

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2016 at 7PM.**

The draw for the Lunesdale Hall 100 Club was made and the winning numbers selected.

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

**Also in attendance:** District Councillor Kevin Lancaster, six members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors Dougie Boyd and Mike Marczynski.

**16/161 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk apologized for the omission of the bus service suggestions that were submitted and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**16/162 Public participation:**

- a. Overgrown bushes were reported at the junction of Kendal Road and Abbotsgate. The responsibility for maintenance in this area is unclear but will be clarified by the Contracts and Grants sub-group and, if appropriate, be considered for inclusion in the Grounds Maintenance contract which is due for renewal in December.
- b. The Council's attention was drawn to what one resident considered to be the dangerous crossing from Queen Elizabeth Court to Booths supermarket. The Council will bring this matter to the attention of the relevant authority.
- c. The bench at the end of Biggins Road was reported as being in a poor state. Councillor Buswell agreed to inspect it.

**16/163 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**16/164 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**16/165 Police Report:**

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been 10 incidents recorded since the last meeting, including several reports of anti-social behaviour. PCSO Mandy Coleman is visiting schools in the area giving talks on the dangers associated with Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Councillor Muirhead said he would check with CALC if Councils in other areas were still receiving Police representation at their meetings.

It was felt that coaches should be prevented from entering Main Street and Market Square. The Clerk will write to the Rugby Club to make them aware of this problem. The Clerk will also check the weight restriction for large vehicles entering the town of Kirkby Lonsdale.

## **16/166 Sub-Groups:**

### **a. Contracts and Grants:**

Councillor Muirhead said the group had not yet met formally. He asked for any comments to assist in the maintenance contract renewal arrangements to be passed to him or any other member of the group within the next month.

He reported on the ongoing negotiations with SLDC over continuing financial support for the public toilets, visitor information services and the weekly Charter Market, as managed by the CIC. Capital grants are being offered towards repairs and refurbishment at the two toilet sites and the visitor information centre on Main Street. Additionally, a new, long-term lease on the Main Street premises was being negotiated, together with a new five-year revenue grant agreement. SLDC are supportive of the work being done by the CIC for the town and on the Council's behalf.

Council noted the report and resolved in principle to accept the terms being offered by SLDC, subject to Cabinet approval and any conditions being acceptable. It was also agreed to explore any funding possibilities with YDNPA.

Councillor Lancaster said he felt that YDNPA would welcome discussion regarding possible funding for the Devil's Bridge site.

### **b. Church Brow:**

The Chairman said he had not made any progress yet with convening a meeting of the group. The Council agreed that Councillor Cotton will be the Council's official representative on the YDNPA in discussions and negotiations with it on the possible restoration of Church Brow. He will report back to Council in due course.

### **c. Planning:**

#### *i. The following applications were considered:*

SL/2016/1026 Land off Pitt Lane, High Biggins. Erection of six affordable dwellings. Refusal recommended for the following reasons:

- a. This is a very narrow lane and increased use by vehicles will exacerbate the danger to children and others walking there.
- b. There are drainage issues which need to be addressed, with water currently running down the lane.
- c. The proposed development is in open countryside.

SL/2016/0758 Garden Plot adjacent to playground, Tram Lane, Erection of detached dwelling. A vote was taken resulting in a refusal being recommended for the following reasons:

- a. It is thought that the boundary of this plot may incorporate a wall owned by the Town Council but this has not yet been verified.
- b. Traffic levels on this narrow lane will be unacceptably increased.
- c. Over development of the lane, leading to a loss of privacy.

*(The voting was three in favour of refusal, two against and two abstentions. Councillor Carmichael had previously declared an interest)*

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

SL/2016/0737101 Fairgarth Drive. Dormer to side elevation and formation of parking area. Granted.

SL/2016/0782 Land at Laitha Lodge. One dwelling. Granted.

SL/2016/0705 & 0706 Snooty Fox Tavern, 33 Main Street. Signs. Granted.

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

SL/2016/0870 & 0871 13 Main Street. Single storey rear extension. Approval recommended.

SL/2016/0842 11 Main Street. Demolition of brick built store and alterations to rear extension to provide outside patio. Approval recommended.

SL/2016/0830 Crossdale, High Biggins. Detached store building and glasshouse. Approval recommended.

## **16/167 Finance:**

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

Cumbria Kendal Scaffolding Ltd

£2,850.00

Hire of scaffolding

Miniheat Ltd

£282.00

Work on heating system

Geoffrey Buswell

£32.50

Signs for Radical Steps

D V Ireland

£528.00

Maintenance

HCS Ltd

£100.15

Toilet supplies (CIC)

K M Price

£395.11

Quarterly expenses to

30<sup>th</sup> September,

Including home office  
and travel

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. A briefing note and a proposal had been received from the Parking Group that the Council should contribute towards traffic calming measures at Kendal Road, in the vicinity of the two schools was considered. It was resolved to set aside £5,000 for this but with the condition that a zebra crossing be incorporated – should that lead to additional cost the Council would review its decision on the financial contribution. Councillor Cotton agreed to enquire about this and also to investigate the possibility of incorporating a raised surface in order to further reduce traffic speeds.
- d. The Chairman adjourned the meeting briefly to allow Mr Richard Parsons of the Lunesdale Rotary Club to speak. A request was made that the Council gives permission for the planting of 5,000 crocus bulbs in Jubilee Park to mark World Polio Day which is on 24<sup>th</sup> October. The Council agreed to this request, subject to the area of the park to be planted being clarified to the Clerk.

#### **16/168 Updates:**

- a. Auction Mart Yard. The issue of access at Auction Mart Yard was raised again. Councillor Cotton agreed to investigate further. It appears that a number of people will be needed to testify to having had unhindered access over the yard for a number of years.
- b. Councillor Cotton said that the double yellow lines at Horsemarket and Back Lane will be going ahead in due course.

#### **16/169 Masters Grange footpath:**

The licence has now been granted for work to commence on the footpath over open space at Masters Grange and it was resolved that the Clerk should sign this on behalf of the Council and it was noted that this created maintenance obligations for the Council. The appointed contractor will be asked to mobilise as quickly as possible.

#### **16/170 County and District Councillor's Reports:**

- a. Councillor Lancaster said he would be at the meeting of SLDC Cabinet when the future funding issues for the services provided by the Town Council are discussed.
- b. Councillor Cotton said he has now received the map of gullies from CCC Highways and he agreed to mark this up as requested and invited Councillors to report any areas of particular concern to him. Work on the gullies at the junction of Biggins Lane and Biggins Road is due to start on 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- c. Councillor Mackie asked that details of the whereabouts of defibrillators in the town should be displayed on the public notice boards. He reported that some of the 'clutter' around town (minute 16/152 refers) has now been cleared and he will continue to press SLDC to clear up other areas of the town, including the area around the grit bins.

#### **16/171 Back Lane and Town End benches:**

Councillor Buswell has a list of all the benches in the town and who the owners are. Two on the A65 at Town End are owned by the Civic Society. It was proposed that all the benches should be under one ownership, either the Town Council or the Civic Society. Councillor Buswell agreed to speak to Ken Humphris of the Civic Society to ascertain his views. A lump sum would no doubt be required in order to keep the benches in good repair for the future.

The Council authorised the repair of the benches at Back Lane and Town End as requested.

#### **16/172 Play Park:**

The Chairman is meeting remaining representatives of the Play Partnership on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **16/173 Allotments:**

The Clerk reported that all allotment holders have been contacted and an initial meeting is to be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm. Councillor Buswell will preside on behalf of the Council.

#### **16/174 Correspondence:**

Correspondence from SLDC Enforcement Officer was noted in respect of advertising outside Boots at the Crossing Point Cafe, The Courtyard, 'Platos', 2 Mill Brow, and the home furnishing shop. As yet, only 'Platos' has responded, agreeing to remove the 'A' board and the Council thanks them for their action.

#### **16/175 Forthcoming events:**

Lunesdale Hall Committee meeting      15<sup>th</sup> November

#### **16/176 Date of next meeting:**

***Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7pm.***

*The meeting closed at 8.50pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*