

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Environment and Highways Committee

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Tom Clare (Chair), Giles Archibald, Andy Blackman, Keith Bracey, Shirley Evans, Jon Robinson and John Veevers
- APOLOGIES** Councillor Phil Walker
- OFFICERS** Liz Richardson (Town Clerk) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)
- Also in attendance were Councillor Geoff Cook and Deborah Wright, Principal Community Spaces Officer, SLDC
- 1063/15/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- None.
- 1064/15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- There were no declarations of interest made at this point.
- 1065/15/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, which had been approved by full Council on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.
- Councillor J Robinson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Blackman and carried with 1 abstention.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING** (Not on Agenda)
- 1066/15/16 Lower Beast Banks Footpath** (Minute 749/15/16)
- Deborah Wright advised that she had been in discussion with NPS regarding the proposed footpath on Lower Beast Banks. They were in agreement with the principle and were happy to proceed provided CCC adopted the footpath. The Chair requested that Councillor J Robinson update Peter Thornton on the current position.
- RESOLVED** That Councillor J Robinson update Peter Thornton on the current position with the proposed footpath on Lower Beast Banks.
- 1067/15/16 SLDC Car Park Review Update** (Minute 752/15/16)
- Deborah Wright presented a plan of Kendal car parks which included details of ownership and management (see attached).

Councillor Archibald advised that information had been collected from various sources as to views on Kendal's car parks. A consultant had been requested to look at these views and prepare a dynamic list of actions. Some of these had already been implemented, such as electric charging points which had now been installed in 3 car parks (with more to follow).

Next steps would include:

- Undertaking a survey of car park users.
- Looking into the possibility of moving to paperless methods of payment (eg. pay by phone).
- Forming strategic partnerships with other interested parties.
- Looking into permit usage (it had been decided that SLDC employees would no longer be allowed to use permits on Dowkers Lane in order to free up parking).

Councillor Archibald commented that with more than 2,000 new homes planned for Kendal, there was a need to identify additional parking capacity. The majority of car parks are over 85% capacity at peak times and there simply was not enough provision for parking in the town centre. He also made the point that Westmorland Shopping Centre car park had a certain life expectancy and the task group would actively consider its future. This would form part of the Kendal Masterplan.

Councillor Clare asked that the survey considered the following questions:

- Who uses each particular car park and for what purpose?
- Are they Kendal residents, visitors from Kendal hinterland or visitors from further afield?
- Have they come to the town in general or for a specific shop?
- How long do they intend to stay?

He further requested that highway infrastructure be considered in the Masterplan.

Councillor Veevers expressed his option that the lack of parking provision highlighted the need for a park and ride scheme. The Chair suggested that this be fed back to the consultants working on the car park review.

#### **1068/15/16**

#### **Painting of Railings Update and Little Aynam Proposals (Minute 754/15/16)**

Deborah Wright advised that she had spoken with NPS and proposed that railings along Little Aynam from the Scout Hut towards the putting green be removed. It had previously been agreed by the Committee that, due to the railings being badly damaged in places, it would be better to remove them rather than repair and paint as they served little purpose. NPS had agreed with the suggestion and were currently obtaining costs for the removal. Councillor Clare remarked that wrought iron was valuable and when the railings were removed

they should be retained if found to be wrought iron as they could be sold.

Councillor Veevers referred to litter bins that had been washed away by the flooding. He had been told by SLDC that they would be replaced and asked Deborah Wright when this was likely to happen. Deborah Wright advised that an assessment had been requested and she would follow up the matter.

At the previous meeting Councillor Archibald had asked to be reminded of other railings on the list for painting. The Town Clerk advised that wrought iron railings along Beast Banks and Undercliff Road were the only two suggestions she had received.

**1069/15/16**

**20's Plenty (Minute 758/15/16)**

At the March Council meeting Councillor D Evans had volunteered to lead on the next stage of the 20mph project to include the feasibility study. The Town Clerk advised that she would be asking the Project Manager to progress matters and request that she speaks to Councillor D Evans.

**1070/15/16**

**PARKS UPDATE – DEBORAH WRIGHT, SLDC PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY SPACES OFFICER**

**Nobles Rest/Maudes Meadow**

Deborah Wright advised that they had been successful with the SLDC capital bid of £40k for drainage work required at Nobles Rest.

There was to be a meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Georgian Room when a Friends of Nobles Rest group would be formed. The group would prioritise how funds would be spent. Deborah Wright to forward the leaflet with details of the meeting to the Town Clerk for distribution to all Councillors. Councillor A Blackman gave his apologies for the meeting.

The Chair suggested that due to timescale, the request for additional monies for Nobles Rest go straight to Council rather than the next Committee meeting. This was proposed by Councillor Archibald, seconded by Councillor J Robinson and carried unanimously. Deborah Wright advised that hopefully she would be in a position to do this at the June Council meeting.

**Abbot Hall**

Deborah Wright informed Members that design options for the radial beds at Abbot hall were being looked at. She asked Members whether they wished to see the final design before the go ahead was given. The Chair suggested that, given the time available, the final design be distributed to Members for consideration rather than waiting for the next meeting.

Councillor Clare explained to the Committee that he had previously requested bigger plants be purchased so that they would be established and give a splash of colour in time for Britain in Bloom. He asked Members whether they would be happy to spend an

additional £1,000 (approx.) in order to do this. Members were in agreement.

#### **Ford Park**

Deborah Wright advised that replanting at Ford Park following the flooding had now been finished. Councillor Veevers observed that the far bed near the seat looked sparse. Deborah Wright advised that she would look into it. Councillor Veevers proposed that up to £200 be spent on additional plants for the bed and this was carried unanimously.

#### **Bed outside Cricket Ground on Shap Road**

Deborah Wright reported that Horticare had put together a design for the bed. She was looking into some joint planting and a press release.

The Town Clerk asked Deborah Wright whether she could check the planting at the Peace Garden. She confirmed that she would look at this in time for Britain in Bloom.

Deborah Wright also advised that she would be meeting with the Project Manager to look at signage and pathways.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That an additional sum of £1,000 (approx) from the Parks and Open Spaces budget be spent on purchasing larger plants for the radial beds at Abbot Hall in order to be established in time for Britain in Bloom.
2. That a maximum of £200 from the Parks and Open Spaces budget be spent on additional plants for the far bed at Ford Park which was looking sparse.

#### **1071/15/16**

#### **UPDATE ON KIB ADDITIONAL PROJECTS (IN CONJUNCTION WITH E&H COMMITTEE)**

The Chair had put forward a list of suggestions for additional items of work which would support Britain in Bloom and the flooding response.

The Town Clerk commented that certain items on the list would be dependent on monies available and manpower in terms of watering additional planters etc. There would also be a need to obtain permission in some cases, which could prove time consuming. She also identified other suggestions put forward which could be carried out quite easily.

A general discussion ensued regarding the suggestions made. The matter of the additional funds raised through the increase in precept was brought up, along with what the £20k would be spent on and whether it could be used to fund items on the list. The Chair commented that it was his understanding those monies would be available to support projects such as those he had put forward. Councillor Archibald said it was essential to have a clear plan on how the additional precept would be spent. He suggested that some of the monies should be spent on additional resources if that was required to implement some of the ideas.

One suggestion made by the Chair was for some form of sculpture panels on repaired railings south of Miller Bridge (eg. a theme of life in the river such as salmon leaping, otters etc, or items related to the wool trade and branding of Kendal). Councillor J Robinson felt that any project which would enhance the riverside walk would be beneficial. He suggested that school children could be invited to get involved with designing the sculptures. The Chair thought this could be opened up further to residents of Kendal.

Councillor Veevers mentioned that he had previously asked about replacing a section of footpath along the river which contained broken paving slabs etc. Councillor Cook advised that he had investigated this request but it had proved too costly to progress. The Chair referred to an area of cobbles and Councillor Veevers asked whether it would be possible to put some planters there. After discussion it was agreed that the area needed a significant amount of money spending on it and would remain a longer term issue. The matter of watering additional planters was also raised again and the Town Clerk said someone with access to a bowser would be required. Deborah Wright offered to ask Continental whether they could assist in this respect.

Councillor Bracey thought the Committee should consider more permanent planting, something that would make a bigger impact.

Councillor Blackman suggested that the Committee concentrated on items on the list that were more easily implemented and did not involve additional watering.

Councillor Archibald proposed that the Chair and Town Clerk (with the support of Deborah Wright) prepared a set of proposals which were deliverable for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting. The proposals to include both short term (the coming summer) and long term projects. This was seconded by Councillor Blackman and carried unanimously.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Chair and Town Clerk prepare a set of proposals for KIB additional projects which were deliverable for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting. The proposals to include both short term (the coming summer) and long term projects.

## **1072/15/16**

### **KEEP KENDAL TIDY**

Councillor Blackman, Chair of the Keep Kendal Tidy Group (renamed Keeping Kendal Mint Clean), presented a map showing litter 'grot' spots. Councillors and residents had previously been asked to send in details of areas with a particular litter problem and also where extra litter bins were required. There was a total of 62 sites listed on the map. There had been little response in respect of the additional litter bins suggestions, although it was noted that there was a shortage of bins along both sides of the river.

Councillor Blackman also reported that the Clean for the Queen event had been a very successful day with over 100 bags of litter collected.

A logo had been selected following the competition for secondary schools. A pupil from Kirkbie Kendal School had designed the winning logo and it was anticipated that this would be used for the campaign.

The Chair asked where the campaign would go from here. Councillor Blackman replied that further litter picks were planned and it was hoped to run these in conjunction with local community groups, church groups, school groups etc who recognise that they have a litter problem. Councillor Blackman requested that a large banner be purchased which could be used to advertise future community litter picking events. Councillor Bracey proposed that up to £200 be spent on a suitable banner. This was seconded by Councillor J Robinson and carried unanimously.

Councillor Blackman said that the Keep Kendal Mint Clean campaign would need a page on the KTC website. The Town Clerk advised that there was currently no capacity for a further page unless an existing one was removed. After discussion it was agreed that the 20mph page be removed. The Town Clerk advised Councillor Blackman that she would require content for inclusion on the page once it had been set up.

Councillor J Robinson queried the quantity of litter pickers and vests available and whether these could be loaned to community groups for litter picking events. Councillor Blackman replied that there was sufficient to be able to do this.

The Town Clerk requested a copy of the map showing litter 'grot' spots for Britain in Bloom. Deborah Wright to look at digitalising the map.

**RESOLVED**

That up to £200 be spent on a suitable banner to advertise future community litter picking events.

**1073/15/16**

**KENDAL NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT ROUTE BRIEF**

The Chair advised that he and Councillors S Evans and Cook had attended a further meeting of the working group. The Northern Development Route was seen as part of a wider review of the highways infrastructure. The preparation of a brief was underway and awaited with approximate costings. It was anticipated that KTC would be asked to contribute £10k. Councillor Archibald proposed that the Committee supported the project. This was seconded by Councillor Veevers and carried unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That subject to the revised wording of the brief being acceptable, the Committee recommend a contribution of £10k to the Kendal Strategic Transport Infrastructure study.

**1074/15/16****CCC CYCLEWAY PLANS**

Cumbria County Council Highways were proposing to use available monies to create two cycleways. These were subject to a brief and public consultation prior to a meeting between the Town Clerk, Councillor Cook, Councillor Clare and Cumbria County Council.

The Chair referred to a note which he had previously circulated to Members regarding the proposals and asked for comments. The Town Clerk referred to the proposal to link Canal Head across Gooseholme and commented that there were technicalities involved that might mean a different route would have to be considered. Councillor Cook commented that it was still at the development stage.

Councillor Blackman asked whether residents affected by the proposals would be contacted. Councillor Cook advised that the project was not currently at that stage, however everyone was free to attend the meetings that had been held.

A general discussion ensued regarding the proposed cycleway plans and what the priorities of the cycleway should be. Councillor Cook remarked that the idea was to encourage people to leave their cars behind and to get cycling, as well as providing for current cyclists.

**1075/15/16****ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was proposed that the order of business of the agenda be amended to bring forward item 12 to enable Councillor Veevers to leave the meeting early. This was agreed.

**1076/15/16****REQUEST FROM CLLR VEEVERS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC FOOTPATH BETWEEN THE CANAL HEAD ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Veevers reported that the footpath running through the middle of the Canal Head allotment site was extremely muddy and requested that the Committee consider repair of the footpath. The Town Clerk advised that the path in question was a path but not a public footpath. She confirmed that the land owner was SLDC and KTC managed the allotments on behalf of SLDC. In order for improvement works to proceed permission would need to be obtained from SLDC and KTC would need to fund the project.

Councillor Veevers informed Members that a complaint had been received from the site representative of Canal Head allotments regarding the poor condition of the path. Bark chippings had been put down but this hadn't resolved the problem.

Councillor Archibald proposed that the Committee agree in principle (subject to cost) to investigate resurfacing the path up to a maximum cost of £500 and that quotations be obtained. This was seconded by Councillor Veevers and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee agree in principle (subject to cost) to investigate resurfacing the path between the Canal Head allotments up to a maximum cost of £500 and that quotations be obtained.

**1077/15/16 IMPROVEMENT OF RIVERSIDE PATH & REPAIR OF RIVERSIDE RAILINGS BY CCC**

This item was covered earlier in the meeting (see Minute 1068/15/16).

**1078/15/16 UPDATE ON PROJECT MANAGER'S ACTION PLAN PROJECTS – TRAILS, SIGNAGE AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Project Manager had submitted a comprehensive report to Members for consideration prior to the meeting.

Councillor S Evans suggested that the printing of leaflets should not be time limited and therefore a date should be omitted. The Town Clerk said she would pass the comment on to the Project Manager.

**1079/15/16 REQUEST FROM MR & MRS TWEDDELL – GARTH HEADS PLANTING**

The Town Clerk advised that a request had been received from Mr and Mrs Tweddell of Garth Heads for funding towards the purchase of wild flower seed for the verges alongside the newly tarmacked lane at Garth Heads. Mr and Mrs Tweddell had advised that they would plant the seeds and keep an eye on the verges. The Town Clerk informed Members that Mrs Tweddell had telephoned to say she had met a representative from Cumbria County Council and they had agreed in principle.

Members discussed the request and it was agreed unanimously to assist with funding the purchase of wild flower seed up to a maximum of £100. The Town Clerk advised that the cost would be reimbursed on presentation of receipts/invoice for the seeds.

**RESOLVED** That the Committee assist with funding the purchase of wild flower seed for the verges at Garth Heads up to a maximum of £100.

**1080/15/16 ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

None.

**1081/15/16 FINANCE STATEMENT**

The Committee had been provided with a finance statement showing provisional outturn 2015/16 and this was noted.

**1082/15/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Town Clerk advised that she would be meeting Cumbria County Council next week to discuss the speed indication device (SID). There had previously been seven locations agreed for the siting of the SID on a rotational basis. There was an issue with recharging and moving of the SID which it had been agreed CCC would undertake, but lack of resources prevented this. It was agreed that

the Town Clerk would update Members on the seven dedicated locations.

Councillor S Evans commented that she would be attending a Crash meeting at the police station and would ask if they would be prepared to take on responsibility for the SID.

The Chair commented that the SID's were sited on arterial roads and would therefore continue and be unaffected by the 20mph project.

The Town Clerk also reminded Members that there would be a meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 regarding the flooding response questions that had been sent to various authorities.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk update Members on the seven dedicated locations for the SID.

**1083/15/16**

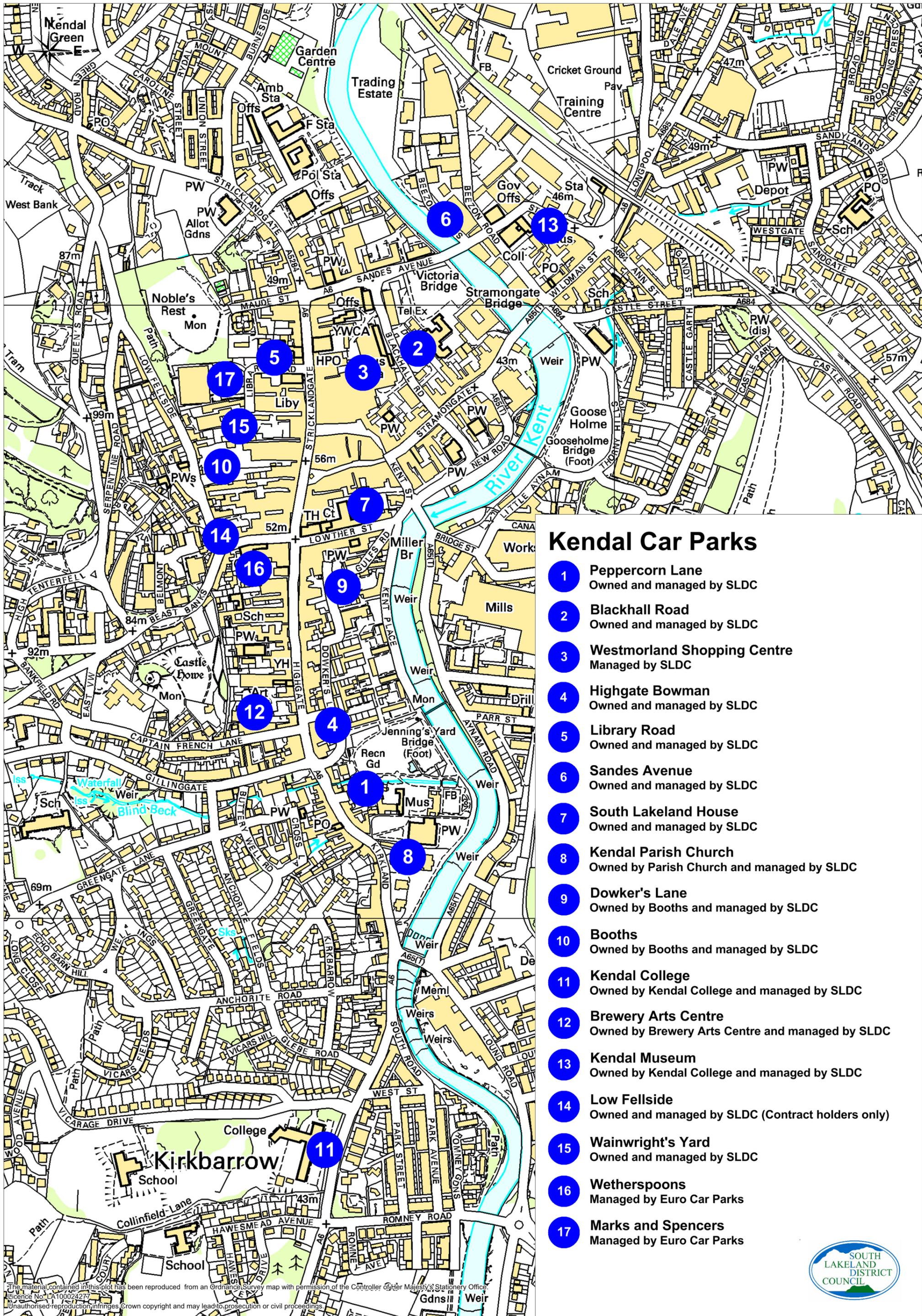
**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council**

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>1066</b>	Lower Beast Banks footpath	<b>RES</b>	That Councillor J Robinson update Peter Thornton on the current position with the proposed footpath on Lower Beast Banks.
<b>1070</b>	Parks update	<b>RES</b>  <b>RES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That an additional sum of £1,000 (approx) from the Parks and Open Spaces budget be spent on purchasing larger plants for the radial beds at Abbot Hall in order to be established in time for Britain in Bloom.</li> <li>2. That a maximum of £200 from the Parks and Open Spaces budget be spent on additional plants for the far bed at Ford Park which was looking sparse.</li> </ol>
<b>1071</b>	Update on KIB additional projects (in conjunction with Environment & Highways Committee)	<b>RES</b>	That the Chair and Town Clerk prepare a set of proposals for KIB additional projects which were deliverable for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting. The proposals to include both short term (the coming summer) and long term projects.
<b>1072</b>	Keep Kendal Tidy	<b>RES</b>	That up to £200 be spent on a suitable banner to advertise future community litter picking events.
<b>1073</b>	Kendal Northern Development Route Brief	<b>REC</b>	That subject to the revised wording of the brief being acceptable, the Committee recommend a contribution of £10k to the Kendal Strategic Transport Infrastructure study.
<b>1076</b>	Request from Cllr Veevers to improve footpath between the Canal Head allotments	<b>RES</b>	That the Committee agree in principle (subject to cost) to investigate resurfacing the path between the Canal Head allotments up to a maximum cost of £500 and that quotations be obtained.
<b>1079</b>	Request from Mr & Mrs Tweddell – Garth Heads planting	<b>RES</b>	That the Committee assist with funding the purchase of wild flower seed for the verges at Garth Heads up to a maximum of £100.
<b>1082</b>	AOB	<b>RES</b>	That the Town Clerk update Members on the seven dedicated locations for the SID.
<b>1083</b>	Date of next meeting	<b>INFO</b>	The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7pm.



## Kendal Car Parks

- 1** Peppercorn Lane  
Owned and managed by SLDC
- 2** Blackhall Road  
Owned and managed by SLDC
- 3** Westmorland Shopping Centre  
Managed by SLDC
- 4** Highgate Bowman  
Owned and managed by SLDC
- 5** Library Road  
Owned and managed by SLDC
- 6** Sandes Avenue  
Owned and managed by SLDC
- 7** South Lakeland House  
Owned and managed by SLDC
- 8** Kendal Parish Church  
Owned by Parish Church and managed by SLDC
- 9** Dowker's Lane  
Owned by Booths and managed by SLDC
- 10** Booths  
Owned by Booths and managed by SLDC
- 11** Kendal College  
Owned by Kendal College and managed by SLDC
- 12** Brewery Arts Centre  
Owned by Brewery Arts Centre and managed by SLDC
- 13** Kendal Museum  
Owned by Kendal College and managed by SLDC
- 14** Low Fellside  
Owned and managed by SLDC (Contract holders only)
- 15** Wainwright's Yard  
Owned and managed by SLDC
- 16** Wetherspools  
Managed by Euro Car Parks
- 17** Marks and Spencers  
Managed by Euro Car Parks



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