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7 November 2022

To Members of the Environment and Highways 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 and Highways Committee on Monday, 14 November 2022, at **7.00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal (**please note change of time**).

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

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on 12 September and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record (see attached).

5. Environment and Highways Budget 2022/23

To receive a report on the Environment and Highways budget for the current year (see attached).

6. Budget Proposals 2022-23

To consider and endorse various budget proposals for the current year (see attached).

7. Budget Proposals 2023-24

To consider the Committee's budget proposals for the coming financial year (2023-24) (see attached).

8. Project Update Report

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

9. Nobles Rest

To receive an update and inform next steps (*see attached*).

10. Serpentine Alphabet Trail

To receive an update and inform next steps (*see attached*).

11. Sustainability Hub

To receive an update and inform next steps (*see attached*).

12. Zero Carbon Kendal

To receive an update and inform next steps (*see attached*).

13. Biodiversity Funding Proposals

To discuss and endorse new biodiversity initiatives (*see attached*).

14. 20mph

To consider a request from Cumbria County Council that the Town Council makes a contribution to the cost of data collection relating to the preliminary survey work.

Background

The County Council has not been able to specify an amount in their funding request, though it is thought to be in the region of £4,000. The Town Council currently has £19,400 earmarked but unallocated to the project.

15. Carbon Literacy Training Support for Local Groups

To consider support options for carbon literacy training for local groups (*see attached*).

Item No. 4**Kendal Town Council**

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Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 12 September 2022 at 7.03 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, 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 *		

* arrived at 7.10 p.m. during consideration of Agenda Item No.5.

** arrived at 7.20 p.m. during consideration of Agenda Item No.7.

*** Left at 8.25 p.m. during consideration of Agenda item No.9.

In attendance: Cllr P Thornton arrived at 7.45 p.m. during consideration of Agenda Item No.7 (in non-voting capacity as not a Member of the Committee), Development and Delivery Manager (Helen Moriarty), Projects Officer (Anne-Marie Sanderson) and Democratic Services Assistant (Inge Booth).

Note - Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Committee paid one minute's silent tribute to the memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

E14/2022 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

E15/2022 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised.

E16/2022 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

E17/2022 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on 13 June 2022 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record.

E18/2022 E&H Budget 2022/23

The Committee considered a budget monitoring report for 2022/23, the Development and Delivery Manager providing details in relation to a number of items. The Chair explained that the Development and Delivery Manager, the Projects Officer and himself had recently met to discuss the budget, and that there were no concerns.

The Development and Delivery Manager referred to the fact that the Action Plan budget did not have to be spent by April and drew attention to a potential project for a community orchard near Canal Head rubbish dump in the walled garden of the house previously used by the Probation Service. The planting of more trees had been one of the recommendations of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens' Jury. This proposal raised some discussion, some Members questioning whether the budget should be spent on this type of project whilst the footpath audit due to be considered later on in the agenda provided an obvious opportunity to spend the money and also through which to provide greater biodiversity. The ambition to deliver such a biodiversity area on a section of Kendal Green was raised, as well as the Hallgarth biodiversity area. Also raised was the desperate need for work at Prickly Fell. Councillors stated that these initiatives had existing community support and should be explored further before researching Orchard opportunities.

It was pointed out that the Committee's budget meeting was due to be held in November. The Chair felt, the Committee having been very ambitious for a number of years, that now was the time to step back and give consideration to what projects could realistically be carried out. Attention was drawn, however, to the fact that there were a number of community groups willing to work on biodiversity projects and that now was, in fact, the time to accelerate this type of work, particularly while money remained in the budget. The Chair suggested that the Town Council could provide funding and expertise to community groups in order to manage Officer resources for other initiatives.

Also raised was the fact that the area proposed for a community orchard at Canal Head was shaded and, therefore, unsuitable. In addition, the potential for housing on this site was raised. The proposal for a community orchard somewhere in Kendal was, however, welcomed. The Chair reiterated that there was nothing concrete as to where the proposed community orchard should be, only that it needed to be sustainable.

It was raised that the Environment Agency were planting trees as part of the Flood Relief Scheme which could meet biodiversity requirements, the Chair explained that the Town Council's had made its own commitment to planting 500 trees.

Resolved: To receive the budget report.

E19/2022 Budget Proposals

The Committee considered a number of budget spend requests, as follows:-

- To fix the damaged wall at Nobles Rest Wall via the Green Spaces 'New Projects tbc' budget. Three quotes had been received and it was recommended that the contract be awarded to Jack Ellerby at a cost of £650 plus materials.

It was noted that the Town Clerk was currently looking at an alternative method of reporting on tendering. A query was raised as to whether it was actually the Town Council's responsibility to repair the wall within SLDC's Green Space. The Development and Delivery Manager responded that it was an ongoing debate but in the interest of minimising repair costs the Town Council could fund via the Green Spaces Improvements budget.

- To install a handrail at the Triangle Community Garden. Fellside Forum has £500 for the installation of a handrail and an additional £500 would enable a handrail of their choice to be installed. The £500 would be spent via the Green Spaces 'New Projects tbc' budget.
- The riverside bench at Dockray had been removed in advance of the new flood protection scheme. To reinstall the original bench, £1,000 was required to sand blast the iron work, install new slats and paint. The £1,000 could be allocated from the Green Spaces 'New Projects tbc' budget as above.

Whilst Members acknowledged the heritage aspect of refurbishing the existing bench, it was questioned as to whether a new bench, possibly made of recycled plastic, may be a cheaper alternative. The potential for making use of what existed rather than wasting it was also raised. It was suggested, therefore, that the relevant Town Councillor might be asked to seek the opinion of local residents and help Officers to weigh up options. Also raised was the possibility of an enthusiastic volunteer, or possibly Kendal College, refurbishing the bench.

- The Town Crests at Windermere Road and Kirkland were in need of repainting at a cost of £1500. The green spaces at both locations would be significantly improved with this investment and it was proposed the Green Spaces Improvements 'New Projects tbc' budget be utilised.

Members stressed the need for additional quotes to be sought for this work and suggested that, following these having been sought, officers consult with the Chair and Vice-Chair for approval.

- The Hallgarth Residents Association had requested that eight new bins be installed in several locations. Currently the new infrastructure budget could accommodate one new bin at a cost of £250. Council Officers recommended allocating funding in the next financial year subject to collection approval from South Lakeland District Council.

Attention was drawn to the fact that Hallgarth was short of bins and the need for the Town Council to offer more support was stressed, particularly taking into consideration the view to enhance footpaths, some of which had no bins at all and bearing in mind the need to promote appropriate disposal of dog waste. It was questioned whether an alternative budget line could be found in order to be able to offer more support. The Development and Delivery Manager suggested this could come from the 'Green Spaces Improvements' budget. The Chair explained that collection costs would first have to be looked into. It was suggested that assistance might be sought from the District Council and the Development and Delivery Officer undertook to mention the Town Council's ambition for more bins in other areas when discussing collection costs. The question of whether additional support may set a precedent was raised, there being many other areas in need of bins, and it was suggested that responding to this group and authorising bins up to an annual emptying cost of £500 would demonstrate that there was an open door. The Chair suggested that the wider issue might be looked into at the Committee's budget meeting. In the meantime, Members were keen for four bins to be installed in the Hallgarth area and it was proposed that this be looked into.

In addition, consideration was given to a biodiversity grant application from Manna House for the sum of £500 to create a wildlife area. In response to a query, Members were advised that the grant was towards not only biodiversity but also wildlife in the form of, for example, a hedgehog house and bug houses to increase pollination.

Resolved: To approve the budget spend requests relating to Nobles Rest Wall, Triangle Community Garden and Town Crests (subject to three quotes being sought).

Resolved: With regard to Dockray Bench, costs to be reviewed, alternative support for bench restoration sought and liaison with the relevant ward councillors if costs are still too high and a new one is required, to be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: With regard to the Town Crests at Windermere Road and Kirkland, additional quotes be sought by officers and an appropriate contractor be appointed, subject to consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Resolved: With regard to Hallgarth Bins, to approve the installation of one bin at a cost of £250 from the new infrastructure budget and to utilise funding from the Green Spaces Improvement Budget to pay for four additional bins, subject to agreement in relation to South Lakeland District Council collection costs, the matter of the four additional bins to be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: To approve a biodiversity grant to Manna House for the sum of £500 to create a wildlife area.

E20/2022 Project Update Report

The Committee gave consideration to a report from the Development and Delivery Manager on ongoing projects.

Public Realm Improvements (Windermere Road Railing Improvements) – The Chair explained that the Town Council had planned to paint the railings, however, that the County Council were now going to replace the rails. This would free up £3,000. The County Council were currently consulting on the colour of the rails. Some discussion took place on the health and safety aspect of the railings and as to whether there was a need for them. It was also pointed out that the Town Council had a floral display mounted on the railings.

Climate Change (Electric Cargo Bike) – Discussion took place on the initiative and Members were advised that the Townscape Officer had been testing the bike. However, it was felt that the cargo bike was not appropriate for all of the work carried out by the Townscape Officer as there was not enough space for all of his equipment. The cost of such a bike was around £5,000 and it was noted that some jobs could be carried out. It was felt, however, that an e-bike with a trailer may be of more use. Members were keen to make a commitment to e-bikes and felt that more research was required. Cllr M Helme was keen to discuss the matter further with both SLACC and Wheelbase in Staveley. Other options to promote the use of e-bikes were discussed, such as asking Amazon to deliver to a depot outside Kendal and for parcels to be delivered from that site by e-bike throughout Kendal. The Chair stressed the need to focus on the success of the current initiative and to talk to local businesses and SLACC and also to find out the current figures in relation to fuel used by the Townscape Officer. Also raised was the need to ensure that the Townscape Officer was comfortable with any proposals.

Resolved: To receive the project update report.

Resolved: Discussions to take place between the Town Council, SLACC, Wheelbase and local businesses, on options available for use of e-bikes by Kendal Town Council.

Resolved: Details be sought in relation to fuel usage by the Townscape Officer.

E21/2022 Reports from Outside Bodies

Updates were provided on the action groups, as follows:-

Natural Kendal – The Chair reported that discussions had taken place on a mechanism by which individuals could apply for Biodiversity Grants via Natural Kendal.

South Lakes Action on Climate Change – Cllr M Helme referred to the refugee group and a forthcoming fund raiser for Outside In. She expressed an interest in the housing development aspiration which aimed to get housing developers to build sustainability, including solar panels, into all new homes. Cllr G Archibald referred to the covenant preventing people to instal solar panels. The covenant, he said, prevented people from installing solar panels without the permission of the developer. This was seemingly due to the developer's roof warrantee which could be jeopardised by the installation of solar panels. It was suggested that developers might install the panels at building stage. A concern was raised, however, regarding the ever increasing cost of building materials and that by asking for more, developers may not be able to provide as many affordable homes. It was, however, pointed out that where developers were installing panels from the outset, for example by South Lakes Housing, the occupiers were delighted.

Kendal Northern Access Group – The meeting due to have been held on 7 September had been cancelled and re-arranged to be held on 13 September. A representative from Kendal Futures was to be present. Details would be reported to the next meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee.

Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership – There was nothing further to report.

20mph Working Group – A meeting was being arranged for the first week in October at which the amendments put to the Town Council by Cumbria County Council would be discussed. After this time, residents could be made aware of what was being planned.

Dark Skies – Members were informed that Jack Ellerby of Friends of the Lake District had won an award in relation to the work carried out at Cliff Terrace in which the Town Council had had a hand.

Resolved: To receive the updates on Action Groups.

E22/2022 Climate Hub Update

Following the recommendations of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens' Jury, the Council had been developing options to create a Climate/Sustainability Hub in partnership with Waste into Wellbeing. The Council had committed £10,000 per year for three years to Waste into Wellbeing to support their enterprise and connect a Climate Hub to their existing activity to strengthen the reach, appeal and impact of a Kendal Climate Hub.

The report provided a detailed update, explaining that Waste into Wellbeing were currently using Stricklandgate House for part of their operation. Stricklandgate House was embarking on exciting developments, also outlined within the report, and Trustees are keen to offer an enhanced space to Waste into Wellbeing to enable all of its services, including The Peoples Café, to operate from Stricklandgate House. Waste into Wellbeing and Stricklandgate House were currently reviewing lease options and, if successfully agreed, Waste into Wellbeing would oversee the extension to accommodate all of its services and to support Stricklandgate House's development in alignment with Waste into Wellbeing's needs.

A £75,000 Expression of Interest to the Shared Prosperity Fund had been submitted to support the Climate hub ambition; this funding would support the hub's development and programme of activities at Stricklandgate House.

Cllr R Russell presented the report, stressing the opportunity for the Centre to enhance its developmental and strategic roles for the Third Sector to address wellbeing, climate change and the needs of the disadvantaged and vulnerable. Creating these roles would greatly enhance the building renewal programme and the significance of Stricklandgate House within the new Unitary Authority of Westmorland and Furness.

Cllr Russell hoped that the commitment from the Town Council for £10,000 per year for three years would attract others to make similar contributions. He informed Members that a feasibility study to establish whether Stricklandgate House could be adapted to accommodate Waste into Wellbeing's aspirations would be brought to the November meeting of the Committee.

A question was raised with regard to the need to refurbish a third premises in Kendal when there may be potential for either the Town Hall/South Lakeland House or County Hall. Cllr Russell stressed the fact that the organisations involved were two grass roots organisations and that Stricklandgate House would be a manageable size for them. The Development and Delivery Manager added that the Town Hall/South Lakeland House had, in fact, been taken into consideration but were not appropriate. County Hall, had not, however, been considered. Cllr P Thornton, who looked after Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority Assets, did not feel that County Hall would be a suitable fit. Cllr Russell suggested the potential for Town Councillors to visit Stricklandgate House. The Development and Delivery Manager reported that a reunion of the Climate Change Citizens' Jury was taking place on 29 September and undertook to check with them that the idea of this Hub met with their aspirations and Climate Jury recommendation.

Resolved: To receive the report.

Resolved: The Development and Delivery Manager to arrange a visit for Kendal Town Councillors to Stricklandgate House.

Resolved: The feasibility study for the refurbishment of Stricklandgate House be brought to the next meeting of the Committee, with a view to releasing the first £10,000.

E23/2022 Solar Made Easy Kendal Update

In partnership with Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) and following the completion of a town wide solar audit driven by the Solar Audit working group, the Town Council had launched the Solar Made Easy Kendal initiative to promote easier routes to solar installation for Kendal residents and businesses. An article in the Town Council Newsletter had aimed to encourage residents to register as part of a Kendal cluster to be connected to vetted suppliers.

The Projects Officer reported that there had been 106 registrations to date. Those who had registered had been sent a questionnaire to confirm their commitment and asked to provide a google pin of their homes to assist the supplier's desk top research. The responses were to be sent to CAfS and the Town Council's Projects Officer would be offering assistance to residents who required help with screen shots and google pins.

A meeting had been held in the previous week when it had been established that most of the properties registered were within the Conservation Area, which meant that Certificates of Permitted Development would be required. This Certificate cost £120 which, it was felt, may put some people off, however, the Vice-Chair was to meet with the Development Manager and the District Council to propose a streamline approach to complement the Solar Made Easy Kendal initiative.

Officers confirmed that CAFS would move forward with the next phase of the project and should re-examine in Spring to establish whether a further push was required.

Resolved: To receive the report.

E24/2022 Footpath Audit Update

It was reported that the Council had committed £29,000 to upgrade footpaths in Kendal to enable better access for all. Initially, funding had been committed to employ an external consultant to audit Kendal's footpaths, however, with additional resource, the audit had been completed by Town Council officers. The Projects Officer had progressed an audit of footpaths in Sandylands, Hallgarth, Heron Hill, Kendal Parks, Rinkfield, Collinfield and Kirkbarrow. This audit had been built on ward information supplied by councillors and full details to date were included in the Agenda.

Officers had prioritised the following paths for improvement during a phase one of improvements, in accordance with criteria, details of which were included in the report:-

- Kirkbarrow Adventure Access – Vicarage Drive to Echo Barn Hill (240 metres);
- Vicarage Park and Dean Gibson School Access – Vicarage Drive to Collinfield Lane (95 Metres); and
- St. Thomas' School Access – Hallgarth Circle to Underley Avenue (115 metres).

The total proposed metres of path to improve in Phase 1 was 450 metres. Estimate improvement costs per metre was £60, to allow for edging enhancements, groundworks, surfacing, hedging and biodiversity enhancements. The total estimate costs were £27,000.

The next steps for consideration were to confirm community support for improvements of the prioritised paths through informal conversations with users, formal contact with potential partners; confirmation of costings for prioritised paths; and confirmation of improvement permission from landowners of prioritised paths.

Members welcomed this fantastic piece of work carried out by the Projects Officer. The Chair pointed out that the improvements proposed were not necessarily the Town Council's responsibility, explaining that the works would set an example and create a template to demonstrate to other authorities.

Discussion took place with regard to the proposal for improvements to the footpath at Vicarage Park and Dean Gibson School Access. Members suggested that there were two footpaths in this location, one of which was already paved, and stressed the need to ensure that money was not wasted. The poor condition of the footpath in question was, however, acknowledged. Members welcomed the prioritisation of improvements for footpaths used by school children.

During consideration of the item, Cllr P Thornton, also a Member of the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority, asked the Committee if there was any appetite for the Town Council to take on responsibility for all of the footpaths within Kendal, if paid the current price paid to the County Council to look after them. He highlighted the potential thereby for more localised decisions in relation to the Town's footpaths. Members expressed a keen interest, and Cllr Thornton suggested, therefore, that the Town Council should approach the Shadow Authority on this matter, also carrying out the necessary research in relation to budgets.

Resolved: To receive the report.

Resolved: To confirm community support for improvements of prioritised footpaths through informal conversations with users, formal contact with potential partners, i.e. schools.

Resolved: To confirm costings for those footpaths prioritised above.

Resolved: To confirm improvement permission from the landowners of the prioritised footpaths.

E25/2022 Kendal Bike Storage Update

At E9/2022, Members had asked for a full audit of bike storage in Kendal. Officers had carried out further research on the Westmorland Shopping Centre Cycle Hub. Enquiries with duty staff indicated that the bike rack were better used at the weekend than during the week and that, whilst the lockers were reasonably well used, the two changing rooms were not. Periodic checks by officers confirmed that this cycle store was not well used during the week. Poor signage and difficult access could, it was felt, be contributing factors. Information about usage frequency of the repair stand was not available.

Town centre bicycle parking had been assessed, details of which were provided within the report, and totalled 108 bike parking spaces, with additional spaces available at business premises such as Booths, Brewery Arts and Mintworks.

Members were asked to consider whether the Town Council should better promote bike storage areas via a map, to be promoted via Visit Kendal and the reprint on Visit Kendal leaflets. In addition, they were asked to consider whether there should be liaison with South Lakeland District Council to discuss signage and promotion opportunities of the Westmorland Shopping Centre facilities.

Members questioned the suitability of the Cycle Hub in its current location at Westmorland Shopping Centre and whether it may be more useful if moved elsewhere. The potential of seeking users' views was raised and the Chair suggested that he could ask the Active Travel Group to look into this. In the meantime, he suggested that what existed should be better promoted, as proposed within the report.

Resolved: To receive the report.

Resolved: The Chair to ask the Active Travel Group to look into bicycle parking within Kendal Town Centre and to seek users' views.

Resolved: To better promote bike storage areas via a map to be promoted via Visit Kendal and the reprint of Visit Kendal leaflets.

Resolved: To liaise with South Lakeland District Council to consider signage and promotion opportunities of WSC facility.

E26/2022 Bus Shelter Maintenance

Following a request from a resident to Cumbria County Council, funding via Cumbria County Council had been secured to install a bench at the Westmorland Hospital bus stop. In addition, Kirkbarrow Residents' Association were installing a new bus shelter and had written to the Town Council to seek maintenance support. Members were asked to confirm these additions to the Asset Register, together with maintenance responsibilities.

A query having been raised with regard to the cost, the Development and Delivery Manager advised that this would come from the Infrastructure Maintenance Budget and would be detailed within the Budget report at the Committee's November meeting.

Resolved: To confirm the additions of Westmorland General Hospital (bench at bus stop) and Echo Barn Hill (bus shelter) to the Town Council's Asset Register.

E27/2022 River Kent Discharge

The Committee considered a report from the Chair who had, on 26 May 2022, observed the discharge of unknown matter into the River Kent from the outlet beneath Waterside adjacent to Lowther Street. It had subsequently been identified by the Environment Agency and United Utilities that there were a number of properties that had foul drainage mis-connected into the Lowther Street clean water drainage network. These mis-connections had been subsequently resolved to prevent further foul drainage discharges entering the River Kent.

The Chair had followed up the matter for further clarification, with the following responses having been provided to his queries:-

- Foul drainage was anything flushed into the foul drainage system and includes toilets, kitchens, bathrooms, etc.
- United Utilities had confirmed that the particular cross connections had been fixed.
- Cross connections were a constant issue. When domestic properties constructed and developed new properties and extensions, etc., they plumbed the foul drainage into the clean drainage pipe. It was a known problem and, working with United Utilities, the Environment Agency had an established phased process to resolve these issues. When a Contaminated Surfacewater Drain (CSW) was identified, United Utilities and the Environment Agency carried out an initial survey to assess the size and impact of the problem. The site was then scored and placed on a list of prioritised sites for a Phased 2 detailed investigation. Phase 2 identified the individual properties causing the problem and ensured that the cross connections are fixed. At the moment, the Lowther Street CSW was not on the list, as United Utilities had identified and resolved the problem. The only other site in Kendal on the priority list was West Street, Kendal CSW, where a Phase 1 was complete and was awaiting a Phase 2 investigation.

The Chair asked Members whether they wished for any further action to be taken on this matter or whether simply to keep the matter on file. Members expressing the opinion that there should be some level of scrutiny in this matter, the Chair informed them that the District Council had been talking of asking United Utilities to attend a meeting. He suggested, therefore, that he should write to the Chairman of the District Council's Scrutiny Committee in this regard. He further stressed the need for Town Council Members to remain aware and to keep a watch on any such activities.

Resolved: To receive the report.

Resolved: The Chair to write to the Chairman of the District Council's Scrutiny Committee to place this matter on record and, should that Committee invite United Utilities to a future meeting, to advise that the Town Council would like such matters to be considered.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Item No.5

New Action Plans/Projects for 22/23

ONGOING ACTION PLANS / PROJECTS		22/23 Budget HM	Exp to Date	Forecast	
1	<u>Climate Change</u>	22/23 Budget			
	· Town Centre Recommendation Hub - WIW	£10,000			10k/yr. for 3 Years Designworks
	· Kendal Citizens Jury Website Host		£398		
	· Solar Audit Campaign	£4,565			SLACC
	· Zero Carbon Kendal	£1,000	£306		
	· New Projects TBC	£1,519	£500		
	· - Jury Recommendations Sculpture		£350		
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>£17,084</u>	<u>£1,554</u>	<u>£17,084</u>	
2	<u>Biodiversity Schemes & Grants</u>				
	· Dark Skies Campaign	£5,000			22/23 £500 been agreed Clean River Kent route
	· 2nd Round of Biodiversity Grants	£6,000	£1,000		
	· New Projects TBC	£10,400			
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>£21,400</u>	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>£21,400</u>	
3	<u>20mph</u>	<u>£19,400</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£19,400</u>	
4	<u>Cycling & Walking</u>	22/23 Budget			
	· Footpath Quality Audit	£12,000			
	· Kirkbarrow Connections	£15,000			
	· - Cllr Long Contribution	£2,000			
	· - Cllr Severn Contribution				
	· Signage Improvements for Footpath & Cycle	£4,000			
	· Kendal Castle Pump Track	£4,000	£2,000		
	· LCRP 22/23 Cont.	£5,000			
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>£42,000</u>	<u>£2,000</u>	<u>£42,000</u>	
5	<u>Public Realm Improvements</u>	22/23 Budget			
	· Nobles Rest	£5,000			Windermere Road Railings removed as now covered by CCC, added to TBC project pot.
	· Further Ivy Screening Projects	£2,000			
	· New Projects TBC	£4,000			
	· - Woolpack yard				
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>£11,000</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£11,000</u>	
6	<u>River Connectivity</u>				
	· FRSWG Connectivity Scheme	£15,000	£130	£15,000	CB Tot Pot £180 2024??
	· FRSWG Connectivity Scheme (Reserve Pot)				
7	<u>Green Space Improvements</u>	22/23 Budget			
	· Fletcher Park	£607			To add back this Budget line, but move from Biodiversity to Green Spaces, this is the unspent Funds from 21/22
	· Bowling Fell Improvement Project	£7,000			
	· Serpentine Woods Alphabet Trail Maint	£1,000			Helen £5k agreed - Increasing Play provision at Serpentine Woods Limestone Topstones & Nobles Rest Wall
	· Fellside Play Provision	£5,000			
	· New Projects TBC	£11,000	£650		
	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>£24,607</u>	<u>£650</u>	<u>£24,607</u>	
<u>Total Action Plans</u>		<u>£150,491</u>	<u>£5,334</u>	<u>£150,491</u>	

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<u>ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS</u>		<u>22/23 Budget</u> <u>HM</u>	<u>Exp to Date</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
<u>New Infrastructure & Main</u>	<u>22/23 Budget</u>	£8,166	£45		£7366+£800 (Defib)
	. Oxenholme Signage Improvements	£500			CLlr Rathbone Contribution
		£300			Bench Contribution
	. SLDC Signage Improvements		£3,000		
<u>Infrastructure Maintenance</u>					
	. Infrastructure Maint	£1,893	£2,012		Assumes £3426 + £180 (woolpack Yard) exp in 21/22
	. CCTV/Defib Maint	£2,300			Combined into one budget line and to cover SID maintenance too.
<u>SLDC Service Charges</u>					
	. Footway Lighting	£3,751			
	. Somervell Annual Maint	£500		-£500	Trans to Reserves as no longer charged
	. Bins	£2,650	£1,254		
<u>Total E&H</u>		<u>£20,060</u>	<u>£6,311</u>	<u>£19,560</u>	

Kendal Town Council

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 06
Description: Budget Proposals 2022-23	

Background

Following a meeting with the Clerk and Finance Officer, the following actions discussed at September's Committee (1&2) meeting need to be formally resolved to be actions. Proposal three relates to the current four handrail projects approved by Councillors at previous meetings raised by Cllr Sutton and Cllr Archibald.

Proposal

1. The virement of £3,000 Windermere Road Railings allocation to the Ivy Screens budget allocation (following CCC commitment to fund railings improvements)
2. The rewording of budget headings to CCTV / Defib / SID
3. The virement of £500 Infrastructure Maintenance to New Infrastructure – To cover shortfall in current New Infrastructure Budget to meet the quotes of x4 handrails at Fountain Brow, Triangle Community Garden, The Crack and Vicarage Drive.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 07
Description: Budget Proposals 2023-24	

Background

The Committee must make a proposal for its budget requirements for the coming financial year. The majority of its projects are funded from the Development Fund, and are therefore in earmarked funds which have already been accounted for in the Council's finances (see previous item), however there are a number of basic items which also require consideration. Any additional spending must be funded through the precept or from some other source.

Proposal

Item		Existing 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24	% of previous year
New infrastructure and maintenance		8,166*	1,000	98%
Infrastructure Maintenance	Maintenance	1,893	2,000	105%
	CCTV, SID and Defib	2,300	3,000	130%
SLDC service charges	Footway lighting	3,751	4,200	112%
	Somervell Gdn	500	0	0
	Bins	2,650	3,000	113%
		20,060	13,200	64%

*included money brought forward from previous years

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Agenda Item 8

Project Update – November 2022

E&H Budget Heading	Project title	Progress	Partners	Red Amber Green Progress	Additional Notes
New Infrastructure (£5,600 available)	Street Signage Improvements	Audit complete and shared with SLDC. Funding transferred and improvements in progress.	SLDC	Complete	SLDC to share before and after pictures for inclusion in next KTC newsletter.
	Happy to Chat Benches	Proposal at June E&H.	KTC	Complete	Installed outside Town Hall, Barclays, Library, Nobles Rest, Iluvmemost, Somervell Gdns. A few have been damaged and will be replaced and an audit needs to be redone.
	Handrail at 'The Crack' Kirkland	Quotes received, cheapest = £350 – permission now obtained from 48 Kirkland & 1 Kirkbarrow Lane	Residents, Kendal Civic Society	In development	TBC, see proposal – aiming for installation Jan 23
	Handrail at Fountain Brow	Quotes received, cheapest = £3,320 Permission obtained from SLDC. Quotes to follow now permission is secured.		In development	TBC, see proposal – aiming for installation Jan 23
	Handrail at Triangle Community Garden	Quotes received, cheapest = £560 Approved by Councillors (September E&H)	Garden Community Group	In development	TBC, see proposal – aiming for installation Jan 23
	Handrail at Vicarage Drive	Quotes received, cheapest = £1500 Permission obtained from SLDC. Quotes to follow now permission is secured.		In development	TBC, see proposal – aiming for installation Jan 23
	Kendal Castle signage at the Castle	Heritage Officer tasked with locating whilst organising storage room following move.	n/a	In development	
	Nobles Rest signage at M&S	Quote received and reviewed.	M&S	Complete	

		Commissioned Matthew Richardson & Ormrod to design and install.			
	Signage from Oxenholme to Kendal (Cllr Rathbone Locality budget)	Site Visit Complete with Councilors and Avanti completed. Avanti willing to install vinyls at various locations, production and design costs to be covered by KTC.	tbc	In development	Cllr Rathbone £500 contribution to cover this.
	Additional SIDs	On hold until 20mph boundary is known.			
Infrastructure Maintenance (£1,593 available)	Explore Kendal Signage Refresh	Finalised quote received £2209.20. Progress in next FY.	n/a	Next FY 23/24	
	Ivy Screening KTC logos	Installed in July.	n/a	Complete	KTC crest stickers installed in July
	Research to improve signage mix and improvement options at Abbot Hall car park	City scape questions sent to SLDC – awaiting response to gather info for funding request for next FY.	SLDC, CCC & Lakeland Arts	Next FY 23/24	
	Green finger posts (x3) refresh	Quote requested – awaiting response to gather info for funding request for next FY.	n/a	In development	Moved back into in development following Explore Kendal refresh costs.
	Sepulchre and Serpentine Road handrail repaint	Painted 2 nd September by Ian Penney.	SLDC	Complete	
	Sepulchre Road handrail near Fellside Centre	Gathering quotes to complete.	SLDC	In development	
	Thorny Hills barrier repaint	Quotes received beyond current budget - gather info for funding request for next FY.	CCC	Next FY 23/24	
	Undercliff Railings improvements	Further information received, quotes to be researched.	tbc	In development	Clarity required re location in order to progress.
	Dockray Bench	A local blacksmith has been contacted and arranged to view the bench with Pierre in order to provide a restoration quote.	tbc	In development	
	Zero Carbon Kendal Website	New blog posts and case studies added	Various	Complete	Instagram established, FB feed and name organised,

Climate Change (£7,084 unallocated)					targets set, see update paper.
	Citizens' Jury Recommendation monitoring	New format agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring dashboard report of recommendation progress from KTC and relevant partners in development. - Annual informal reunion for former Jury members organised for the 29th of September. - ZCCP Local Authority Officer group attended. 	Various	In development	Annual reunion complete. ZCCP meetings attended.
	Jury Supporter Engagement	Next newsletter in development. Jury supporters to be invited to SGH events.	n/a	In development	
	Festival Engagement	Dark Skies integrated into Switch On event, action posted created to raise awareness.	Dark Skies Cumbria, Kendal Mountain Festival, public	Complete	
	Solar Made Easy Kendal	Questionnaire formatted in partnership with CAFs and sent to initial cluster of 119 resident who registered their interest. 44 completed and returned questionnaires to CAFs. Quotes from vetted suppliers are in progress. Meeting with SLDC planning department complete with support form Cllr Archibald, step by step planning guide for Solar Made Easy cluster in development. Kendal College staffing changes have stalled progress, Bay Solar Wind update required following various introductions. Kendal Futures included info in latest newsletter, Kendal BID tbc.	CAFS, residents and business owners.	In development	
	Waste into Wellbeing (£10,000 per year for three years agreed)	See update paper.	SLACC, Stricklandgate House	In development	

	Electric Cargo Bike	£500 grant processed and SLACC trail complete. Discussion with SLACC re potential to utilise a cargo bike for allotment surplus to be transported to Stricklandgate House for Kendal Peoples Café.		In development	
Biodiversity Schemes & Grants (£10,400 unallocated)	Somervell Wild Flowers	Pierre attended Wildflower Training. Mowing completed as per training instructions.	CCC	Complete	
	Dark Skies Campaign (£5000 allocated)	Lighting audit of KTC lamps conducted with Jack Ellerby (FLD) & Mike Monaghan (Light Library) 9 th Aug. Awaiting a proposal to outline suggested improvements to KTC owned lighting. Awareness raising at Mountain & Sky Switch on Event integrated.	Friends of the Lake District	In development	
	2 nd round of biodiversity grants (£6,000 allocated)	Manna House grant processed. Instagram post created and shared.	Clean River Kent Group. Manna House.	Ongoing	
	Biodiversity Policy	Policy updated as per Councillor requests. Staff training event arranged for the end of November to help embed policy into all projects and initiatives.		In development	
20mph (£19,400 available)	20mph	Feedback received and discussed with CCC. Additional data collection required, see budget proposal.	CCC	In development	
Cycling & Walking	Footpath Improvements (£29,000 allocated)	Audit complete. Three priority paths identified and agreed at September's E&H. 1. Vicarage Drive to Echo barn Hill 2. Collinfield Lane to Vicarage Drive	tbc	In development	Proposal following further research and quotes to be presented at January's committee meeting.

		<p>3. St Thomas' School access</p> <p>Community meetings completed with Residents Associations, Councillors and local schools (Governors and Teachers) and members of the public to confirm priority actions.</p> <p>Next steps include arranging quotes for improvements discussed with community members.</p>			
	Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth improvements £2000 allocated from Cllr Long.	Quotes in progress to improve drainage.		In development	
	Signage improvements for footpaths and cycle paths (£4,000 allocated)	Spend to be informed by above.	tbc		
	Kendal Castle Pumptrack (£2,000 remaining)	Visual complete for Kendal Castle, planning permission approved for football pitch in the same area. Search for alternative sites ongoing.	Velosolutions	In development	
	LCRP contribution (£5000 allocated)	No request to draw down to date. SLDC officer offered to present background overview to new KTC representatives. New chair and Project Manager recruitment in development.	LCRP		
Public Realm Improvements	Windermere Road Railings improvements (£3000 re-allocated into Public Realm funding tbc at committee meeting)	Cumbria County Council have agreed to replace the broken railings in the standard colour.	CCC	Complete	
	Further Ivy Screening Projects (£3000 allocated)	Potential locations review in progress including Windermere Road outside The Union, Sandes Avenue at Victoria bridge crossing.	CCC	In development	Proposal to be presented at January committee.

	Woolpack Yard	New planters installed following successful Welcome Back Funding application. New trees now installed.	SLDC and Continental	Complete	
	Ivy Screenings	Ivy screenings complete at Blackhall Road & Longpool. KTC Crest stickers installed.	CCC	Complete	Concern that have turned red, conversations with supplier underway.
River Connectivity	Mintsfeet connectivity (£30,000 allocated)	Purchase request with solicitors.	Landowner	In development	
Green Spaces Improvements (£11,000 unallocated)	Bowling Fell Improvement Project (£7000 allocated)	n/a	SLDC		Scope for multiple improvements with landowner collaboration.
	Serpentine Woods Alphabet Trail (£1000 allocated)	See attached paper.	Fellside Forum	In development	
	Serpentine Woods Natural Play Provision (£5000 allocated)	Successful Sizergh 'Wild Trail' visit complete with Forum Members and Kendal Conservation Volunteers. Play design competition devised and launched in partnership with Ghyllside School. Site Visit (9 th Nov) with partners to review design ideas and locations and discuss next steps.	SLDC, Fellside Forum, Kendal Conservation Volunteers, National Trust	In development	Site assessed. Next steps: engage with SLDC
	Nobles Rest community growing space	SLDC currently assessing the transfer of the former play area to KTC to develop additional growing space. Action to chase again.	SLDC		
	Gooseholme ASB improvements	A range of measures agreed with SLDC following completion of bridge and flood defense works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCTV signage - Toilet signage - Putting green boundary improvements (SLDC to lead) - Public Spaces Protection Order (SLDC to lead) 	SLDC and Cumbria Constabulary.		

E&H - 14 November 2022		- Assess Marshall option once site is accessible and ASB levels have been reviewed.			Page 23 of 39
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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 09
Description: Nobles Rest	

Background

In 2018 Kendal Town Council allocated £5000 to support a Kendal Civic Society initiative to create a new entrance to Nobles Rest from Library Road.

Kendal Civic Society have not been granted planning permission from SLDC to proceed this project for the following reasons:

- Identified Legal Issues and Ownership of Nobles Rest: Nobles Rest is held by the Council on trust. It is not uncommon for open spaces and recreational grounds to be held on trust by the Council and for such trusts to dictate how the land is to be used – i.e. objects of the trust.
- The Council as corporate trustee is obliged to act in best interests of the trust and to comply with its objects. A trustee board assists the Council in deciding matters relating to trust land. That board are advised at the start of the meeting that they are to make decisions and act in a way which is in the best interests of the Trust and in accordance with the Trust's objects.
- In this case the Trust deed relating to Nobles Rest is very clear and specific as to the terms of the Trust. It states, the Council, "will not allow any other entrance to be made to Maude's Meadow" other than entrance(s) created by Mary Noble to access Swine Parrock provided that such entrances are created prior to 1930.
- Nobles Rest has several points of access already. These are Low Fellside entrance which is joined by the path behind Marks and Spencer's and drops into the park just below Swine Parrock. The main entrance is at Maude Street. The entrance leading up through Town View Field which takes you onto Windermere Road or crossing the meadow and up some steps onto Town View. Then there is an entrance by the Allotments to Town View Hostel.
- Creation of additional entrances was clearly a concern at the date the land was entrusted to the Council (1929). Given the above and in light of the Council's duty to comply with the terms of the Trust, the legal advice to the Council is that an additional entrance to Nobles Rest should not be approved for the reasons above.
- It is, of course, possible to vary the terms of the trust with Charity Commission's consent/approval. However, such a process would be prolonged and resource

intensive (officer time and expense) with no guarantee of success. The Council would need to be very persuasive and have compelling reasons for seeking to vary the terms of the trust with the Charity Commission. This is not a course of action to be undertaken lightly with public monies. Expenditure must be proportionate to the benefit gained. In light of the above, the legal advice to the Council is not to embark upon seeking a change in the terms of the trust at this time unless resources are available to pursue the matter and unless the Council can provide compelling reasons for an additional access point – when 4 access points already exist and serve Nobles Rest.

Proposal

Kendal Civic Society are proposing to redirect allocated Locally Important Project funding from the entrance initiative towards the creation of an additional path to the monument in the middle of Nobles Rest.

A path to the central monument was part of the original Nobles Rest redesign however SLDC did not have the funds to include it at the time.

Kendal Civic Society would like the Town Council's £5000 allocation to also be reallocated to support the creation of a new path to the monument.

Design detail has been requested from SLDC.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 10
Description: Serpentine Alphabet Trail	

Background

Following the closure of the small play area at Nobles Rest Councilors agreed to support alternative play spaces nearby to serve the families of that area. Councilors agreed to fund additional Natural Play at Serpentine Woods and to support the maintenance of the existing alphabet trail.

Kendal Conservation Volunteers maintain and replace the sculptures.

Proposal

1. Kendal Conservation Volunteers to utilise £1000 allocated contribution to repair and replace several the alphabet trail sculptures as listed below following a recent condition audit.
2. Consider supporting Kendal Conservation volunteers with a redesign and reprint of the existing alphabet trail leaflet.

Serpentine Sculpture Trail Review 20 October 2022

Letter	Condition	Work required	Who & what
ABC	Sculpture good condition. Tree stump rotting but good for a while.	No work required at present.	N/A
ACORN	Surface damage and some cracking through moss/fungi.	Needs a soft brush to remove algae, moss and fungi. When surface dry, treat with a coat of linseed oil	• KCV to clean & treat

BUTTERFLY	Good condition. Repaired and resuspended in 2021 to allow access and servicing from the ground. Work done by KCV + Arborist + welder; funded by Kendal Civic Society & Fellside Forum	No work required	N/A
CENTIPEDE	Needs replacement oak peg legs. Tree heavily decayed and at risk of collapsing.	Dismount from existing tree using ladder; repair legs; mount in original manner but on the healthy sycamore on the left c.50m before. Ladder accessible height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCV to recover, repair & mount on new tree
DEER	Good condition.	<p>Re-mount at ladder accessible height. Needs a soft brush to remove algae, moss and fungi. When surface dry, treat with a coat of linseed oil.</p> <p>Tree to be monolithed by SLDC?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arborist to re-mount lower on trunk • KCV to clean & treat
EAGLE	Recovered from windblown tree and in good condition. New eagle commissioned from Jim O'Reilly and installed in 2021. Work done by KCV + Arborist; funded by Kendal Civic Society (£232.30) & Fellside Forum (£)	Resuspend from the healthy large beech on the left by the Wishing Well. Arborist required to climb and fit anchors and pulley block. Mount to allow access and servicing from the ground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCV to clean up Eagle • KCV to install ring screw in trunk • Arborist to suspend • Longer cabling required • Additional stainless steel cable clamps
FAIRY	New wooden Fairy made by KCV and installed on tree behind Wishing Well.	No suitable trees to suspend a Fairy from. Commission new stainless steel Fairy and mount into the bedrock just above the Wishing Well? Needs to be robust and secure to reduce risk of vandalism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCV to commission sculptor • KCV to install
GATE	Good condition. Hinges have been repaired previously.	Track up past the Gate is steep and slippery. Install a feature flight of small steps (c.22)? Wood or stone - to explore?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCV to explore possibilities?

HERON	Sculpture collapsed and needs replacing	Commission new galvanised steel (to maintain 'grey' colouration) 'standing silhouette' Heron on perch, to be secured to the original tree. Secure at ladder accessible and more easily viewed height.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arborist to remove original sculpture and fittings • Commission sculptor • KCV to install Heron • Materials
IVY	Sculpture cracked into two by falling large tree. Tree lying on the sculpture.	Recover sculpture from under the tree. Remove upper section of the tree trunk. Excavate new path edge site for sculpture and install it on a reinforced concrete bed, bonding/sealing the two halves together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCV to repair • Materials (KCV) <p>COMPLETED</p>
JINGLE BELLS	Sculpture missing one bell but looks OK. KCV replaced the cabling in 2021.	No work required at present.	N/A
KITE	Sculpture damaged in the storm.	Recover the Kite and re-weld/repair. Reinstall at ladder accessible height on same tree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arborist to recover Kite • KCV & welder to repair • KCV to mount on tree
LADYBIRD	Body and bench in OK conditions. Ladybird legs disappeared several years ago	Needs a soft brush to remove algae from the Ladybird. When surface dry, treat with a coat of linseed oil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCV to clean & treat
MAGPIE	Branch perch damaged in storm and removed by SLDC. Magpie recovered but needs cleaning up, welding repair and repainting.	Re-weld and repair magpie, including adding a perch mount to secure to the tree trunk. Clean and repaint Magpie. Mount on at ladder accessible and more easily viewed height.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welder to repair and add new mount • KCV to treat and paint • KCV to remount the Magpie
NEST	Two nests, most recent created and installed by KCV. Both in good condition.	No work required	N/A
OWL	Owl in good condition. Tree has very advanced decay.	Recover Owl and install on the healthy beech on the left just beyond. Mount on the trunk at ladder accessible height.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCV to recover, treat and make new 'perch' mounting. • KCV to install on new tree
PHEASANT (PEACOCK?)	Needs to be replaced. Pheasant has had its head knocked off several times, repaired by KCV. Body and tail are now badly decayed. Poor phonetically.	Replace with high-backed oak seat with a Peacock engraving. Seat secured into bedrock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree sculpture • Commission sculptor • KCV to install

QUESTION MARK	Good condition.	No work required	N/A
RAT	Good condition. Some surface decay and cracking.	Needs a soft brush to remove algae from the Rat. When surface dry, treat with a coat of linseed oil.	• KCV to clean & treat
SPIDER	Good condition.	No work required	N/A
TUNNEL	Good condition. Reconstructed by KCV a few years ago.	Foam protector around rim at entrances needs repairing.	• KCV to repair
UMBRELLA	Good condition. Repaired by KCV a few years ago.	No work required at present.	N/A
VIOLET	Good condition. Replacement sculpture created and installed by KCV a few years ago.	Stain the violet flower a violet colour? When surface dry, treat with linseed oil.	• KCV to stain & treat
WIND CHIMES	Good condition. Moved and installed in current tree by SLDC when previous tree was felled.	No work required	N/A
XYLOPHONE	OK condition. Previously repaired by KCV.	Needs a soft brush to remove algae from the Xylophone. When surface dry, treat with a coat of linseed oil. Secure a hammer to the Xylophone using stainless cable and clamps - replace hammer when needed.	• KCV to clean & treat • KCV to provide and secure hammer
YO-YO	Good condition. KCV replaced original Yo-Yo with a new one. Resuspended from a new tree to enable access and servicing from the ground	New oak Yo-Yo being made by KCV and will be installed.	• KCV to complete & install new Yo-Yo.
ZIGZAG	New ZigZag sculpture (the original prize-winning design) created in the Dancing Green in June 2022 to replace the Zebra. Funded by Kendal Civic Society (£400) and Kendal Conservation Volunteers (£95). Installed by KCV.	Remove Zebra.	• KCV to remove Zebra

Costings			
Who/what	Items	Days	Estimated cost
Arborist	Re-mount Deer at ladder accessible height Install Eagle in new tree Dismount Heron Dismount Kite Dismount Owl	1 day	£140 - £170
Welder (including materials)	Repair & modify Kite Repair & modify Magpie	2hrs	£50
Sculptors (including materials)	New Fairy	1 day	£250
	New Heron	1 day	£250 plus galvanising
	New Peacock (high-backed oak seat with peacock engraving)	££	££
Materials	Stainless cable clamps Stainless coach screws Stainless 10mm ring screws for safe ladder working Wood preservative Linseed oil Fixings for Peacock bench		c.£150
KCV	Clean & treat wooden sculptures (Acorn, Deer, Magpie, Owl (new mount), Rat)	2 days	In kind
KCV	Re-install sculptures (Centipede, Deer, Eagle, Kite, Magpie, Owl, Yo-Yo)	2 days/2 people	In kind
KCV	Install replacement sculptures (Fairy, Heron)	1 day/2 people	In kind
KCV	Install replacement sculptures (Peacock)	1 day/4 people	In kind
Fellside Forum/Kendal Town Council?	Revise & reprint Alphabet Sculpture Trail Leaflet		??

Kendal Town Council

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 11
Description: Sustainability Hub	

Background

Following the Kendal Climate Change Citizens Jury recommendation to develop a town center hub where access to information and resources about climate change are available to residents, the Town Council in partnership with South Lakes on Action Change and Stricklandgate House have been developing options to combine the Hub with the expansion of both Waste into Wellbeing and Stricklandgate House.

Progress

- An Memorandum of Understanding between Stricklandgate House and their tenants Waste into Wellbeing is in development to outline the how the kitchen and café will be managed and rental terms.
- A feasibility study of the required building alterations is underway. The alterations include creating a new entrance, an enhanced professional kitchen area and Kendal Peoples Café in a visible town centre location. The required phases / action of the building alterations are outlined below;
 - Kitchen Installation
 - External Stores and Larders
 - Demolition of the wall between future kitchen and café
 - Creation of café space
 - Entrance improvements
- A funding proposal to the Shared Prosperity Fund has been submitted, if successful this will enable the employment of a hub coordinator, an outdoor refrigeration unit (to create additional café space) and a contribution towards creating a professional kitchen. The conditions of the Shared Prosperity Funding are to engage 350 people in activities that address the cost of living, or redistribution of wealth, crisis and raise Climate Change awareness. This

target will be achieved via exiting Waste into Wellbeing activity and additional events including;

- **Hub shaping event** (Partners and public to inform the Hub's name, purpose and its look and feel)
 - **Solar Made Easy Kendal** – planning support event
 - **Carbon Literacy Training**
 - **Meet the sustainability expert** – a round table event to meet a range of experts to support reductions.
- The Town Councils funding allocation will be allocated to a specific part of the initiative once the outcome of the Shared Prosperity funding is known.
- A Business Plan is in development to confirm how the Hub will integrate into Stricklandgate House's long term overarching vision.
- The Chair and Vice Chair of E&H Committee together with Town Council Clerk have completed a Tour of Stricklandgate House on the 7th of November.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 12
Description: Zero Carbon Kendal	

Background

Following the Kendal Climate Change Citizens Jury, Councilors endorsed the proposal to create a Zero Carbon Kendal website to celebrate positive action, provide useful information on Climate Change action and encourage more people to make carbon reductions. The site features many local businesses, organisations and residents.

Update

In order to generate additional content and drive people to view the site, a Zero Carbon Kendal Instagram page has been created.

The Instagram page has the following targets:

- Create a post per week that features a Kendal business or individual actively reducing carbon
- Contact, encourage and support local businesses to create blogs for the website. Promote blogs on Instagram, tagging relevant businesses and attracting more followers.

The Instagram page was launched at the end of September and reached 253 people in October.

The Instagram page is linked to the Citizen Jury Facebook page so content is shared across two platforms.

The Chair and Vice Chair agreed to fund, via the Zero Carbon Kendal budget line, the installation of a newsletter feed and preview of Instagram posts on the Zero Carbon Kendal website. This approach ensures all three platforms are visibly connected which drives both content and engagement.

The Projects Officer, supported by the Development Manager, will create the Instagram posts utilizing the software Meta which allows forward planning of posts. The Projects Officer can manage associated tasks, including generating blogs from local businesses, within 4 hours per week. The benefits are increased engagement,

a key recommendations from the Citizens Jury, and a growing following ready to help promote and launch the sustainability hub when ready.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Projects Officer	Agenda No: 13
Description: Biodiversity Project Funding Proposals	

Summary

The committee is asked to consider three biodiversity proposals:

- 1) Living Roof Bus Shelters (£2500)
- 2) Wildflowers at Kendal Green (£500)
- 3) Fruit tree espaliers and willow screening at Dean Gibson School (£300)

Current Biodiversity New Projects TBC Budget is £10,400

Remaining biodiversity budget if all three projects and recommendations are approved £7,100

1) Living Roof Bus Shelters

Living Roof bus shelters (also known as ‘Bee Bus Stops’, or ‘Buzz Stops’) are bus shelters with a green roof, usually planted with a mix of wildflowers and sedum plants. Following the installation of 319 such shelters in the Dutch city of Utrecht in 2019, these have grown in popularity and can now be found across the UK.

Living Roof bus stops can offer a range of benefits by contributing to:

- Increased biodiversity, by providing food and shelter for pollinators
- Flood alleviation, by reducing stormwater run off
- Alleviation of the Urban Heat Island effect, by returning water to the atmosphere via evapotranspiration
- Increased air quality, by filtering particulate matter and producing oxygen
- Improved public realm
- Increased awareness of the climate and biodiversity crises and the Council’s mitigation actions
- Improved perceptions of buses as a mode of transport

These benefits can be used to best effect in the busiest urban areas, where green spaces are otherwise lacking. The following KTC owned shelter is in such a location:

- Blackhall Road - stop F1 (opposite bus station)

Initial research indicates that this bus shelter was originally installed by Euroshel.

Quote options

- a. Euroshel (supplier of original bus shelter)
 - 6 bay replacement shelter: £24,750
 - Sedum retrofit roof: £1700 per bay, (x 6 bays) £10,200
 - Installation: £1695
 - Delivery: £295
 - Total cost to convert Blackhall Rd bus shelter: £36,940

- b. Retrofit, using a green roof supplier's installation services (similar to approach taken by Kettering Town Council)
 - Fitting green roofs to the existing structure rather than making changes to the structure itself making it significantly cheaper.
 - Sedum matting and substrate £380
 - Edging £217.50
 - Load testing £tbc
 - Installation ~£1000
 - Total cost to convert Blackhall Rd bus shelter: Approx £2500 (load testing costings and installation cost confirmation required)

- c. Investigate options for partnership with Clear Channel, which has installed and maintains green roof bus shelters in Southampton, Leicester, Brighton, Cardiff and Glasgow, at no cost to the local councils.

Maintenance considerations for Living Roof bus shelters:

- A visual inspection every two months during the first year is recommended
- Subsequently, a visual inspection every six months should be sufficient
- An annual weeding is required (to remove tree seedlings etc.)
- Plants used for green roofs are drought tolerant, but in unusually dry weather can benefit from supplementary watering

2) Kendal Green wildflowers

Background:

At September's committee meeting the ambition to increase biodiversity at Kendal Green was raised. Following a site visit with the Townscape Manager, suitable areas to introduce wildflowers have been identified. Landowner permission has been granted by SLDC.

Proposal:

To introduce wildflowers (using a combination of wildflower turf, as used as Somervell Garden, and seeded compost), at the Windermere Rd end of Kendal Green at a cost of approx. £500.

3) Dean Gibson Fruit Trees and Willow Screening**Background:**

Dean Gibson School grounds are adjacent to Collinfield Lane, a well-used footpath. Dean Gibson representatives (Head Teacher and Governor) attended the recent Kirkbarrow Footpath meeting. To provide privacy to children using the school's Prayer Garden, and to increase biodiversity and educational benefit, the school has requested funding for fruit trees and willow to plant along the fence line.

Proposal:

Source and supply suitable fruit trees and willow to provide privacy screening for pupils, increase biodiversity and increase educational opportunities. £300.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 14
Description: 20mph	

Background

Kendal Town Council have been long standing champions of 20mph speed limits in Kendal to increase safety and reduce pollution.

Following the commission of a feasibility study, the Council have liaised with Cumbria County Council and formed a working group to produce possible boundaries of town wide 20mph speed limit.

Update

- Kendal Town Councillors created a 2nd draft following CCC initial boundary proposal.
- The 2nd draft was considered at length via a meeting with CCC.
- The proposed approach remains a phased initiative. The first stage creates a sign only 20mph zone where possible. An extended stage two can be progressed when additional funding for traffic calming measures is available.
- It has been agreed that in order to marginally extend initial boundaries in some cases, additional data is required. Kendal Town Council will be asked to contribute to this data collection activity, utilising the current 20mph budget.
- The data collection will be completed by February 2023.
- Westmorland and Furness will be asked to approve and contribute towards the scheme in March ready for formal consultation to begin in July 2023.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th November
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 15
Description: Carbon Literacy Training	

Background

Cumbria Action For Sustainability (CAfS) deliver Carbon Literacy Training. The training enables learners to confidently talk about Climate Change and encourages participants to pledge actions they can take to reduce their carbon footprint both personally and professionally.

CAfS are delivering the Going Green Together initiative which helps third sector organisations in Cumbria and the North East reduce carbon. Secured funding enables the training to be delivered at half price £69 per delegate however this cost is still a barrier for many third sector organisations with limited training budgets.

A key recommendation of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens Jury was to raise awareness via education and to educate Councillors on Climate Change to integrate positive action into every decision.

Proposal

Kendal Town Council to support 5 Kendal based organisations to receive the funding for free at a cost of £345 via grants to the organisations who register.

Kendal Town Council to consider if Councillors would find Carbon Literacy training beneficial.

Current budget in the Climate Change New Projects TBC allocation is £1,519.