MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BECTIVE ROOM, LUNESDALE HALL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026 AT 7pm.

Present: Councillors Paul Cassell (Chairman), Mike Marczynski, Nigel Martin, and Malcolm Perrin.

Also in attendance: Six members of the public and Town Clerk Kevin Price.

26/79 Public participation:

a. A comment was made that a pathway through the Swinemarket would make a suitable disability/mobility access to St Marys Church. The Chairman said that that was not the best way to provide access, and a better way would be the access between the Sun hotel and the Spotty Hen shop where a suitable ramp could be explored. There were further comments made regarding the general lack of disabled facilities in the town.
b. The Call for Sites and communications with the public in general, were discussed. The minutes were felt to be sometimes minimalist and communications with the Council could be improved. The Clerk said that the minutes are a record of decisions made and not a summary of any discussions taking place.
c. The Ram is still overgrown and requires attention.
d. Discussions continue with the *Town Team*, as to the possible location of a cash machine, not with the Post Office, as reported in the minutes.

26/80 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 10th June 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

26/81 Requests for Dispensations: None.

26/92 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Marczynski declared an interest, should anything regarding the CIC or the Lunesdale Hall be discussed.

26/93 Co-option of new Councillors:

Following the interviews held prior to this meeting, the following were co-opted to the Council:

Bruce Dennett
Graeme Gladwinfield
Jen Kell
Tom McPhail

The Chairman welcomed them all to the Council and each signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

26/94 Kirkby Lonsdale Town Team:

A report was given on the large amount of work recently taking place in the Town Team. The Town Team were congratulated with their progress to date. There is to be a public event on 15th July, when there will be presentations at 2.30pm and 7pm. A new representative from the Council will be appointed soon, now the Council is back to full strength.

26/95 Ruskin's View/The Brow:

Councillor Perrin said there had been no change since the last meeting and the path is still open. Monitoring will continue for the for-seeable future. The fencing is to be inspected soon.

26/96 Play Park:

It was resolved to use the recent CIL payment of almost £18,000 for the renovation of the Play Park. There is also £5.000 in this year's Precept and between £2,000 and £3.000 balance when the Play Park account was closed. There is a possibility (via Lyn Ruchardson) that some funding may be available.

26/97 Planning sub-group:

There were no new applications.

26/98 Reports: None.

26/99 Finance:

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

Craig Bradshaw	TBA	Maintenance contract
(Clerk authorised to pay upon arrival)		
Westmorland & Furness Council		
	£658.80	Annual fee for Play Park inspections
K M Price	£357.22	Quarterly expenses, including office allowance (£78.00) and payroll accounting software £100.80),
For The Brow:		
Rogers Geotechnical		
	£300.00	

b. The cash and budget statements had been circulated to all Councillors and were noted.

26/100 'Assertion 10 – 'Digital & Data Compliance':

a. CALC had advised that it was not best practice to have a website shared with another organisation. However, as the Council now has a gov.uk address as well as the Clerk, it is believed this is acceptable.
b. Councillors Dennett and McPhail agreed to speak to Stu Taylor in order to assess how to keep the website up to date.

26/101 Policies:

a. The Clerk will produce a draft Financial Regulations document for approval at the next meeting
b. Councillors Marczynski and Martin will make a start on the Asset Register, with a view to bringing it to a future meeting for approval.

26/102 Correspondence: None.

26/103 Item for the next agenda – Town Council work programme.

26/104 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 12th August at 7pm at the Bective Room, Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: