

What you said about speeding on residential roads

In the last Newsletter we invited you to participate in a consultation about altering the speed limit on roads in the town.

As a result, 663 useable responses were received by the Council. Of these, most were from residents over 40 years old, but there was no evidence to suggest that the overall response was skewed by any particular interest or lobby group. The responses to the questionnaire indicated strong measures of support (approximately 60%) for the principle of 20mph. However, the strength of support

did increase with the age of respondents and those who travelled less frequently were also more keen to see 20mph limits than those who use vehicles often. On the other hand 62% of those using cars to commute to work and 52% of those on the school run were supportive of reducing the speed limit.

Of those responding 51% preferred mandatory speed limits whilst 42%

would prefer advisory limits. In addition the responses indicated significant support for extending current 20mph mandatory limits on residential roads although there was less support for a 'blanket' 20mph limit across Kendal as a whole.

A full analysis of the survey can be found on the Kendal Town Website at www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/20-mph

in November accepting that there is clear support from the residents of Kendal for mandatory 20mph speed limits on residential roads in the town. Consequently the Council agreed to

report the results of the survey to both the Police and the Highways Authority and to explore with them how residents' wishes might be delivered.

What next?

The Town Council agreed to accept the results of the consultation at its meeting

Town Council to share Council Chamber with SLDC

After more than 100 years the Town Council is to stop using the original Council Chamber in the Town Hall.

"It is no longer fit for purpose: there is noise from Lowther St and no loop system for those who are hard of hearing" said the Mayor. "Now we will use the same Chamber as SLDC with its better facilities such as a Loop System".



The Town Hall has been owned by SLDC since 1974 but in December last year some masonry fell from the front requiring temporary scaffolding.

Helping fund the town's recovery



At its January meeting the Town Council agreed to increase its Band D Council Tax by £3 per year.

From the increase, £2 will be allocated to a dedicated Flood Recovery Fund supporting priority schemes such as

infrastructure repairs. The remaining £1 is to assist with funding projects identified in the Kendal Action Plan.

The Mayor, Councillor Chris Hogg, commented "If we are to get Kendal back to its former state in the aftermath



of the floods then an increase in the budget is required. We believe residents will be prepared to pay around 4p per week to achieve this. The extra funding raised will enable us to help get Kendal back on its feet and promote the town to visitors".



Kendal Festival of Food, Cumbria's huge celebration of all things foodie, returns to our pretty market town of Kendal for the seventh time on the 12th and 13th of March 2016.

Dates of Town Council Meetings

7th March
Full Council – 7.30pm in SLDC Council Chamber, Town Hall
4th April
Annual Town Assembly presentation of the Annual Report – everyone welcome. Tea and coffee served – 7.30pm KTC Council Chamber, Town Hall.
Full Council follows - 8pm in SLDC Council Chamber, Town Hall
9th May
Full Council – 7.30pm in SLDC Council Chamber, Town Hall
6th June
Full Council – 7.30pm in SLDC Council Chamber, Town Hall
3rd July
Mayor's Sunday Civic Service – 10.45am at the Parish Church
4th July
Full Council – 7.30pm in SLDC Council Chamber, Town Hall
1st August
Full Council – 7.30pm in SLDC Council Chamber, Town Hall

Public Participation at Council meetings

The press and public are warmly invited to attend any meetings of the Council and its Committees and sub-Committees.

Members of the public wishing to address the full Council are requested to notify the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Public participation shall be for 3 minutes per participant with a limit of 15 minutes for all contributions. There will be no questions and answers or debate.

The Council has no formal arrangements for public participation at Committee or sub-Committee meetings. However, members of the public wishing to address such a meeting are asked to discuss their request with the Chair or the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

Telephone number for Kendal Town Council is 01539 793490

For more information on the articles in this newsletter and forthcoming events, please visit our website www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

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Kendal Town Council News

Kendal, Gateway to the Lakes



Your newsletter from Kendal Town Council

Spring 2016

A BIG, BIG Thank You

A big thank you for your generosity, and gifts – of food, clothing, bedding, time, offers of accommodation and help in other ways...

Not least, a big thank you to all those businesses that allowed employees time off work to sort their insurance and the re-building of their homes. AND not forgetting those families and relatives who are hosting those made homeless, perhaps for another 3 months.



Also in this issue

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"Remarkable generosity from both businesses and private individuals"
said the Mayor, Cllr Chris Hogg

BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2016

Kendal Town Council are thrilled to announce that they have been selected to take part in the Britain in Bloom competition this year. It is a great honour and huge achievement to be asked to represent Cumbria in this event. Kendal Town Council will be working even harder to improve and maintain Kendal in preparation for the judging which will take place in the period 3rd-17th August 2016.

If you have any suggestions/ideas please contact Janine Holt at allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk



Help support Kendal in Bloom and our Britain in Bloom entry by taking part in the 2016 community project, 'Love Where You Live'

Applications are invited to take part in this year's project. We are looking for community groups, home owners, organisations, like-minded people and businesses to get involved to make a difference to the local area. It doesn't matter if your idea is big or small as long as it has a positive impact on your local environment.

The deadline for submission of applications is 30th May 2016. Each project will be judged by two members of the Kendal in Bloom Committee during August 2016. Judges award points in the following areas:

Enhancement of the local area

Community involvement

Provide a good example for others to follow

To encourage environmental and sustainable projects

Clear and comprehensive project brief

All applicants receive a certificate, with the overall winner receiving up to £250 in prize money towards their community project.

If you are interested in taking part, an application form can be downloaded from the website at www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/council-services/kendal-in-bloom/kib-competition or contact Janine Holt on 01539 793495.



Allotment vacancies

Kendal Town Council currently manages 474 allotment plots across 17 sites within the Kendal boundary.

Allotments are a good way to keep physically fit and healthy. The fresh fruit and vegetables you can grow complement your diet and the physical

labour is good exercise. Keeping an allotment up to standard is demanding but very rewarding.

If you are interested in an allotment, now might be the time to put your name on the waiting list.

A form can be downloaded from the allotments section on the Kendal Town Council website

Or, if you have any questions on allotments contact Janine Holt on 01539 793495 or email allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

Can you help keep Kendal Mint Clean?

Residents and businesses alike recognise that Kendal is one of the best places in the UK to live, work and shop. To help keep it that way the Town Council is planning a **Keep Kendal 'Mint' Clean** campaign.

"This will extend the 'Clean for the Queen' activities already planned by some residents" said the Mayor Cllr Chris Hogg. "It is part of demonstrating that Kendal is open for business again after the floods - and it is part of our Britain in Bloom bid. It is up to each one of us to contribute to the overall cleanliness of Kendal.

We hope that many people will join with us in Keeping Kendal 'Mint' Clean."

The Town Council is planning to hold Litter Poster competitions in the town's primary schools and a 'Keeping Kendal Mint Clean' Logo competition in our secondary schools but can you get involved too?

If you want to become involved, or simply to find out more, please contact Cllr Giles Archibald, giles.archibald@gmail.com or Cllr Andy Blackman andy-blackman@talktalk.net

Can you help identify litter hotspots?

Contact Kendal Town Council Office, either by phone 01539 793490 or by e-mail office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

How you can report a problem with a litter bin?

If there is a litter bin that needs emptying or repairing call the District Council on 01539 733333.



Should Kendal have closer links with other towns?



The Town Council has resolved not to Twin with any more towns. Rather it believes contact and dialogue with other communities should be developed as and when wanted, for example between local schools and those in "developing countries".

If your community group or organisation have or want to establish such links then the Council would be pleased to hear from you.



Above, two Kenyan teachers from a school supported by a Kendal group visit St Thomas' school on a trip supported by the British Council.

Dementia Action Alliance creates Directory of help



Working with the Alliance QKS pupils and Acapella singers, put on a special Christmas Café for those with Dementia. Thanks to James Cropper, Morrisons, Aldi and Lakeland for their support.



With Singing in Mind; just one of the activities listed in the Directory.

The Kendal Dementia Action Alliance (KDA) was formed on the initiative of the Town Council and was launched in April 2015. Working in association with people affected by dementia, it is made up of organisations across Kendal which have come together to do what they can to improve the lives of people living with dementia and their carers. Further information can be found at www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/8835_kendal_dementia_action_alliance. The Alliance has now met the first of its objectives, which was to produce a Directory of local information and support services for people affected by dementia. In the coming year it will continue to promote the Dementia Friends programme and to strengthen its links with customer-facing businesses.

The Directory aims to help people find out about activities, support services and sources of advice that are in tune with the needs and interests of those affected by dementia.

INFORMATION FROM AND ABOUT SOME 20 ORGANISATIONS

Services

Advice

Activities

Each entry gives a contact number or website details for anyone to obtain more information

The Directory is designed to be of practical use to anyone with a concern for dementia, whether they have had the diagnosis themselves, or a carer, or wish to help a friend or neighbour. The Directory is, and will remain, a work in progress. We hope that more

organisations will want to contribute copy, and that new services may be added. It may be found at www.kendaldirectory.org.uk. Please feel free to print off any of the pages; Kendal Library has kindly said that it will provide a paper copy on request.

What

Where

When

Organisations engaged with KDA include: Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Cumbria Fire & Rescue, Cumbria Police, the Leisure Centre, Kendal

College, Kendal Library, Lakeland Arts, South Lakes Carers, South Lakes Housing and places of worship.

If you would like your organisation included, please contact David Richardson dardesk@gmail.com