

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Mayoralty & Arts Committee

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Paul Bramham (Vice Chair), Pat Gibson, Chris Hogg, Julia Dunlop and Rachael Hogg
- APOLOGIES** Councillors Jonathan Brook and Richard Sutton
- OFFICERS** Liz Richardson (Town Clerk) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)
- 894/18/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- None.
- 895/18/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- None.
- 896/18/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, which had been approved by full Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.
- Councillor Bramham proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor C Hogg and carried unanimously.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING** (Not on Agenda)
- 897/18/19 Centenary of Netherfield/Kendal Town Football Club (Minute Ref 559/18/19)**
- The Town Clerk reported that she had sourced a suitable plaque to present to the Club to mark the centenary of the Club's formation. There was a general discussion regarding options for presentation of the plaque. It was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting.
- RESOLVED** To consider options for presentation of the plaque to Kendal Football Club at the next meeting.
- 898/18/19 War Memorial Restoration – Kendal Civic Society (Minute Ref 554/18/19)**
- At the last meeting Committee had considered a proposal relating to possible restoration of Kendal War Memorial. Tony Wrathall from Kendal Civic Society had discussed the proposal which had been put forward by a member of the public and potential donor. It had been resolved that the Town Clerk would forward a copy of the minutes on

this item to Tony Wrathall who would ascertain whether the donor would be prepared to pay for specialist advice. The Town Clerk advised that she had forwarded the minutes as requested, but a response was still awaited. Members agreed to wait until Kendal Civic Society had considered the matter further.

**RESOLVED**

That Committee will await a response from Kendal Civic Society.

**899/18/19****Donation of Photographs of Past Mayor (Minute Ref 563/18/19)**

The Town Clerk advised that she had now received the donated photographs from a member of the public. The photographs are of their Great Grandfather, who was Kendal Mayor 1906/07, and Great Grandmother and are in carved oak frames with a crest. She confirmed that they have been catalogued and stored appropriately.

**900/18/19****FUTURE EXHIBITION**

Committee considered ideas for a future exhibition, the next one being due to be held in 2020. It had been suggested at a previous meeting that past mayors of Kendal would be a good theme and this was given further consideration, along with other suggestions. Councillor C Hogg explained how the exhibitions had been organised historically and suggested it would also be an option to re-run previous exhibitions. He further commented that KTC have a collection of photographs/pictures that are not viewed by the general public and considered that any exhibition should be connected to the collection. The Town Clerk suggested talking to Kendal Museum for suggestions.

Councillor Bramham requested Members consider ideas for suitable themes for further consideration at the meeting in August.

**RESOLVED**

That Members consider suitable themes for a future exhibition for further consideration at the meeting in August.

**901/18/19****REQUEST TO PURCHASE/EXCHANGE THE PAINTING OF KENTMERE HALL BY CUTHBERT RIGBY**

The Town Clerk informed Committee that a request had been received to purchase or exchange a watercolour of Kentmere Hall by Cuthbert Rigby, which is in KTC's ownership, for two historic pictures of Kendal. The first picture being offered was of the town from the south east looking towards Kentmere by George Barrett Junior and the second was of the Castle and painted by J Lishman of Kendal.

A general discussion ensued. Councillor C Hogg noted that Cuthbert Rigby was a Kendal artist who had lived on Greenside. An exhibition of his work had been held by KTC in the past. He commented that the painting of Kentmere Hall had been accepted as a gift as one of several paintings by this artist and felt it would be wrong to divest of it. He proposed that Committee should adhere to the collection policy and proposed that the request be declined. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously. The Town Clerk would write to explain the Committee's decision.

**RESOLVED** That Committee decline the request to exchange/purchase the painting of Kentmere Hall by Cuthbert Rigby.

**902/18/19 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was agreed to change the order of business and consider item 8 (Kendal-Rinteln Association Grant) before item 7 (Request for a Twinning Grant from K Shoes Male Voice Choir).

**903/18/19 KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION GRANT**

Members were asked to consider a grant request from the Kendal-Rinteln Association for £500 for 2019/20 towards twinning costs for groups involving young people and to provide hospitality to visitors from Rinteln. The Town Clerk explained that KTC has supported the twinning for some time by providing this funding, however the request has historically been considered by the Audit, Grants & Charities Committee and has therefore not been budgeted for by this Committee. She advised that there was approximately £1k remaining in the twinning budget.

Councillor C Hogg proposed that the sum of £500 be granted from the twinning budget this year and that it be budgeted for in the next financial year. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously.

Councillor R Hogg asked what the KTC twinning budget was used for. The Town Clerk advised either Mayors visiting twin towns and twin towns visiting Kendal and requiring hosting (accommodation).

**RESOLVED** That the sum of £500 be granted to the Kendal-Rinteln Association for 2019/20 from the current twinning budget. This amount to be budgeted for in the next financial year.

**904/18/19 REQUEST FOR A TWINNING GRANT FROM K SHOES MALE VOICE CHOIR**

The Town Clerk declared an interest in this item as her husband is the Chair of K Shoes Male Voice Choir (KSMVC).

Members were asked to consider a request for a twinning grant of £450 from KSMVC. The Choir were planning to support the Kendal-Rinteln twinning by visiting and performing at the Rinteln Altstadt festival in August and were requesting the grant to help fund travel and accommodation costs.

A general discussion ensued. It was noted that further to 903/18/19, there was now around £500 remaining in the twinning budget. Members agreed that the Choir were good ambassadors for Kendal and the trip would provide a number of opportunities to promote the town. Councillor Bramham proposed the sum of £450 be granted to KSMVC. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** That a twinning grant of £450 be awarded to K Shoes Male Voice Choir.

**905/18/19 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MAYOR – CLLR TIRVENGADUM, MAYOR**

The Town Clerk advised that Councillor Tirvengadum, as the first non-Caucasian Mayor of Kendal, had expressed his wish for a framed photograph to be taken to go into storage along with other previous Mayors. He would cover the cost from the Mayor's allowance.

Following a general discussion Committee approved the idea. Members agreed it was an important piece of history which should be recorded by photograph, however there was a general feeling that it should be the decision of each Mayor in future whether they wished to do the same thing and they had no wish to set a precedent. There was further discussion regarding where the photograph could be located. Councillor C Hogg suggested it formed part of the collection rather than being displayed and this was agreed.

**RESOLVED** That Committee approve Councillor Tirvengadum's wish for a framed photograph to be taken as the first non-Caucasian Mayor of Kendal. The photograph to be stored with the collection rather than be displayed.

**906/18/19 ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

It was suggested that an article be placed in the autumn/winter edition of the newsletter following K Shoes Male Voice Choir's visit to Rinteln, noting that KTC helped fund the trip.

**907/18/19 REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2018/19**

The Town Clerk presented the Budgetary Control Statement for ten months ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. She highlighted an underspending in Mayor's travel. The Exhibitions & Restoration budget line had been allocated for restoration projects as there had been very little spend on the 2018 exhibition.

There was some discussion regarding reserves. Councillor C Hogg explained that historically pictures had been sold and the monies allocated to the reserve for the restoration of heritage items and valuations. Members discussed ideas for how this could be spent, including better storage of pictures/photographs.

**908/18/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**909/18/19**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7PM**

The Town Clerk advised that she would not be available to attend the next meeting. She will ask the Mayor's Attendant, Simon Unsworth, to attend in her absence and provide an update on his work and heritage restoration projects. It was suggested that there could also be an opportunity for Simon to show Members the Picture Store.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

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

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>897</b>	Centenary of Netherfield/Kendal Town Football Club	<b>RES</b>	To consider options for presentation of the plaque to Kendal Football Club at the next meeting.
<b>898</b>	War Memorial Restoration	<b>RES</b>	That Committee will await a response from Kendal Civic Society.
<b>900</b>	Future Exhibition	<b>RES</b>	That Members consider suitable themes for a future exhibition for further consideration at the meeting in August.
<b>901</b>	Painting of Kentmere Hall	<b>RES</b>	That Committee decline the request to exchange/purchase the painting of Kentmere Hall by Cuthbert Rigby.
<b>903</b>	Kendal-Rinteln Association Grant	<b>RES</b>	That the sum of £500 be granted to the Kendal-Rinteln Association for 2019/20 from the current twinning budget. This amount to be budgeted for in the next financial year.
<b>904</b>	Twinning Grant for K Shoes Male Voice Choir	<b>RES</b>	That a twinning grant of £450 be awarded to K Shoes Male Voice Choir.
<b>905</b>	Photograph of the Mayor	<b>RES</b>	That Committee approve Councillor Tirvengadam's wish for a framed photograph to be taken as the first non-Caucasian Mayor of Kendal. The photograph to be stored with the collection rather than be displayed.