

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM  
LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024 AT 7PM**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Cassell (Chairman), Mike Marczynski, Nigel Martin, Malcolm Perrin, and Stuart Taylor. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Ree.

Also in attendance: Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson, members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

**24/121 Public participation:** None.

**24/122 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**24/123 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**24/124 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**24/125 Brief updates:**

- a. Litter bin emptying: Councillors agreed to meet Andrew Vickers of Westmorland & Furness Council, to discuss cots and requirements for the coming year.
- b. The Clerk was authorised to pay the two outstanding accounts. These will be detailed on the financial information for next month's meeting.

*(The Chairman then suspended the remainder of the agenda, following the tragic fire in the town a few days earlier)*

Westmorland & Furness Council officers spoke and updated the Council on the work in hand for clearance of sites and restoration of buildings, all of which will take some considerable time.

The Chairman updated the Council on the work of the Kirkby Lonsdale Community Recovery Partnership.

It was resolved that the Chairman will:

- a. Send a letter of sympathy and a card to the Taylor family, on behalf of the Council and community.

- b. Formally thank residents of the town for their help, support and immediate action in the face of this disaster, and for material gifts of food and funding to help those affected most by the fire.

Councillor Hodgson offered to help in any possible way. She may be contacted by email.

*The meeting closed at 8.40pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*