

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Mayoralty & Arts Committee

**Monday 29th February 2016 at 7.00 pm
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

PRESENT Councillors Austen Robinson (Chair), Paul Bramham (Vice Chair), Jonathan Brook, Tom Clare, Stephen Coleman, Geoff Cook, Lynne Oldham and John Veevers.

APOLOGIES Councillor Chris Hogg.

OFFICERS Liz Richardson (Town Clerk) and Rose Tideswell (Temporary Council Secretary)

929/15/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

930/15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

931/15/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2015

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November, which had been approved by full Council on 4th January 2016. Councillor T. Clare proposed that they be accepted as a true record and this was seconded by Councillor S. Coleman and unanimously approved.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30th November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)

932/15/16 Order of Business (Picture of Master Meyler in the Mayors Parlour) (Minute 635/15/16)

The Town Clerk confirmed that the picture had been lowered as suggested by the Romney Society.

933/15/16 Romney Plaque at Kendal Town Hall (Minute 639/15/16)

Councillor A Robinson asked whether Alex Kidson had been formally thanked for his gift of his 3 volume works of the complete Romney collection catalogue (1800 paintings). The Town Clerk replied that she was unsure and would check with The Mayor, Councillor C Hogg.

Councillor S. Coleman raised the issue of the scaffolding outside the Town Hall entrance. He proposed that the Town Clerk write to SLDC to request progress on the repairs and removal of the unsightly scaffolding as soon as possible. This was seconded by Councillor T. Clare and carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED** That the Town Clerk confirm with The Mayor whether he has formally thanked Alex Kidson for his gift.
- RESOLVED** That the Town Clerk write to SLDC to expedite the removal of the scaffolding outside the front of the Town Hall.
- 934/15/16** **Kendal Pals Proposed Booklet** (Minute 640/15/16)
- Councillor T Clare advised that a meeting is scheduled to take place next week.
- 935/15/16** **Replacement visitor book** (Minute 641/15/16)
- The Town Clerk advised the committee that a replacement Visitors Book is still being pursued.
- 936/15/16** **Copy of the Katherine Parr Prayer Book** (Minute 643/15/16)
- Councillor T. Clare reported the work was still in hand.
- 937/15/16** **Handling of Parlour Heritage Items** (Minute 643/15/16)
- Councillor P. Bramham suggested that the Town Charters could be copied and then could be passed around to visitors attending the Mayors Parlour talks. The Town Clerk reported that this had been looked at before but the Charters would have had to be transported to the Archives facility in Carlisle for copying. Improved display was probably a better option.
- 938/15/16** **Proposed Kendal Attractions Project By Project Manager (Development Fund Bid)** (Minute 649/15/16)
- The Town Clerk apologised for not placing this item on the agenda as requested in the previous meeting resolution. She advised that the Project Manager had completed some work on this project but was not yet in a position to bring a draft but that it would be on the agenda next time.
- RESOLVED** That the Kendal Attractions Project is put on the next agenda.
- 939/15/16** **Twinning Sub-Group Report.** (Minute 650/15/16)
- Councillor S. Coleman advised the Committee that the sub group had not met since the last meeting as mutually convenient dates could not be found.
- RESOLVED** That the Twinning Sub-Group meets again to further discuss the criteria and objectives to help develop dialogue links and exchange of information between towns.
- 940/15/16** **Request for Funding for Twinning Leaflet by Kendal Rinteln Association** (Minute 651/15/16)

The Town Clerk reported that KRA had been notified of the award of £60 but from the Finance Statement the grant appeared not to have been paid yet. The Town Clerk will check with the Town Treasurer on his return from leave.

941/15/16 Review of Spend against Budget (Minute 653/15/16)

The Town Clerk advised that Kendal Museum had applied and been paid a grant of £494 towards the Beatrix Potter exhibition following approval by Council.

942/15/16 Payment to Civic Attendants (Minute 655/15/16)

The Town Clerk reported that the recommended increased payments to the Civic Attendants had been approved by Council and they had been notified.

943/15/16 Any Other Business - Display of the Sword and Maces in the SLDC Council Chamber (Minute 657/15/16)

The Town Clerk reported that she had instructed NPS to proceed but that the work had not been done yet. She advised that she had sent a chasing email.

944/15/16 RESIGNATION OF CO-OPTED MEMBER MARTIN ORROM (ROMNEY SOCIETY)

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Martin Orrom from the Romney Society, a co-opted member for 16 years, had resigned.

A discussion took place as to whether a replacement should be sought. It was agreed that this would not be necessary and if required the Committee could ask someone from the Romney Society to attend as a guest.

Councillor P. Bramham proposed that a letter and a token of appreciation should be sent to Martin Orrom thanking him for all his work with the Town Council. This was seconded by Councillor T. Clare and carried unanimously. It was agreed to send a copy of the recent "From Knights to Town Council" publication.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk writes on behalf of the Committee to Martin Orrom thanking him for his work.

945/15/16 HANDLING OF PARLOUR HERITAGE ITEMS – Councillor Clare (Minute 643/15/16)

Councillor Tom Clare reported that a meeting of the sub-group had not yet been held but was arranged for the following week. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

RESOLVED That the Handling of Parlour Heritage Items is put on the next agenda.

946/15/16**MAYOR'S PARLOUR TALKS** (Minute 644/15/16)

The Town Clerk presented the data that had been collated on the number of Parlour talks and the make-up of the groups in 2014 and 2015 (previously circulated). The number of talks and the variety of groups attending does not seem to have changed over the last two years.

Councillor A. Robinson suggested that the Town Council should be more proactive. Cllr S. Coleman proposed putting a small article on the Mayor's Parlour talks in the next Town Council newsletter. This was seconded by Councillor P. Bramham and carried with one abstention.

Councillor A. Robinson proposed that this item be put on the agenda in six months' time.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Tom Clare puts an article in the next newsletter with regard to the Mayor's Parlour visits.

RESOLVED

That the Mayor's Parlour Talks is put on the agenda for the September meeting.

947/15/16**COLLECTION AND LOANS POLICY – Councillor T. Clare** (Minute 647/15/16)

Councillor T Clare reported that he had not met with Jamie Barnes. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the annual audit of the Town Council's collection was occurring that week.

RESOLVED

That the Collection and Loans Policy is put on the next agenda.

948/15/16**2016 EXHIBITION – BEATRIX POTTER**

The Town Clerk advised the meeting that the Kendal Museum was holding a Beatrix Potter exhibition running from the 14th June to 19th September. She had written to them advising them of the availability of a small grant for which they applied and have now been granted. The Kendal Museum curator has been and looked at the paintings to be loaned by KTC. Councillor P Bramham reminded members that this was not a KTC exhibition.

949/15/16**DISPOSAL OF HERITAGE CHAIRS AND DESKS**

The Town Clerk reported that she is still waiting for a lease from SLDC to use the SLDC Council Chamber following our giving up our user rights to the Town Council Chamber. Once the lease arrives it will need to be checked by our solicitor and then presented to Council for approval and sealing. The target date of 1 April would now be missed.

Due to storage issues, once the lease was sealed we would need to move quickly to dispose of the chairs and desks. The Town Clerk may not be able to wait until the next Mayoralty & Arts meeting and would like delegated powers to approach auction houses to obtain estimated sale prices, costs and advice on how best to sell the furniture.

Councillor J. Brook proposed that the Town Clerk explores all avenues for best value and then comes back to either Full Council or this Committee (whichever was sooner). This was seconded by Councillor G Cook and carried unanimously.

Councillor P. Bramham suggested that the Museum of Lakeland Life and the Kendal Museum be offered one chair and desk for their collection and it was agreed this would be part of the Town Clerk's enquiries.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk explores all avenues for best value for the sale of the Council chairs and desks and comes back to either Full Council or the Mayoralty & Arts Committee (whichever is the sooner).

950/15/16**ITEMS DONATED BY MR RICHARD PEALING (FOR DECISION ON RETENTION OR DISPOSAL)**

The Town Clerk presented the meeting with two framed invitations that had been donated by Mr Richard Peeling & Ms Hilary Webb.

1:- An 1893 invitation to a ball from the Mayor Mr. & Mrs. Bindloss to Mr. & Mrs Webb.

2:- An invitation to the Mayoress from Captain Charles D. Barnard to take a flight with him in his monoplane 'The Spider' on Shap Road.

Councillor T. Clare proposed that both invitations be accepted. The Bindloss connection was especially of interest but perhaps less so the invitation from Captain Charles D. Barnard. Therefore he suggested this latter invitation be accepted with the caveat that the Town Council will seek a better home for this artefact (for example Kendal Museum). This was seconded by Councillor P Bramham and carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk will write and thank Mr Richard Peeling & Ms Hilary Webb and let them know the decision.

RESOLVED

That the donated invitations be accepted but with the caveat that the Town Council will seek a better home for the invitation from Captain Charles D. Barnard.

951/15/16**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

There were no further items for the newsletter.

952/15/16**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET**

The Town Clerk presented the review of spend against the budget for the ten months ended 31st January 2016.

Councillor G. Cook asked why the Remembrance Sunday line item was overspent. The Town Clerk thought it likely due to a general increase in costs as there was no standout item that differed from usual. Overall the Mayoralty & Arts spend on Civic functions was underspent.

RESOLVED

That the review of spend against budget be noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS**953/15/16****Kendal Community Theatre - Lads from the Yards**

Councillor T. Clare reported that he and Councillor P Bramham were to meet with Chris Taylor of the Kendal Community Theatre regarding an extension of their Yards production to include Lads from the Yards who went to the Somme in the First World War (this year is the centenary).

Councillor P. Bramham reported that he had asked if the Mayor could lay a wreath at the War Memorial on 3rd July to mark the date Kendal Pals had commenced action in the Somme.

954/15/16**The Kendal Town Crest**

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor C. Feeney-Johnson had provided a photograph of a local vehicle that has the Town Crest on its door. The Town Clerk enquired whether any members recalled this company being given permission to use the Town Crest. She commented that generally permission to use the Town Crest is given to Kendal community and sports clubs and organisations that actively promote Kendal.

Councillor S. Coleman asked about the legal position. Councillor P. Bramham stated that it would be a civil offence not a criminal offence and that KTC owned the copyright of the crest which was registered in our name.

Councillor J. Veevers proposed that the Town Clerk writes to the company to confirm whether they have permission. Councillor P. Bramham seconded this proposal and it was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk writes to the company to confirm whether they have permission to use the Town Crest.

955/15/16**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13th June 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
933	Gift of 3 volume works of the complete Romney collection catalogue, gifted by Alex Kidson	RES	That the Town Clerk confirm with The Mayor whether he has formally thanked Alex Kidson for his gift.
933	Scaffolding outside the Town Hall Entrance	RES	That the Town Clerk to write to SLDC to expedite the removal of scaffolding.
938	Kendal Attractions Project	RES	Agenda Item for next meeting.
939	Twinning Sub-Group report	RES	That the Twinning Sub-Group meets again to further discuss the criteria and objectives to help develop dialogue, links and exchanges of information between towns.
944	Resignation of Co-opted Member Martin Orrom (Romney Society)	RES	That the Town Clerk writes on behalf of the Committee to Martin Orrom thanking him for his work.
945	Handling of Parlour Heritage Items	RES	Agenda Item for next meeting.
946	Mayor's Parlour Talks	RES	Councillor Tom Clare to put an article in the next newsletter. Agenda Item for the September meeting.
947	Collections & Loans Policy	RES	Agenda Item for next meeting.
949	Disposal of Heritage Chairs and Desks	RES	That the Town Clerk explores all avenues for best value for the sale of the Council chairs and desks and comes back to either Full Council or the Mayoralty & Arts Committee (whichever is the sooner).
950	Items donated by Mr. Richard Pealing	RES	That the donated invitations be accepted but with the caveat that the Town Council will seek a better home for the invitation from Captain Charles D. Barnard.
952	Review of Spend against the budget	RES	That the review of spend against budget be noted.
954	Any Other Business The Kendal Town Crest	RES	That the Town Clerk writes to the company to confirm whether they have permission to use the Town Crest.