

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7PM**

**Present:** Councillors Georffrey Buswell (Chairman), Marie Batty, Mike Burchnall, Allan Muirhead and Sarah Tatham. Councillor Mike Marczynski arrived later.

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

**Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Robin Ree and David Storey and received from County Councillor Nick Cotton and District Councillor Suzie Pye.

**20/1 Public participation:**

- a. A group of residents from Croft Close addressed the Council on the proposals for re-siting the recycling facilities. The proposed site faces both Booth's delivery area and car park and would add to the noise and inconvenience, as presumably the facilities would be available 24/7. It is hoped the Council will conduct a public consultation before any decision is reached.
- b. The 1st Kirkby Lonsdale Explorers have surveyed the accessibility of various areas in the town and have produced a report which will be forwarded to the Council. It was noted that there is no radar key to the public toilets and it is wondered if a 'hoist' could be installed to assist disabled users more. The Council is pleased with this venture and will work together with the Explorers in order to make the town more disabled-friendly.
- c. The Council was asked what its position is on the Climate Emergency and the Clerk confirmed that the Council has indicated its agreement with SLDC's policy and aims.

**20/2 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**20/3 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Buswell declared an interest in any matters relating to the allotment and Councillor Muirhead declared an interest in any matters relating to the CIC.

**20/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**20/5 Casual Vacancy:**

There had been no firm expressions of interest and it was resolved to advertise the vacancy locally again.

**20/6 Play Park:**

Councillor Batty said there was nothing further to report at present.

**20/7 Event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day:**

Councillor Muirhead said that he is asking for expressions of interest, in the next edition of AKL.

**20/8 CCTV:**

Councillor Burchnall reported that a decision will be made by 13th January but it seems likely that the Council will only receive one camera.

**20/9 Auction Mart Yard:**

Councillor Batty reported that she now has the required information from Andy Sims at CCC and will be dealing directly with the Secretary of State now. The Council is 26th in the priority line of applications.

**20/10 Working with SLDC:**

Councillor Muirhead said there is nothing further to report at present.

**20/11 The Brow (remedial works):**

Councillor Burchnall had circulated a full report. The report made 12 recommendations, all of which were accepted by Council.

**20/11 Disabled access in Kirkby Lonsdale:**

This was deferred until the next meeting. The Council thanks all residents who have assisted in this matter.

*(Councillor Marczynski arrived at this point)*

**20/12 Booths roundabout and possible re-location of the recycling bins on to Booths' rear car park:**

Councillor Marczynski said there is nothing further to report yet on the roundabout planning application yet.

He explained, for the benefit of members of the public present, the reasons behind the proposed move, but emphasised that any such move is only in the early stages yet, would be the subject of a future planning application and there would also be a public consultation with all affected parties. The Council, at its last meeting, commissioned an initial survey to be carried out by Chris Potts and this is awaited.

Councillor Muirhead proposed that *'this Council notes the proposed project will have an impact on the community. Therefore, if it is shown to be a practicable one, assures residents that a full consultation will be undertaken in due course, together with any County and District Councillors who are able to be involved'*. This was unanimously agreed.

### **20/12 Park Run at Kitriding:**

Following receipt of an email from Kim Bradshaw, regarding the setting up of a Park Run at Kitriding, it was agreed that the Council will assist with any funding applications that may be required.

### **20/13 Reports:**

- a. **Police:** The Police Report had been circulated to all Councillors.
- a. **County Councillor:** Councillor Cotton will start work on cutting back and replanting the willow alongside the Riverside Path, in about three week's time, probably with some help from Yorkshire Dales National Park Ranger Apprentices. It would be good to see some progress on the removal of the stones on Mill Aire left over from Storm Desmond. The water seeping out onto Kendal Road near the A65 junction is now being dealt with by Russell Armer and CCC Highways. It is not clear who is responsible; United Utilities, B4RN (there is a fibre optic chamber near here), Russell Armer for changing the layout of the junction or CCC Highways. Clearly if ice forms on Kendal Road it will be very dangerous.
- b. **District Councillor:** Having seen the Police Report, Councillor Lancaster encouraged residents to report any concerns to the PCSO and to remain vigilant as regards property and belongings. He declared an interest, as a member of Planning Authority, in any matters regarding the proposed moving of the recycling facilities. He reported that a large amount of government money is being given to improving town centres, and Kendal is to benefit from this. He felt Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedbergh were equally worthy of help.
- c. **Town Clerk:**
  - i. The Clerk is due to meet A2A in Milnthorpe later this month to discuss the new Accessibility Regulations, so this will be reported on at the next meeting.
  - ii. An email had been received from Joe Wilson, asking if anything could be done about the bus services into Kirkby Lonsdale. The Council is very supportive of the bus services and the Clerk will respond appropriately.
  - iii. An email had been received regarding the Church gates mechanism following the recent planning application and also commenting upon proposals to move the recycling facilities. The Clerk and Councillor Batty have both responded.

**20/14 Dressing the town:**

The was deferred until a future meeting.

**20/15 Allotments:**

The was deferred until the next meeting.

**20/16 Planning:**

There were no planning matters to consider.

**20/17 Finance:**

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

HMRC	£1,315.35	PAYE
Howson Ltd	£416.16	CIC - Electrical testing
Craig Bradshaw	£1,112.26	Maintenance contract
K M Price	£234.10	Quarterly expenses to 31st December including use of home office and travel.

b. The tender requested for the Town Maintenance Contract for 2020-21 has not yet been received so this was deferred until the next meeting.

c. After consideration of the Budget Report prepared by the Clerk, it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £59,286 for the financial year 2020-21. The represents at 10% increase and Councillor Burchnall agreed to produce a brief explanation of the reason for this, in the next edition of AKL. This will be attached to the minutes of the Council's February meeting.

**20/18 Forthcoming event:**

3rd February            Lunesdale Hall Management committee.

**20/19 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7pm at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*