

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 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, Mike Marczynski, Allan Muirhead and David Storey.

Also in attendance: Sgt Suzanne Scott-O'Neill and PCSO Mandy Coleman, four members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Dougie Boyd and District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

The Chairman introduced Mr Gordon Sisson, Sheltered Housing Manager at South Lakes Housing, who gave a presentation on the current situation at Binfold Croft and other sheltered housing sites in SLDC. There has been a review of all SLH services meaning that existing tenants will continue to receive support for the amenity charge until 2019. In the meantime Council agreed to work together with SLH and share any ideas Councillors may have for future management of communal facilities.

Councillor Mackie raised the question of asbestos being present at Green Square flats and Mr Sisson agreed to discuss this with the Asset Manager.

16/177 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. An amendment to 16/168b was made that this should read 'Swine Market and Biggins Road'.

16/178 Public participation:

- a. The Council was asked if consideration of Planning Application SL/2016/1015 (Land off Kendal Road) would be held in public, bearing in mind the size of the proposed development. The Council will most likely arrange a separate meeting for this purpose, which would be held in public as usual and this would be considered later in the meeting.
- b. Dog fouling was reported at the junction of Back Lane and Jingling Lane. The Council is aware of the problem, which is SLDC's responsibility and notoriously difficult to enforce.
- c. Vehicles are often parked on double yellow lines at the top of Fairgarth Drive and this blocks the pavement, pushchairs etc not being able to pass. At present, the yellow lines are obscured by leaves which makes enforcement difficult.

16/179 Requests for Dispensations: None.

16/180 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.

16/181 Police Report:

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Suzanne Scott-O'Neill and PCSO Mandy Coleman. The written report had already been sent to the Clerk. A number of questions from both Councillors and members of the public were raised. The Officers were warmly thanked for their attendance and the helpful discussion that took place. Volunteers are still being sought to assist in cross-border crime prevention and interested persons should contact the Police by email or on 101.

16/182 Sub-Groups:

a. Contracts and Grants:

Councillor Muirhead is still liaising with SLDC regarding future funding of the facilities operated by the Council via the CIC and should have some further information by 11th November 2016. SLDC's Cabinet meets on 23rd November.

It was resolved to extend the maintenance contract for three months to 31st March 2017, to allow time for the re-tendering process to be taken forward by the Group

b. Church Brow:

Councillor Cotton reported that a representative of the Heritage Lottery Fund will be visiting the site in December following a successful initial briefing on the importance of the site and its heritage value. Councillors Cotton and Day are also in contact with the YDNPA which is likely to be able to offer its expertise. Councillor Muirhead reported that The Royal Engineers may also be interested in conducting an assessment of the site as part of its civil assistance programme.

Following the HLF visit a meeting of the Group will be held to assess how best to move forward.

c. Planning:

i. The following applications were considered and approval recommended:

SL/2016/0964 Snooty Fox Tavern, Main Street. Internal refurbishment to bar/restaurant and first & second floor bedrooms.

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

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

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

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

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

SL/2016/0758 Garden Plot adjacent to playground, Tram Lane, Erection of detached dwelling. Refused.

- iii. *The following Appeal against Non-Determination by SLDC was noted:*

SL/2016/033 7 Terret Dene. Garage with first floor gym, office and balcony.

16/183 Finance:

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

Alan Dale (joinery)	£89.20	Jingling Lane toilets (CIC)
Thomson Hayton Winkley	£504.00	Legal work - Masters Grange
KL & LV CIC	£3,000.00	Second half of precept
HCS Ltd	£123.99	Cleaning supplies (CIC)
S P Pease Discretionary Trust	£250.00	Allotments rent
Geoffrey Buswell	£9.92	Allotments meeting room hire and expenses.

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

16/184 Updates:

Councillor Marczyński reported that, after a visit from *Healthmatic* there is to be a meeting with the contractor at Devil's Bridge toilets, in order to address outstanding problems.

16/186 Masters Grange Footpath:

- a. The Lease has been received by Councillor Muirhead today and it was resolved that he should sign it on behalf of the Council, once the Council's solicitor has checked it and cleared up one outstanding query. Councillor Muirhead will also check the funding expected from Russell Armer will still come to the Council.
- b. The Clerk is checking the original tenders for the work, as price updates indicate a significant increase in costs which needs to be assessed for reasonableness. This matter will be an agenda item for the next meeting with the possibility of re-tendering being an option to ensure value for money.

16/187 County and District Councillor's Reports:

Councillor Cotton reported on the survey being carried out by CCC, whereby drains and gullies in each parish are being identified on a map by town and parish Councillors.

16/188 A-Boards:

Councillor Muirhead reminded the Council of the protocol agreed by SLDC in 2013 in respect of 'A' boards which has previously been endorsed by Council. He had recently attended a meeting of the Chamber of Trade and it is to adopt this protocol in the town. The Council resolved to support this and to make a renewed commitment to the protocol.

16/189 Benches:

Councillor Buswell reported that he is meeting the Civic Society on 21st November 2016 to discuss the future ownership and maintenance of the benches in the town. The work of photographing the benches continues so that the list can be updated and estimates for repair work are awaited for some of these. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Clerk said he has two people in touch with him who wish to pay for the renovation of a bench each in memory of a loved one. The Council welcomed this and details will be passed to Councillors Boyd and Buswell who will recommend appropriate benches for consideration by the donors.

16/190 Bus service suggestions:

After consideration of the bus service proposals, submitted to the Council, it was resolved that this Council will support these as suggested and will communicate this to Lancashire County Council.

16/191 Chapel Lane:

Reports having been received of the slippery road surface at Chapel Lane, Councillor Cotton agreed to raise the matter with CCC Highways or SLDC as appropriate.

16/192 Play Park:

The Chairman explained that the proposed meeting (minute 16/172 refers) had not yet taken place.

16/193 Allotments:

Councillor Buswell reported on a successful first meeting of the Allotments Group on 31st October. A suggestion that the allotments rents be increased by £5 for 2017 did not receive support but the Council resolved to contribute £125 instead, to aid improvements on site.

16/194 Correspondence:

A letter from Mr Barry Willis regarding speeding vehicles in the town, addressed to the Chairman and Clerk had been circulated to Councillors and was passed to the Police for their attention. The Chairman has also responded.

16/195 Forthcoming events:

13th November	Remembrance Parade from 10:00 in the Market Square
15th November	Lunesdale Hall Committee meeting.
2nd/3rd/4th December	Christmas Fair - a three-day event
12th December	Great British High Street competition final - London

16/196 Dates for 2017 meetings:

The following dates were approved and the room bookings have been confirmed:

(All Wednesdays at 7pm)

11th January
8th February
1st March
12th April
10th May (Annual Meeting and Assembly)
14th June
12th July
9th August
13th September
11th October
8th November
6th December

16/197 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 7:00pm in the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale - Planning Meeting to discuss application SL/2016/1015

Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 7:00pm in the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale - monthly meeting.

16/198 Agenda items for the next meeting:

Auction Mart Yard

(Items for the agenda may be sent to the Clerk 14 days prior to the meeting)

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: