

# Kendal Town Council

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4 March 2024

To Members of the Environment Committee

Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair)	Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)
Cllr S Blunden	Cllr S Long
Cllr D Brown	Cllr C Russell
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Cllr K Simpson
Cllr M Helme	

You are summoned to a meeting of Kendal Town Council Environment Committee on Monday, 11 March 2024, at **7.00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

### 3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

### 4. Minutes of the Last Meeting (pages 3 to 8)

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 15 January 2024 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record (see attached).

### 5. Minute Action Sheet (pages 9 to 13)

To consider a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings (see attached).

### 6. Project Update Report (pages 14 to 20)

To review an update of ongoing projects and answer members' questions (see attached).

### 7. Environment Budget 2023/24 (pages 21 to 26)

To receive a report on the Environment budget 2023-24 (see attached).

**8. Natural Kendal (pages 27 to 29)**

To receive an update from Natural Kendal on their current progress.

**9. Items for Press Coverage and the Newsletter**

To consider which items from the current meeting should be the subject of press coverage this week.

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 15 January 2024, at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.**

Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair)	Present	Cllr S Blunden	Present
Cllr D Brown	Present	Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present
Cllr M Helme	Present	Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)	Present
Cllr S Long	Present	Cllr C Russell	Present
Cllr K Simpson	Present		

**In attendance:** Town Clerk (Chris Bagshaw), Inge Booth (Democratic Services Assistant), and Anne-Marie Sanderson (Projects Officer).

## **E57/2023 Chair's Announcement**

The Chair informed Members of the recent passing of Windermere Town Mayor, Cllr Leith Hallatsch. The Committee paid silent tribute to Leith, who had been a passionate advocate for his community. The Chair asked the Town Clerk to pass on the Committee's condolences to Leith's family and friends and colleagues on Windermere Town Council.

## **E58/2023 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence, all Members of the Committee being present at the meeting.

## **E59/2023 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were raised under this item.

## **E60/2023 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

## **E61/2023 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 November 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

## **E62/2023 Minute Action Sheet**

The Committee considered a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings. The Projects Officer indicated that work on the Dark Skies Project was due to commence at the end of February and that the remaining items were covered within the agenda for the meeting.

Attention was drawn to Minute No.E51/2023 (Easy Transport Kendal Proposal) of the previous meeting of the Committee and to the fact that the action required in relation to its resolution did not appear on the Minute Action Sheet.

**Resolved:** To reinstate the action in relation to Minute No.E51/2023 within the Minute Action Sheet.

**Resolved:** To note the Minute Action Sheet.

### **E63/2023      Project Update Report**

The Committee was presented with a report including an update of ongoing projects.

Discussion took place on Public Realm Improvements at Bowling Fell and as to what work should be prioritised as regards access or interpretation. Committee Members felt that it was important to seek the views of the relevant local councillors and the Town Clerk suggested that he would also approach Fellside Forum for their input. In addition, it was raised that the naming of the area would need to form part of the discussions with Members and local interested groups. It was, however, felt that all three of the area's names (Castle Howe, Bowling Fell and the Monument) should be reflected within the interpretative signs.

**Resolved:** To approach the relevant local councillors and Fellside Forum with regard to prioritisation of works at Bowling Fell.

Discussion took place on the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) which had been a key piece of work carried out by the former Cumbria County Council and the need for the Town Council to take a leadership role on how this affected Kendal, also involving Kendal Futures. Raised, however, was the need not to simply focus on the LCWIP but to also bear in mind the work currently being carried out by Westmorland and Furness Council in relation to footpaths and cycleways throughout its area. The need to push Westmorland and Furness Council officers on this and on 20mph was stressed and the Chair drew attention to his forthcoming meeting with Westmorland and Furness Council on 20mph at which he would raise cycling and walking. The difficulty in developing cycle-friendly routes within Kendal was, however, highlighted. Attention was further drawn to the cycle route on Shap Road which, it was pointed out, was not yet an entirely resolved cycle route.

**Resolved:** To follow up discussions on cycle ways within Kendal and to include as an action point within the project update report.

Raised was the question of future reporting of the Flood Relief Group which currently reported to the Planning Committee, it being pointed out that the Group's work now pertained better to the Environment Committee, with the initial work having been Planning related. The Town Clerk agreed that now was a good time to take a view on where the Group should sit and to re-allocate the task for the wider corridor agenda, with the Council's reserve allocation for the glass panels due to be paid after 1 April. He pointed out that this was a decision for the Management Committee.

**Resolved:** To ask the Management Committee to consider where the Flood Relief Group should sit moving forward with regard to discussions on the wider corridor agenda.

**Resolved:** To note the Project Update Report.

## **E64/2023      Environment Budget 2023/24**

The Town Clerk presented a report on the Environment Budget 2023/24. He referred to a quote received earlier in the day of £750 to £800 to repair the bench on Burneside Road which would come from the Infrastructure Maintenance Budget. He was also able to confirm that Westmorland and Furness Council would not be collecting money from the Town Council this year for footway lighting due to the relevant Portfolio Holder having called for a review of how footway lighting was funded. The figure put aside for this had been £4,200, however, the Town Clerk felt that it was prudent to keep this figure in the 2024/25 Budget and then, if unspent, to put that amount back into the Footway Lighting Budget to spend on improvements and to make the Town Council Dark Skies compliant. Members welcomed this stance and asked for Footway Lighting to be added to the Project Update Report.

**Resolved:** If unspent, to authorise the Responsible Finance Officer to carry forward the sum of £4,200 into next year's Budget for improvements to Footway Lighting.

**Resolved:** To include Footway Lighting within the Project Update Report.

Clarification was provided around where projects remained incomplete this year, with some money remaining unspent as a result of the current staffing issues. It was pointed out that any money allocated could be carried through the funding cycle. The Town Clerk explained that it was not always easy to spend project money, however, was pleased to report that the first tranche of support for the sustainable hub at 106 Highgate had now been passed to Waste into Wellbeing.

Raised was the importance of the Eddington Centre as a key resource within the Town and the fact that the Council should keep in touch with the project. The need to keep bureaucracy to a minimum was, however, stressed and the Town Clerk drew attention to the relevant budget line which would ensure oversight of the situation.

**Resolved:** To include the Eddington Centre within the Project Update Report and to alter the title within the Budget from "Climate Hub and Café" to "Eddington Centre".

Some concern was expressed around the footpath from Wattsfield Lane to the Sewage Works and the Vice-Chair undertook to follow this matter up with Westmorland and Furness Council. The Town Clerk drew attention to the fact that this had come forward as a new project and to a £25,000 offer of support from United Utilities for improvements to this footpath. He suggested that this project should be included within the Project Update Report, pointing out that Government arrangements would need to be followed to ensure that the money was spent correctly. The need for a composite footpath log was raised. Attention was drawn to the ambition of the relevant Westmorland and Furness Portfolio Holder to upgrade footpaths throughout the area and the significant figure within that Council's Budget for this work.

**Resolved:** The Vice-Chair to pursue the matter of the footpath from Wattsfield Lane to the Sewage Works with Westmorland and Furness Council.

**Resolved:** To include the Wattsfield Lane to Sewage Works footpath project within the Project Update Report.

## **E65/2023      Natural Kendal**

Cllr C Russell, having first outlined the history behind Natural Kendal, provided a verbal update on Natural Kendal's current progress and their plans for a conference in May 2024. The aim of the conference was to publicly launch Natural Kendal; to encourage people to

join in with groups actively promoting biodiversity within and around Kendal; and to establish Natural Kendal as the Nature Recovery Partnership/Network for Kendal, bringing together the work of Kendal Town Council, Westmorland and Furness Council and all local groups concerned about delivering nature recovery in Kendal. The conference was due to be held on Saturday, 18 May 2024, at Kendal Museum and Kendal College Art and Media Faculty.

Cllr Russell hoped that the Town Council would continue to back the initiative, explaining that whilst the Community Interest Company was to be maintained, a partnership was now also being formed which, he hoped, that Westmorland and Furness Council would also become part of.

**Resolved:** To note the verbal update.

### **E66/2023      Oxenholme Environment**

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had proposed that new bins be installed on Helmside Road in Oxenholme. Westmorland and Furness Council officers had assessed the proposed sites and had recommended that no new bins be installed. Only one site (at the Station end of Helmside Road) had been considered to be practical and safe, if the Town Council wished to insist on installation. Other issues included the improvements to or maintenance of noticeboards, pavements, open spaces and road safety, that would improve the environment in that neighbourhood.

The Town Clerk asked the Committee to consider the response from Westmorland and Furness Council on the Town Council's requests for more bins on Helmside Road and to consider what further measures were required to ensure that Oxenholme village received the necessary investment in infrastructure services provided by the Town Council.

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which Members expressed the wish to offer support for the installation of a bin at the Station End of Helmside Road. Also discussed was the need to put out regular requests to all Town Council Members to ask what they felt was required in terms of improvements within their areas, also recommending that they discuss the issues with their local Westmorland and Furness Council Member. The Committee could then consider any suggestions to see if the work could be carried out by the Town Council or whether to send on a request to the Westmorland and Furness Council Locality Board.

Attention was drawn to the fact that Westmorland and Furness Council might currently be carrying out a strategic review of bins within its area.

The Town Clerk pointed out that Westmorland and Furness Council had to be relied on to empty bins. He further stressed the need for the development of policies and criteria in relation to improvements on bins, railings, lighting, etc. He referred to the review of lighting also currently being carried out by Westmorland and Furness Council, however, also pointed out that the Town Council was a Footway Lighting Authority in its own right. He explained that the Projects Officer and himself were currently looking at options for solar installations for footway lighting which may be suitable in some isolated areas, particularly in locations where Westmorland and Furness Council did not feel that they did not meet their criteria.

Members wished to clarify whether a new bin, if approved, would be emptied by Westmorland and Furness Council. The Town Clerk explained how this would work, with the Town Council sponsoring a bin and paying a sum each year in order for it to be emptied on a regular basis. He explained that the cost of emptying the proposed bin would be £450 per annum. It was, however, noted that the Council currently paid less for emptying of the bins that it already sponsored. To this end, it was suggested that a detailed report should be brought to a future meeting of the Committee, including a clear framework and policy on bins

and that the relevant Westmorland and Furness Council Portfolio Holder should be approached with regard to the higher tier's policy, that council having responsibility for bins.

**Resolved:** The Town Clerk to bring a full and detailed report on bins, including a clear framework and policy, to a future meeting of the Committee, also liaising with the relevant Westmorland and Furness Council Portfolio Holder with regard that that tier's policy.

## **Part Two**

The following item of business was considered following a resolution to exclude the Press and Public, due to the confidential or commercial sensitivity.

### **E67/2023      Mintsfeet Footpath**

The Town Clerk reported that contractors working on the Environment Agency flood risk management scheme had suggested that they would be well-placed to commence footpath work on the Town Council land at Mintsfeet. This was with regard to the improvement of the footpath between Mintsfeet nature area and Dockray Bridge, and its connection to Beezon Fields nature area. He further reported on initial costings and necessary procedures to be followed by putting the work out to tender through the Government Portal.

**Resolved:** To put the work regarding improvements of the footpath between Mintsfeet nature area and Dockray Bridge, and its connection to Beezon Fields nature area, out to tender through the Government Portal.

During discussion, the Town Clerk having advised on the amount of funding available from the Town Council, it was suggested that Westmorland and Furness Council should be approached on the matter seeking financial support for the remaining amount.

**Resolved:** To write to the Westmorland and Furness Council Finance Officer, relevant Portfolio Holder and Locality Board, copying in the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee, seeking financial support for the remaining amount of funding required for the improvement of the footpath between Mintsfeet nature area and Dockray Bridge, and its connection to Beezon Fields.

Members' attention was drawn to the fact that Westmorland and Furness Council was currently carrying out a review of pathways throughout its area and Members were keen to hear more about this plan which, it was felt, offered a great amount of potential. In addition, Members expressed an interest in finding out about the work of the South Lakeland Locality Board and its working groups. They wished to find out how the Town Council could become involved and, in addition, how it could be represented on the Group.

**Resolved:** To invite the relevant Westmorland and Furness Portfolio Holder to address the Committee on its area-wide footpath plan and, in addition to invite the Chair of Westmorland and Furness Council's South Lakeland Locality Board to address the Committee on its work and that of its working groups, and to advise on how the Town Council can become involved and represented.

## **Part One**

The remainder of the meeting was re-opened to the Press and Public.

**Note – Cllr G Archibald took the Chair for the following item of business.**

**E68/2023      Policies Requiring Development/Update**

The Town Clerk referred to discussion within the previous item on a bin policy (Minute No.E67/2023 above) and reported that officers were currently drafting policies for consideration by the Committee in the following areas: bus shelters and their adoption; footway lighting; bins; footpath improvements and maintenance; pollinator projects; Japanese knotweed; and tree management. He asked Members whether there were any other areas where policies needed to be developed to ensure the equitable and sustainable distribution of its resources, in line with the Council Plan.

Raised was the need to refer to “invasive species” and not merely “Japanese knotweed”. Members were keen to ensure that Kendal Town Council’s distinct perspective on cycling and walking was addressed and, in addition, to stress that the Council worked in partnership with Kendal Futures on this aspect, particularly with regard to any consultation on the matter and how routes might be developed.

**Resolved:** To refer to “invasive species” rather than “Japanese Knotweed” and to develop a policy on cycling and walking, as outlined above.

***Note – Cllr E Hennessy resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.***

**E69/2023      Items for Press Coverage and the Newsletter**

Consideration was given to which items from the meeting should be the subject of press coverage this week.

**Resolved:** To publicise the following:

- (1) improvements to Bowling Fell around accessibility and waymarking, as well as interpretation of the site’s historical significance and some pollinator planting;
- (2) footpath improvements; and
- (3) the formal ceremony relating to the award of the biodiversity grant to Friends of Nobles rest.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.



**Item No.5 - Environment and Highways Committee - Minute Action Sheet - as at 04-03-24**

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Action (Resolution)</b>	<b>Officer Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline, if any agreed</b>	<b>Date Actioned</b>	<b>Comments</b>
29	13/11/2023	E48/2023	Environment Budget Proposals	To write to Westmorland and Furness Council advising that the Environment Committee will recommend allocation of the sum of £5,000 within its 2024/25 Budget for the provision of design visuals of an improved birdcage to support Westmorland and Furness to carry out the improvements, subject to obtaining commitment to any other available partnership funding.	Town Clerk			Process agreed by Management Committee as a cross-cutting issue. Awaiting re-formation of Town Team.
34	13/11/2023	E51/2023	Easy Transport Kendal Proposal	The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee to convene a discussion with the principal bodies involved on the proposals and the issues raised at the meeting and outlined above in order to establish the priorities and how funding will be used to make improvements to infrastructure within Kendal Town Centre.	Town Clerk			Discussion initiated with stakeholders, but implications of Levelling Up funding also required. Awaiting further info via W&FC.

Ref. No.	Meeting Date	Minute No.	Title	Action (Resolution)	Officer Responsible	Deadline, if any agreed	Date Actioned	Comments
36	13/11/2023	E53/2023	Pumptrack Design Proposal	To allocate the remaining pumptrack funding of £2,000 on a sketch design, to demonstrate how and where a pumptrack could fit into the existing space at Sandylands park without impacting the current play park, multi-use games area and/or the community's annual fete space.	AMS			In progress with W&F and Velosolutions.
42	15/01/2023	E63/2023	Project Update Report	To approach the relevant local councillors and Fellside Forum with regard to prioritisation of works at Bowling Fell.				Awaiting further quotes to inform prioritisation.
44	15/01/2023	E63/2023	Project Update Report	To ask the Management Committee to consider where the Flood Relief Group should sit moving forward with regard to discussions on the wider corridor agenda.				Awaiting consideration of issue by Management Committee. Will be adopted at Council at annual meeting
45	15/01/2023	E64//2023	Environment Budget 2023/24	If unspent, to authorise the Responsible Finance Officer to carry forward the sum of £4,200 into next year's Budget for improvements to Footway Lighting.	Town Clerk			Item raised as ultra vires in Full Council.
46	15/01/2023	E64//2023	Environment Budget 2023/24	To include Footway Lighting within the Project Update Report.	Project officer			Item included in Project Update Report.

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47	15/01/2023	E64//2023	Environment Budget 2023/24	To include the Eddington Centre within the Project Update Report and to alter the title within the Budget from "Climate Hub and Café" to "Eddington Centre".	Project officer			Item included in Project Update Report and budget heading changed.
48	15/01/2023	E64//2023	Environment Budget 2023/24	The Vice-Chair to pursue the matter of the footpath from Wattsfield Lane to the Sewage Works with Westmorland and Furness Council.	Vice Chair to liaise with Town Clerk and Project Officer			Awaiting update from VC
49	15/01/2023	E64//2023	Environment Budget 2023/24	To include the Wattsfield Lane to Sewage Works footpath project within the Project Update Report.	Project officer			Item included in Project Update Report. Partnership working ongoing.
50	15/01/2023	E66/2023	Oxenholme Environment	to bring a full and detailed report on bins, including a clear framework and policy, to a future meeting of the Committee, also liaising with the relevant Westmorland and Furness Council Portfolio Holder with regard that that tier's policy.	Town Clerk			Policy in development.
51	15/01/2023	E67/2023	Mintsfeet Footpath	To put the work regarding improvements of the footpath between Mintsfeet nature area and Dockray Bridge, and its connection to Beezon Fields nature area, out to tender through the Government Portal.	tbc			Delayed due to staffing.

Ref. No.	Meeting Date	Minute No.	Title	Action (Resolution)	Officer Responsible	Deadline, if any agreed	Date Actioned	Comments
52	15/01/2023	E67/2023	Mintsfeet Footpath	To write to the Westmorland and Furness Council Finance Officer, relevant Portfolio Holder and Locality Board, copying in the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee, seeking financial support for the remaining amount of funding required for the improvement of the footpath between Mintsfeet nature area and Dockray Bridge, and its connection to Beezon Fields.	tbc			
53	15/01/2023	E67/2023	Mintsfeet Footpath	To invite the relevant Westmorland and Furness Portfolio Holder to address the Committee on its area-wide footpath plan and, in addition to invite the Chair of Westmorland and Furness Council's South Lakeland Locality Board to address the Committee on its work and that of its working groups, and to advise on how the Town Council can become involved and represented.	tbc			

Ref. No.	Meeting Date	Minute No.	Title	Action (Resolution)	Officer Responsible	Deadline, if any agreed	Date Actioned	Comments
54	15/01/2023	E68/2023	Policies Requiring Development/Update	To refer to “invasive species” rather than “Japanese Knotweed” and to develop a policy on cycling and walking, as outlined above.	Town Clerk		20-Feb	Policies in development. Japanese Knotweed policy is a statutory requirement. Other invasive species policies (balsam etc) will follow.

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## Agenda Item 7

### *Project Update Report – March 2024*

E&H Budget Heading	Project title and description	Council plan priority	Progress	Partners	Status	Additional Notes
<b>New Infrastructure</b> (£0 budgeted, funding available via CIL applications)	<b>Policy development</b>	Public Realm, Getting Around	Officers liaising with W&F's Street Scene and Highways to formulate new policies re: Seating; Bus shelters and their adoption; Footway Lighting; Bins; Footpath Improvements and Maintenance.	W&FC: Street Scene, Highways	In development	
	<b>Footway Lighting</b> (NB – this covers footway lighting in addition to lighting covered specifically in Dark Skies budget, below).	Public Realm, Getting Around	Preliminary research underway	W&FC, residents	In development	Requests brought to officers to investigate possibility of installing lighting on back lane behind Aikrigg Avenue and on Kirkbarrow Lane
	<b>Bus stop seating – Windermere Road/Queen's Rd junction</b>	Public Realm, Getting Around	On hold until next financial year.	W&FC	In development	
	<b>Handrail for Vicarage Drive – Birchwood Close connecting footpath</b>	Public Realm, Getting Around	Quotes obtained. Electricity supply for footway lighting poses a problem for safe installation. Options being researched and considered.	W&FC	In development	

<b>Infrastructure Maintenance (£3,700 budget)</b>	<b>Bench (034) repair at Burneside Road</b>	Public Realm	Contractor assessment underway	Contractor	In progress	Repair required to concrete setting in addition to seat.
	<b>Rosemary Hill railings repaint (£1041)</b>	Public Realm	On hold over the winter until better weather for outdoor painting	W&FC, contractor	In progress	Now scheduled for March/April
	<b>Explore Kendal signage</b>	Public Realm, A Thriving Town	On hold due to numerous changes to content.	Lakeland Arts, contractor	In progress	Awaiting response from stakeholders re: content updates.
<b>Approved Infrastructure CIL requests</b>	<b>Kendal YARDS project (£10,000 allocated)</b>	Public Realm, Supporting People and Community Wellbeing	Preferred Yard (No 5) and approach confirmed.	Kendal Futures	In development in partnership with Kendal Futures	Liaison with Kendal Futures initiated. Intended completion date: June 2024.
	<b>Water Fountain (£5000 allocated)</b>	Public Realm, Climate Change and Biodiversity	Site visit complete.	W&FC	In development	To be incorporated into Market Hall redevelopment, discussions underway with relevant W&F officers.
<b>Ongoing Action Plans / Projects Budget Headings</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Council plan priority</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Notes</b>
<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Citizens' Jury Recommendations.</b>  Monitoring progress, reunion events, newsletter updates, Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership Climate Officer Group membership.	Climate Change and Biodiversity	New allotments let at canal head in response to Citizens Jury recommendation 'make it easier for people to grow their own food'.	Various	Ongoing	ZCCP meeting attendance ongoing.  Jury supporter newsletter sent every three months.  Zero Carbon Kendal Instagram creating engagement.

	<b>Solar Made Easy Kendal</b>	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Kendal cluster of 48 are receiving quotes from vetted suppliers.	CAFS, residents and business owners.	KTC involvement complete (CAFS to continue liaising with householders).	Planning guide completed and shared with cluster. Surplus funds returned to the General Fund.
	<b>The Eddington - Climate Hub &amp; Café (located at former URC church sports hall on Highgate)</b> (£24,000 allocated with £6000 retained for Hub development)	Climate Change and Biodiversity, Supporting People and Community Wellbeing	New premises confirmed, press release & publicity sent out.	WIW, Eddington CIC	In development	WIW CIC is progressing preparatory work at United Reformed Church in anticipation of Climate Hub and Café opening in April 2024.  Hub development in progress in partnership with WIW and Eddington Kendal CIC.
<b>Biodiversity Initiatives &amp; Grants</b>	<b>Dark Skies Campaign</b> (£5000 allocated)	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Lighting audit of KTC lamps conducted with Jack Ellerby (FLD) & Mike Monaghan (Light Library) complete.	Friends of the Lake District	In development	Friends of the Lake District are leading this project following funding confirmation at September's Committee. Work scheduled to go ahead to retrofit 5 prioritised lamps – completion expected in April.
	<b>Cumbria Plan Bee</b> (£360 allocated)	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Pollinator pledge signed at <a href="https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/cumbria-plan-bee/pledge">https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/cumbria-plan-bee/pledge</a>	Schools, Age UK/Men in Sheds	In development	Working with Age UK's Men in Sheds to construct bee boxes for schools, to be distributed in spring.  Schools engagement to be combined with KIB schools engagement.
	<b>Biodiversity Grants</b>	Climate Change and Biodiversity, Supporting People and Community Wellbeing	Grants processed for Manna House, Clean River Kent Group, Kirkbie Green Residents' Group and Friends of Noble's Rest.	Clean River Kent Group, Manna House, Kirkbie Green Residents' Group, Friends of Noble's Rest.	Ongoing	Cheque handover photo & press release for Friends of Noble's Rest held on 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.  Publicity ongoing via ZCK and KTC social media.



	<b>Wetland planting at Canal Head</b> (£1,300 allocated)	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Planting advice and species recommendations sought from CWT. KCV to grow wildflowers from seed to order at Dog kennel nursery & plant later in the season.	CWT, KCV	In development	KCV wildflowers have been planted.  Signage installed to communicate wetland plan to public.  Permanent signage in development.
	<b>Living Roof Road Bus Shelters</b> (£2,500 allocated)	Climate Change and Biodiversity, Public Realm	Following research into the costs of installing at Blackhall Road, Councillors' preference is to research alternative locations and consider alternative ways to green Blackhall Road. To tie in with wider improvements to Blackhall Road as part of Easy Travel Kendal (under Public Realm Improvements)	W&FC, Kendal Futures, Kendal BID	In development	Meeting of relevant partners to be scheduled.
	<b>Vicarage Drive Land and Natural Kendal</b>	Climate Change and Biodiversity, Public Realm, Supporting People and Community Wellbeing	Committee agreed Natural Kendal could utilise the Town Council asset for biodiversity projects and initiatives.	Natural Kendal	In development	Awaiting response from Natural Kendal to create a draft Service Level Agreement.
	<b>Natural Kendal Conference</b>	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Conference to be held in May.	Natural Kendal, W&FC	In development	Natural Kendal leading on this project.
	<b>Pollinator Planting</b> (£10k allocated for 2024-25)	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Sites identified and assessed with W&F officer.	W&F, CWT	In development	Partnership working underway.

<b>20mph</b> (£30,000 budgeted)	<b>20mph Kendal</b>	Getting Around, Climate Change and Biodiversity	Additional data is currently being gathered by W&FC.	W&FC	In development	20mph policy adopted by W&FC, awaiting updates.
<b>Cycling &amp; Walking</b>	<b>Footpath Improvements: "Kirkbarrow Connections" /routes to schools</b> (£34,814 allocated)	Getting Around	Prioritisation criteria of audited paths complete.	W&FC, Vicarage Park Schools, contractors	Ongoing	Work on Collinfield Lane – Vicarage Park footpath (FP 536078) scheduled to take place during Easter holidays.
	<b>Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth improvements (FP - 536045)</b> (£2000 allocated from Cllr Long)	Getting Around	Quotes in progress to improve drainage. Three site visits completed, chasing follow up information.	W&FC	In development	Liaising with W&FC, awaiting contractor/Highways confirmation.
	<b>Footpath to rear of Aikrigg Avenue (FP 536016) – signage</b>	Getting Around	Preliminary research underway	W&FC	In development	Request brought to officers to investigate signage options to clarify user rights re: cycling/walking. Liaising with W&FC footpaths officer.
	<b>Kendal Castle Pumptrack</b> (£2,000 remaining)	Getting Around	Potential new site identified. Funding allocated for design visual.	Velosolutions, W&FC	In development	Awaiting design visual from Velosolutions.
	<b>LCRP contribution</b> (£5000 allocated)	Getting Around	No proposals to allocate funding to date.	LCRP	In development	
	<b>Mintsfeet footpath (riverside connectivity)</b>	Getting Around	Costings in progress.	W&FC	In development	Additional funding sought from W&FC.
	<b>United Utilities/Wattsfield Lane to WWTW footpath (FP 536065) (riverside connectivity)</b>	Getting Around	£25k contribution from UU.	UU, W&FC	In development	Partnership working initiated.
	<b>Following up with LCWIP developments</b>	Getting Around	Officers liaising with W&FC active travel team regarding progress.	W&FC	In development	Last update: Oct 2023.

<b>Public Realm Improvements</b>	<b>Windermere Road Railings improvements</b>	Public Realm	Not currently in W&FC schedule of works.	W&FC	In development	W&FC Officers meeting complete to consider designs that remove the railings and incorporate cycling lane. 20mph may enable the railings to be removed – to be discussed further following 20mph policy confirmation.
	<b>Further Ivy Screening Projects</b> (£5000 allocated)	Public Realm, Climate Change & Biodiversity	Potential locations reviewed, Windermere Road remains the most suitable option once CCC improvements completed.	W&FC	In development	Following discussion at September's meeting it was agreed to complete maintenance tasks to Longpool to see improvements before further investment. Additional drainage holes created for Longpool planters and new layer of compost to help revive ailing plants. Waiting to see improvements when spring arrives.
	<b>Signage from Oxenholme to Kendal</b> (Cllr Rathbone Locality budget) (£4014 allocated)	Getting Around, Public Realm	Site Visit Complete with Councilors and Avanti completed.		In development	Contractors and quotes approved. Awaiting confirmation from the station manager to progress design and installation.
	<b>Bowling Fell/Castle Howe Improvement Project</b> (£7000 allocated)	Public Realm	Seeking quotes for handrails and signage. Site visit with Interpretation contractor carried out. Pollinator planting approved by W&FC officers. Research into Historic England / Scheduled Monument permissions underway.	W&FC, contractors, KCV, Historic England, Ward Councillors, Fellside Forum	In development	Partnership working ongoing.
	<b>Easy Travel Kendal</b>	Getting Around, Public Realm	Discussion initiated with stakeholders	Kendal Futures, BID, W&FC, EA	In developments	Implications of Levelling Up funding also required – in progress.
<b>Green Spaces Improvements</b> (£2850 unallocated)	<b>Noble's Rest community growing space</b>	Public Realm	W&FC currently assessing the transfer of the former play area to KTC to develop additional growing space. Action to progress with W&F.	W&FC		Awaiting W&FC confirmation – included in strategic partnership meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.

	<b>Gooseholme ASB improvements</b>	Public Realm	<p>A range of measures agreed with SLDC following completion of bridge and flood defense works including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCTV signage</li> <li>- Toilet signage</li> <li>- Putting green boundary improvements (SLDC to lead)</li> <li>- Public Spaces Protection Order (SLDC to lead)</li> </ul> <p>Assess Marshall option once site is accessible and ASB levels have been reviewed.</p>	W&FC and Cumbria Constabulary.		Unable to progress until EA Flood Scheme completed. Issue could be moved to Culture and Communities.
	<b>Mintsfeet Sports and Nature Hub</b> (£7,500 allocated)	Supporting People and Community Wellbeing, Climate Change and Biodiversity	Site visits completed.	W&FC, Millennium Field Trust, The FA, Sandgate School.	In development	Awaiting W&FC actions following strategic partnership meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.

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		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
<b>600</b>	<b><u>E - New Infrastructure/Improve</u></b>									
1999	Other Income	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Income</b>	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5107	E - New Infrastructure	4,642	4,062	0	438	438	0	0	0	0
5108	E - Infrastructure Maint	3,937	3,602	8,438	3,350	8,000	0	5,000	0	0
5109	Environment Core - Misc	556	0	879	0	879	0	0	0	0
	<b>Overhead Expenditure</b>	9,135	7,664	9,317	3,788	9,317	0	5,000	0	0
	<b>600 Net Income over Expenditure</b>	-9,135	-6,864	-9,317	-3,788	-9,317	0	-5,000	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,955	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	(9,135)	(3,909)	(9,317)	(3,788)	(9,317)		(5,000)		
<b>630</b>	<b><u>E - SLDC Charges</u></b>									
5300	E - W&F Charges-Footway Light	3,751	3,750	4,200	0	4,200	0	5,000	0	0
5305	E - W&F Charges-Somervel Main	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5310	E - W&F Charges-Bins	2,650	1,254	3,000	2,885	3,000	0	3,250	0	0
	<b>Overhead Expenditure</b>	6,901	5,004	7,200	2,885	7,200	0	8,250	0	0
	<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	(6,901)	(5,004)	(7,200)	(2,885)	(7,200)		(8,250)		
	<b>Total Budget Income</b>	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Expenditure</b>	16,036	12,669	16,517	6,673	16,517	0	13,250	0	0
	<b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>	-16,036	-11,869	-16,517	-6,673	-16,517	0	-13,250	0	0

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plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,955	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>(16,036)</b>	<b>(8,913)</b>	<b>(16,517)</b>	<b>(6,672)</b>	<b>(16,517)</b>		<b>(13,250)</b>		

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<b>900</b>	<b><u>Projects - Climate Change</u></b>									
9040	Eddington Centre	10,000	0	30,000	20,000	30,000	480	0	0	0
9050	DNU Solar Audit Campaign	4,565	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9055	Climate Jury Website	398	398	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9060	Climate Zero Carbon Kendal	1,000	396	530	404	530	0	0	0	0
9130	New Projects TBC	1,121	1,195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Overhead Expenditure</b>	17,084	1,989	30,530	20,404	30,530	480	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	1,989	0	20,265	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<u>(17,084)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(30,530)</u>	<u>(139)</u>	<u>(30,530)</u>		<u>0</u>		
<b>910</b>	<b><u>Projects - Biodiversity</u></b>									
9120	Bio Dark Skies Campaign	5,000	0	5,000	4,167	5,000	0	0	0	0
9121	Bio Birdcage	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0
9124	Biodiversity Grants 24.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	0
9125	Bio 2nd Round-Biod Grants	3,400	1,000	2,400	1,750	2,400	0	0	0	0
9126	DNU Living Roof Bus Shelter	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9127	Bio Wildflowers Kendal Green	1,300	1,059	56	0	56	0	6,400	0	0
9129	Bio Canal Head Wetlands	1,300	800	500	0	500	0	0	0	0
9130	New Projects TBC	500	0	3,000	179	3,000	0	0	0	0
	<b>Overhead Expenditure</b>	14,000	2,859	10,956	6,096	10,956	0	21,400	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	3,044	0	1,929	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<u>(14,000)</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>(10,956)</u>	<u>(4,167)</u>	<u>(10,956)</u>		<u>(21,400)</u>		
<b>920</b>	<b><u>Projects - 20MPH</u></b>									

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9200	20 MPH	18,400	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	0	0	0
9201	20 MPHContri to Data Collectio	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	19,400	1,000	30,000	0	30,000	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(19,400)	0	(30,000)	0	(30,000)		0		
930	Projects -Cycling & Walking									
1999	Other Income	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9300	C&W Footpath Quality Audit	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	0	0	0
9305	C&WKirkbarrow Connections	10,300	186	10,114	8,738	10,114	0	0	0	0
9307	C&W Kendal Castle Pump Track	4,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
9308	C&W Cllrs Contributions	5,700	0	6,700	0	6,700	0	0	0	0
9310	C&W Signage Improvements	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	0	0
9315	C&W 22/23 LCRP Cont	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	41,000	2,186	39,814	8,738	39,814	0	0	0	0
	930 Net Income over Expenditure	-41,000	-1,186	-39,814	-8,738	-39,814	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,186	0	2,538	0	0	0	0	0
6001	less Transfer to EMR	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(41,000)	(500)	(39,814)	(6,200)	(39,814)		0		
935	River Corridor Connectivity									

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		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
9600	River Corridor Connectivity	31,000	28,292	2,708	0	2,708	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	31,000	28,292	2,708	0	2,708	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	28,292	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(31,000)	(0)	(2,708)	0	(2,708)		0		
<b>940</b>	<b>Projects - Green Spaces Impro</b>									
1999	Other Income	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9130	New Projects TBC	3,500	775	7,725	0	7,725	0	0	0	0
9400	Green Bowling Fell Project	7,000	0	7,000	0	7,000	0	0	0	0
9405	Green Sepentine Woods Trail	1,000	1,000	0	373	373	0	0	0	0
9410	Green Fellside Play Provision	5,000	0	5,000	5,231	5,000	0	0	0	0
9411	Green Mintsfeet Development	7,500	0	7,500	0	7,500	0	0	0	0
9415	Green Fletcher Park	607	397	210	0	210	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	24,607	2,172	27,435	5,604	27,808	0	0	0	0
	940 Net Income over Expenditure	-24,607	-1,672	-27,435	-5,604	-27,808	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,172	0	4,454	0	0	0	0	0
6001	less Transfer to EMR	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(24,607)	0	(27,435)	(1,149)	(27,808)		0		
<b>950</b>	<b>Projects -Public Realm Enhance</b>									
9505	DNU Further Ivy Screening Proj	5,500	0	5,500	0	5,500	0	0	0	0
9506	PR Kendal Yards	2,500	0	12,500	0	12,500	0	0	0	0

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9507	PR Oxenholme Signage	4,014	0	4,014	0	4,014	0	0	0	0
9508	PR Water Fountain	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
9510	DNU Nobles Rest	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure		17,014	0	27,014	0	27,014	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve		(17,014)	0	(27,014)	0	(27,014)		0		
Total Budget Income		0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure		164,105	38,498	168,457	40,842	168,830	480	21,400	0	0
Net Income over Expenditure		-164,105	-36,998	-168,457	-40,842	-168,830	-480	-21,400	0	0
plus Transfer from EMR		0	38,682	0	29,186	0	0	0	0	0
less Transfer to EMR		0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve		(164,105)	(315)	(168,457)	(11,655)	(168,830)		(21,400)		

## Natural Kendal Report for the Environment Committee Kendal Town Council 11th March 2024

1. Natural Kendal has agreed that it would like to invite Kendal Town Council and Westmorland and Furness Council to be part of a Local Nature Recovery Partnership for Kendal.

Natural Kendal as a Partnership would:

- a. be an independent group with its own voice and could take on its own policies and programme of action;
- b. it would be part of the Nature Recovery Network\* of England which is led by Defra and Natural England;
- c. retain as its independent organisation as a Community Interest Company that could hold funds on behalf of the partnership if required;
- d. seek to support local thematic and place based groups, such as those interested in: the rivers and water courses, encouraging pollinators, educational work with schools and young people, increasing access to nature, encouraging citizen science, understanding the natural history of and potential future for nature, and other aspects of nature recovery of Kendal;
- e. support local community groups addressing aspects of nature recovery in their own neighbourhood;
- f. be a network of the groups in Kendal that were involved in nature recovery and supporting the native biodiversity of the town. Seeking collaboration between all groups wherever possible. Individual groups that were part of Natural Kendal would be expected to support the overall aims of Natural Kendal but would hold their own autonomy.
- g. engage the people of Kendal, as individuals and groups, in nature recovery ideas and work;
- h. partner with and learning from local schools, colleges and youth organisations encouraging greater understanding and appreciation of nature;
- i. partner with Kendal Town Council in the programmes and projects that it is responsible for, such as Kendal in Bloom, the town's allotments, pathways, public spaces and other activities that relate to nature recovery;
- j. partner with Westmorland and Furness Council in regard to local parks, highway verges, other land and water management issues that help develop and implement a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, with the support of DEFRA and Natural England. Westmorland and Furness Council have responsibility for devising the strategy for Cumbria.
- k. signpost Kendal organisations to sources of funding and support for their local nature work.

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The Nature Recovery Network is a crucial initiative led by DEFRA and Natural England, spanning from our cities to the countryside, mountains to the coast. It aims to create a national network of wildlife-rich places supported by green and blue spaces. Here's what it seeks to achieve:

1. **Enhance Sites for Nature Conservation:** The network focuses on enhancing existing sites designated for nature conservation and other wildlife-rich areas.
2. **Create and Restore Habitats:** Efforts are made to create and restore wildlife-rich habitats, corridors, and stepping-stones. These help wildlife populations recover, grow, move, thrive, and adapt to a changing climate.
3. **Climate Resilience:** By improving the natural and urban environment's resilience to climate change, the network provides natural solutions to reduce carbon emissions and manage flood risk.
4. **Vital Ecosystems:** Sustaining ecosystems that provide healthy soil, clean water, and clean air is a priority.
5. **Diverse Natural Environment:** Protection of the natural, geological, historical, and cultural diversity of the environment is essential.
6. **Green Spaces for Well-Being:** The network aims to provide more and better green spaces for people to enjoy and connect with nature where they live, work, and play, thereby improving health and well-being.

The Natural Kendal Partnership will be launched via a conference later this year. This event is also part of the Westmorland and Furness Nature Conversation that will start to devise the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cumbria.

## **Nature Recovery in Kendal**

**10am - 4pm, Saturday 18th May 2024. Kendal Museum**

### **A Collaborative Conference between Natural Kendal, Kendal Town Council and Westmorland and Furness Council**

This conference is for all who are passionate about nature recovery in Kendal.

The conference is being organised by Natural Kendal, to encourage people to join with our local community and interest groups, who are promoting and developing biodiversity within and around Kendal.

It will establish Natural Kendal as the Nature Recovery Partnership and Network to bringing together local groups concerned about and delivering nature recovery in Kendal. Kendal Town Council, Westmorland and Furness Council and several local conservation bodies and campaigns are already part of Natural Kendal. Please contact Natural Kendal if you would like further details.

Kendal Town Council and Westmorland and Furness Council are two of the partners of Natural Kendal. The conference will be part of the 'Nature Conversation' currently taking place across Westmorland and Furness.

Speakers include: Karen Lloyd, local author Abundance – Nature in Recovery; Giles Archibald, Climate Change and Nature Recovery, Westmorland and Furness Council; Dan Hinton, Sandgate School and Eden Project Education Partnership; Stephen Trotter, Cumbria Wildlife Trust; Richard Scott, National Wildflower Centre, Eden Project; and, Polly Moseley, Scouse Flower House.

Anticipated Workshops include: Water and the River Kent; Public Landscape Improvement and Access to Nature; Gardening for Nature; Reimagining the Museum; New Natural History; Citizen Science, Discovery and Education; Ensuring legislation, policies and the partnerships work; How the town supports local markets, farmers, and nature around us.

Lunch will be available and a suggested donation of £10 will be requested.