mel Mackie, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead and David Storey.

**Also in attendance:** District Councillor Kevin Lancaster, Sgt Suzanne Scott-O'Neill, PCSO Martin Boak, six members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors Dougie Boyd and Donald Carmichael.

**17/1 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, with a small amendment in 16/204a to the effect that 'it is not a done deal until the lease is signed'

**17/2 Public participation:**

- a. Two residents made points regarding the right of access at Auction Mart Yard - this would be discussed later in the meeting.
- b. Mr. Paul Harkness spoke of behalf of Masters Grange residents. He reminded the Council of the agreement regarding planting/screening when the path is constructed and also the input presented to the Council by one of their members.

**17/3 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**17/4 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.

**17/5 Police Report:**

The Clerk has received the Police Report by email and will circulate it to Councillors. Sgt Scott-O'Neill summarised the report, which included reports of the theft of quad bikes and also complaints received from smoking in the street outside the public houses.

**17/6 Sub-Groups:**

**a. Contracts and Grants:**

- i. The lease of the land for the Masters Grange footpath has now been completed and was passed to the Clerk.

- ii. Councillor Muirhead said that SLDC is likely to make a grant towards the refurbishment of the public toilets.
- iii. The lease for 29 Main Street (the former HSBC building) is now being prepared.
- iv. The Clerk has sent out six tenders for Masters Grange footpath and had received two back. It was resolved to accept number 2 but to ask for clarification as to the '£2,000 Contingency' and what would trigger this being charged. Erica Wright has confirmed that their charge for supervision would be £85 per hour and it was estimated that two hours for each week the construction was underway would be sufficient.

**b. Church Brow:**

The meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund Officer has now been rescheduled for 27th January 2017 and will be attended by the Chairman; a representative from YDNPA will also be present. The Council gave Councillor Cotton a mandate to apply for a LIPs grant on behalf of the Council.

**c. Planning:**

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

SL/2016/1035 and 1039 16 Main Street. Restoration and refurbishment of existing house, removal of modern apartment and introduction of front and rear dormers. Granted.

SL/2016/0932 Former Gas Holder site, Mill Brow. Erection of single dwelling. Granted.

SL/2016/0877 Queen Elizabeth School. Provision of 400 metre running track and all weather sports pitch with retaining wall, lighting and associated infrastructure. Granted.

**17/7 Updates:** None.

**17/8 County and District Councillor's Reports:**

- a. Councillor Lancaster said there may be slight differences in the way YDNPA deals with planning applications from the way SLDC did.
- b. Councillor Mackie said the Christmas Fair had been a huge success and congratulated Sarah Ross, Robin Sadler and Councillor Muirhead, together with many others, for all their hard work in this venture.
- c. Councillor Cotton said that Sarah Ross looking at a future strategy for Kirkby Lonsdale as a commercial centre and a report from this study would be available soon. He also said that he was looking into the problem of the slippery surface at Salt Pie Lane, together with SLDC.

### **17/9 Auction Mart Yard:**

A number of residents had contacted the Council to indicate that they had enjoyed uninterrupted access through Auction Mart Yard for a number of years. Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak and others confirmed that this was the case.

Only a CCC Tribunal can make a final decision on this matter and the Chairman will be delivering a map to households in the area, showing the route that has habitually been used through the Yard. Any member of the public who can attest to have used the route over a period of years will be asked whether he or she would be willing to give evidence to that effect to a tribunal if held. The Clerk will search through the Land Registry in order to discover property boundaries. Councillor Cotton has been shown documents by Richard Harkness of Hackney & Leigh, relating to the area.

### **17/10 A65 Kirkby Lonsdale/Surface improvements:**

Councillor Marczynski said he would like to start the process of an investigation as to how the surface noise from traffic on the A65 can be reduced. If such technology is available it would seem good that, when the road is next re-surfaced, if a different surface material could be used, if the cost is not much greater. The Council will support enquiries and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

*(A ten-minute break was taken at this point, during which refreshments were served and the Draw for the 100 Club took place, when the winning numbers were selected)*

**17/11 Correspondence:** None.

### **17/12 Forthcoming events:**

18th January	LAP meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale
24th January	Lunesdale Hall Committee meeting

### **17/13 Finance:**

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

HMRC	£345.14	PAYE
K M Price	£400.65	Quarterly expenses to 31st December including use of home office and travel
K M Price	£8.22	Refund of balancing payment made in December
Thomson Hayton Winkley	£1,038.00	Legal work - Masters Grange Footpath
Lunesdale Home and Garden Ltd	£35.00	Christmas Tree

b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted:

- c. The Budget Report prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £45,327 for the financial year 2017-18. This represents a 4.6% rise in the parish element of the Council Tax.

**17/14 Date of next meeting:**

***Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 7pm at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.***

*The meeting closed at 8.45pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*