

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM, LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7PM**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Cassell (Chairman), Nick Hampson, Nigel Martin, Malcolm Perrin, Robin Ree and Stuart Taylor. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mike Marczynski, Braddan Quayle and Rachel Ward.

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

Katie Gatt (Age Friendly Coordinator, South Lakeland Westmorland & Furness Partnership), addressed the Council. A number of questions were asked and the Council is encouraged to apply for the various 'awards' at various levels, recognising the 'age-friendly' facilities in the town).

**26/14 Public participation:**

- a. Westmorland & Furness Local Plan and Allocations. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. Overgrown trees were reported at the corner of Dodgson Croft road, The Clerk will ask if Craig Bradshaw can deal with these.
- c. The projected (CIL) income from the development of 34 houses at Oakfield Park is likely to be around £43,000
- d. Proposed closure of the Nat West Bank in the town. The Chairman has written a letter, as also has Mike Burchnell, jointly with other groups in the town, and a LINK survey is underway, to ascertain how serious the loss of the last bank in the town will be.
- e. Proposed new car parking in the town. The Town Team is involved in these proposals sent to the Council by Henry Armitage. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**26/15 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**26/16 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**26/17 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**26/18 Kirkby Lonsdale Town Team:**

No report, but the Chairman said that the Emergency Plan is complete and will be circulated shortly.

## **26/19 Ruskin's View/The Brow:**

Councillor Perrin expressed the disappointed of the Technical Team, and indeed the residents of the town, in that the re-opening of The Brow footpath had not taken place yet, despite all the requirements having been carried out before Christmas.

Councillor Hodgson assured the Council that the required work had been 'signed off' by Westmorland & Furness Council and that it would only be a matter of time before the go ahead is given to re-open the path. She will follow the matter up again.

## **26/20 Planning sub-group:**

*The following applications were considered:*

2026/0010/ADV Spice Essence, 48-52 Main Street. Advertisement consent for the replacement of a single externally illuminated fascia sign & installation of a non-illuminated hanging sign (Retrospective). No objections.

2025/2311/LBC 7 Fairbank. Listed Building Consent for the installation of a defibrillator to the front elevation.

The Council felt that the proposed position of the defibrillator is not ideal and there are already a couple of defibrillators nearby.

## **26/21 'Assertion 10 – Digital & Data Compliance':**

The Clerk said that Design Works has accepted the contract to enable to Council to become compliant with this document, in line with all Parish and Town Councils in the UK. Councillor Taylor is in touch with Design Works and will liaise with the Clerk.

## **26/22 Reports:**

*Councillor Hodgson mentioned the following:*

- a. She had reported many blocked drains. Councillors are asked to notify her of any blocked gullies in the town.
- b. Westmorland & Furness Council. (Legal points). A Memorandum of Understanding is to be signed and the full constitution of the Council approved by the end of March, after approval by the Advisory Board.

## **26/23 Finance:**

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

### **The Brow:**

Rogers Geotechnical Services      £1.080.00

### **KLTC:**

Craig Bradshaw	£1.980.00	Maintenance Contract
KL & LVCIC	£3.000.00	Grant - Christmas Market 2025

- b. The interim accounts up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 had been circulated. A few questions were asked and the Clerk clarified them.

**26/24 Correspondence:**

Cumbria Prepared: up to three free maps are offered free to Communities with a Community Emergency Plan. This was noted but it did not seem applicable to this Council's situation.

**26/25 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.***

*(The Clerk will be on holiday at that time but will publish the agenda as usual – Councillor Martin agreed to take notes of the meeting; the Clerk will type them up afterwards)*

*The meeting closed at 8.10pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*