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9 May 2023

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, 15 May 2023, at 7.30 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

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on 13 March 2023 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record (see attached).

5. Minute Action Sheet

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

6. Verbal Reports from Outside Bodies

To receive verbal updates from Natural Kendal and others.

7. Project Update Report

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

8. Environment and Highways Budget 2023/24 and Development Budget 2023/24

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

9. New Infrastructure Proposals

To receive a proposal regarding potential infrastructure investments via Community Infrastructure Levy applications (see attached).

10. Infrastructure Maintenance Proposals

To receive a proposal regarding infrastructure maintenance (see attached).

11. Oxenholme Signage Proposal

To approve quotes received for Oxenholme Signage improvements (see attached).

12. Biodiversity Grant Application

To consider a grant application for the Biodiversity Fund (see attached).

13. Biodiversity Policy

To review the Biodiversity Policy (see attached).

14. Footpath Improvements

To consider the prioritisation of audited footpaths (see attached) (the Appendix to this report is appended at the end of the Agenda).

15. Citizens Jury Recommendation Review

To consider and review progress against Citizen jury recommendations and consider next focus area considering current resources (see attached).

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Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 13 March 2023, at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair)	Apologies	Cllr S Blunden	Apologies
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 7.02 p.m. between consideration of Agendas Items Nos. 4 (Minutes of the Last Meeting) and 5 (Presentation from Clean River Kent Campaign).

** Arrived at 7.03 p.m. during consideration of Agenda Item No. 5 (Presentation from Clean River Kent Campaign).

In attendance: Democratic Services Assistant (Inge Booth), Projects Officer (Anne-Marie Sanderson), Development and Delivery Manager (Helen Watson-Moriarty), Cllr D Rathbone (in respect of Agenda Item no.6 (Oxenholme Signage), Sheila Adam and Carole Wood (Clean River Kent Campaign), and one member of the public (Duncan Pollard from South Lakes Action on Climate Change).

E59/2022 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs G Archibald and S Blunden.

E60/2022 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Russell declared an interest in Agenda Item No.10 (Climate Hub) by virtue of the fact that he was a Trustee of Stricklandgate House.

E61/2022 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

E62/2022 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 January 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

E63/2022 Presentation from Clean River Kent Campaign

Carole Wood and Sheila Adam of the Clean River Kent Campaign addressed the Committee, explaining that the group was a coalition of communities living along the River Kent, in Staveley, Burneside and Kendal, established in Autumn 2021 (a copy of a powerpoint presentation had been circulated to Members for information prior to the

meeting). The aim of the group was to keep the River Kent clean for water-based recreation and to protect ecology and wildlife. The Campaign's objectives were to:-

- reduce the amount of effluent discharged into the River Kent from a variety of sources;
- ensure that wastewater treatment facilities met:-
 - current needs;
 - the needs of new housing development; and
 - the additional pressures which would result from climate change;
- work with people and organisations who used the river;
- work with local councils, organisations and potential funders; and
- protect the ecology and wildlife of the River Kent.

The Committee was informed on how the Campaign was established, how it engaged with the community and on recruitment of and working with volunteers.

Highlighted was work carried out by the Campaign during 2022, including a recent application to DEFRA for bathing status at Staveley Recreation Ground, which had sadly been unsuccessful. Also provided were details on surveys which had been carried out and on the outcome of river water quality monitoring. Results showed that at every location tested, the levels of both e-coli and enterococcus were unacceptably high, and would be rated by the Environment Agency as poor. Additional observations had been made, details of which were provided.

The Committee was informed of the Campaign's plans for 2023 around practical citizen science projects with its volunteer group, more visible and effective local campaigning and developing stronger networks of local organisations within Cumbria and beyond.

Reference was made to the Campaign's budget, including on funding received so far and on applications yet to be made to other organisations, including Kendal Town Council. Funding would be used for programme co-ordination, practical citizen science projects / volunteer activities, genetic testing and partnership working and campaigning.

Both Carole and Sheila responded to questions raised by Members, who thanked and commended them for both their presentation and their work. In response to a question by the Chair, the Committee was advised that the Campaign's application to Kendal Town Council for a grant was imminent. The Chair suggested that the group might first discuss the matter with Cllr G Archibald on an informal basis and find out if there was anything that the Council could do with regard to lobbying on the issue. The Chair further proposed, with the grant application being imminent and the next scheduled meeting of the Committee not being until May, that he and the Vice-Chair be authorised to sign off the application, up to a maximum of £1,000.

Resolved: The Chair and Vice-Chair be authorised to consider and sign off the forthcoming grant application from the Clean River Kent Campaign, up to a maximum of £1,000.

E64/2022 Oxenholme Signage

Cllr D Rathbone addressed the Committee on various issues at Oxenholme station including the lack of information regarding its proximity to Kendal and the lack of visibility regarding how to easily access Kendal. He explained that he was present at the meeting, partly due to a perception that Oxenholme had been forgotten and also due to the fact that Oxenholme Station belied the fact that this was the entrance to Kendal. He stressed the need to signpost Kendal to those coming to the Town.

Cllr Rathbone reported that since the papers for this meeting had been sent out and published, he had attended a Community Rail Partnership Meeting at which Avanti had been present. He was pleased to draw attention to the fact that he had been able to make arrangements for the installation of a water fountain at the station, with a £500 contribution from Avanti, together with a sum of £500 from his own South Lakeland District Council locality budget.

In response to a query, Cllr Rathbone indicated that Oxenholme residents were keen for changes to be made, with visitors often heading up the hill into Oxenholme in error and also with the main problem being issues with parking in the village by rail users.

The Development and Delivery Manager presented the report which explained that the current Visit Kendal advertisements were easily missed.

The Committee was informed that new infrastructure funding had previously been reserved for handrail installation, however, that following site visits and contractor advice, it had become apparent that those projects were beyond Kendal Town Council's remit and capacity creating surplus funding to support this initiative.

It was proposed that, using the skills of the Kendal brand designer, a vibrant display be created, similar to the Kirkland flags to promote Kendal and the walking, bus and train access options from Oxenholme in the entrance tunnel near the bus stop. The display would be created using vinyl wraps on the existing white surface, sealed with an ultra-hard wearing crystal matt laminate.

It was further proposed to utilise the existing University of Cumbria signs by installing new vinyl wraps highlighting the Kendal brand and the visit Kendal website via a simple brand design on a vibrant green background. Additional phases could be added to upgrade the Kendal College art work in the next financial year.

The Development and Delivery Manager informed the Committee on the costs of the proposals, with the total budget being £3,514 (remaining new infrastructure balance and Cllr Rathbone's contribution).

Timescales were dependent on Avanti partnership working, which was strong but not guaranteed. Therefore, it was being proposed that the Committee vire the sum of £3,514 from the new infrastructure budget to the Public Realm allocated budget within the Development Fund.

Suggestions raised from the floor were for the inclusion of maps, information on buses, mention of the Citizens' Jury and the fact that Kendal was an Anti-Racist Town.

Resolved: To vire the figure of £3,514 new Infrastructure to the Public Realm allocated budget within the Development Fund for the proposals for signage at Oxenholme Station.

E65/2022 Minute Action Sheet

The Committee considered a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings. The Development and Delivery Manager elaborated on a number of the items contained within the document, explaining that any outstanding were covered within the agenda for this meeting.

E52/2022 (Project Update Report) – Neither Cllrs G Archibald or P Thornton were present to provide an update on discussion on the matter of the handrail at Fountain Brow with the County Council Highways Officer. The Development and Delivery Manager would take this up with them separately.

With regard to alternative greening options at Blackhall Road, the Development and Delivery Manager suggested that this be included within next year's budget and that she would work up details for presentation at the next meeting.

The Chair referred to the production of a set of criteria regarding footpath improvements and suggested that the relevant officers, Vice-Chair and himself should meet for discussion in the following week.

The Chair drew attention to the fact that the Committee had not yet seen the final draft of the Biodiversity Policy and asked for this to be presented to a future meeting. Reference was made to South Lakeland District Council's Biodiversity document which was felt to be a very useful tool and a question raised as to what would happen to this following the move to Westmorland & Furness Council. Whilst it was presumed that the document would be retained, possibly in an expanded form, the Development and Delivery Manager undertook to check with the author.

The Committee praised the work which had been carried out by the Projects Officer in relation to wildflowers at Kendal Green and Members were encouraged to attend the volunteer work parties on 22 and 29 March. Raised was the potential to invite Ukrainian and Syrian refugees and the options for ensuring that they were provided with tools, either by appeal or by seeking assistance from the Appleby Road Community Garden tool library. Further raised was the opportunity for photographs, press piece and use of social media. In response to a query regarding the possibility of wildflowers at Yeats Close where the swings had recently been removed, the Chair suggested that he be sent an email in this regard as he felt that he may be in a position to provide an answer having recently consulted with the District Council on this matter.

Resolved: The Development and Delivery Manager to take up the issue of the handrail at Fountain Brow with Cllrs G Archibald and P Thornton who were due to speak with the County Council Highways Officer on the matter.

Resolved: With regard to alternative greening options at Blackhall Road, the Development and Delivery Manager to work up details for presentation at the next meeting.

Resolved: The Chair, Vice-Chair and relevant officers to meet in the following week for discussion on the production of a set of criteria regarding footpath improvements.

Resolved: The Development and Delivery Manager to present the final draft of the Biodiversity Policy to the next meeting of the Committee and, in addition, to check with the author of South Lakeland District Council's Biodiversity document the future of that publication.

Resolved: With regard to the to the volunteer work parties for the wildflowers at Kendal Green, Cllr M Helme to invite the Ukrainian and Syrian refugees and officers to seek to publicise the event.

Resolved: The question of the possibility of wildflowers at Yeats Close to be brought to the attention of the Chair who may be in a position to provide an answer.

Resolved: To receive the report.

E66/2022 Environment and Highways Budget 2022/23

The Committee considered a report on the Environment and Highways budget for the current year.

The Development and Delivery Manager drew Members' attention to a number of spend requests, firstly with regard to Green Spaces for £1,000 to be put towards supporting Cumbria County Council's work at Jenkin Rise path. The Chair raised the fact that this matter was not time-sensitive and that it had not been indicated within the papers. Cllr J Cornthwaite also expressed that this had been raised at Allotments Committee. He proposed, therefore, that officers be requested to bring a formal report before a future meeting of the Committee to enable informed consideration of the matter.

The Development and Delivery Manager's second request was with regard to New Infrastructure and the installation of handrails at Sepulchre Lane, at a cost of £960 and, in addition, for £200 towards replacement "Happy to Chat" signs that could not be vandalised. The remaining balance in that budget related to the previous item discussed at E64/2022 above (Oxenholme Signage). Members expressed some concern at any further spend on "Happy to Chat" signs, the original ones having been vandalised, however, were advised that the new signs would be in the form of plaques screwed to the benches. It was acknowledged though that the signs had been successful, some people having raised that they had experienced pleasant conversation. It was suggested, therefore, that it may be worth trialling the new signs at a different time of the year when the evenings were lighter and that the matter should be brought back before the Committee in May.

Reference was made to dual-hatted Members' contributions to the Environment and Highways budget from their District Council locality budgets that did not seem to appear to within the figures shown within the report, and the Development and Delivery Manager was asked to ensure that sight of these was not lost.

The Development and Delivery Manager also sought a sum of £556 from Infrastructure Maintenance for repainting of the crest at Windermere Road, pointing out that the Kendal in Bloom Committee had agreed to the painting for the one at Kirkbarrow to mark the King's Coronation. Members welcomed this proposal.

The Development and Delivery Manager lastly referred to quotations which had been received for painting of the handrails at Rosemary Hill and to those in relation to the benches on Finkle Street. These quotations had come in too high and so these projects would need to be put on hold until the following year.

Resolved: To bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee with regard to a request for a figure of £1,000 to be put towards supporting Cumbria County Council's work at Jenkin Rise path.

Resolved: To bring a report on a request for £200 towards replacement "Happy to Chat" signs to the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held in May.

Resolved: Officers to ensure that the contributions made by dual-hatted Members/ from their District Council locality budgets are clearly displayed within the Committee's budget figures.

Resolved: To approve the request for a sum of £556 from the Infrastructure and Maintenance budget for the repainting of the crest at Windermere Road.

Resolved: To note the report.

E67/2022 Project Update Report

The Committee was presented with an update of ongoing projects and offered the opportunity to ask questions.

The Development and Delivery Manager drew attention to the fact that various projects were already covered within separate items on the agenda. She referred to the wetland planting at Canal Head, explaining that the drainage works were now complete and it remained to be seen how well this was working. Kendal Conservation Volunteers were growing wildflowers and signs had been erected regarding the work and its importance.

With regard to the 20mph scheme, the Development and Delivery Manager was awaiting Cumbria County Council regarding additional data, however, this was taking time due to Local Government Reorganisation.

The Development and Delivery Manager referred to Cycling and Walking informed the Committee that an LCWIP meeting was taking place on the following day which she, the Chair and Town Clerk would be attending. The Chair was keen to ensure that the Town Council was appropriately represented on this body, and sought interest from Members, also pointing out that Cllr S Blunden had indicated a keenness to become involved. He asked those Members who were interested to contact him by email. Cllr M Helme indicated that she would be keen to join. In response to a query, the Chair informed the Committee that the Town Council had made its wishes for Kendal clear around the need for cycle paths to serve schools and some east/west pathways.

The Development and Delivery Manager reported, also in relation to footpath improvements, that the District Council had confirmed content regarding project management of adventure path improvements via Town Council funding. Information had been shared and she was now waiting for District officers to confirm. This matter would be brought back to Committee in May, with the likely cost being £17,000 of the £34,814 allocated. She expressed appreciation for having support from District Council/Westmorland & Furness officers.

The Development and Delivery Manager referred to Public Realm Improvements and the Kendal Yards project, advising that this was progressing. She also drew attention to the need to confirm District Council actions in relation to Nobles Rest.

With regard to Green Spaces, the Development and Delivery Manager provided an update in relation to Fellside and the collaborative working which was taking place.

The Development and Delivery Manager pointed out that the visits to Mintsfeet had been carried out, providing an opportunity to understand the site. This would now start to be progressed. Clarity was sought with regard to this project around the actual site and the depot, which, it was felt, needed to be separated.

The Chair referred to SIDs, pointing out that in future, under the new Unitary Authority, funding would be made available to individual Westmorland & Furness Councillors for specific highways projects.

He further suggested that the issue in relation to repainting of the Thornyhills barrier be brought back to the next meeting. Cllr J Cornthwaite as Chair of the Flood Relief Scheme Working Group suggested that he might approach the Environment Agency to look at carrying out this work.

Resolved: The Development and Delivery to continue to chase Cumbria County Council regarding additional data in relation to the 20mph scheme.

Resolved: In addition to Cllrs S Blunden and M Helme, any Members interested in representing the Town Council on LCWIP to contact the Chair by email.

Resolved: To bring the matter of adventure path improvements management back to Committee in May.

Resolved: The Development and Delivery Manager to follow up with the District Council the matter of Nobles Rest.

Resolved: The Development and Delivery Manager to separate out the matter of Mintsfeet and the depot.

Resolved: The issue of repainting of the Thornyhills barrier be brought back to the next meeting, with Cllr J Cornthwaite, as Chair of the Flood Relief Scheme Working Group, also to approach the Environment Agency to look at carrying out this work.

Resolved: To note the report.

E68/2022 Climate Hub

Note - Cllr C Russell declared an interest in this item of business by virtue of the fact that he was a Trustee of Stricklandgate House, and took no part in the voting thereon.

The Development and Delivery Manager presented a report which explained that, following the recommendation of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens' Jury, Kendal Town Council had been seeking opportunities to create a 'one stop shop' regarding Climate action to support residents in getting help and/or inspiration to reduce their carbon footprint.

Recognising the impact and benefits of the Waste into Wellbeing initiative, the Council had allocated a budget of £10,000 per year for three years to support its expansion within Stricklandgate House and for that expansion to include a climate hub focus, enabling residents to access both rescued food via the Kendal Peoples Café and information to support their own carbon reduction efforts regarding energy, transport and food.

A hub shaping event had taken place to check with residents and supporters that this initiative would be welcomed in Kendal. The event had confirmed both the need and potential for the project.

It was being proposed to support both the expansion and tenancy costs to enable Waste into Wellbeing to operate from one location within Stricklandgate House.

In order to expand, a café area complete with new professional training kitchen was required. The Town Council's contribution would create an opening between the new café area and the kitchen, enabling access between the two and creating a service area. Waste into Wellbeing had raised the funds to install a professional kitchen.

The hub shaping event had confirmed the need to ensure the look and feel of the space was welcoming to all, and not just those currently within the 'climate action bubble'. Plants, sofas and vibrant signage were needed to create a well-loved space.

Waste into Wellbeing would face increased rental costs as the space expanded beyond the current coach house space; this contribution would support the initial expansion phase. Waste into Wellbeing's strong business plan forecasted self-sufficiency as the café element increased thanks to the new location and the opportunity to increase opening hours.

Combining budget allocations from financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24, the total budget was £20,000, to be invoiced from 1 April 2023 and allocated as follows:-

- building expansion costs - £9,000 (to be paid directly to Stricklandgate House);
- increased rent contribution - £7,560 (to be paid directly to Waste into Wellbeing); and
- interior design to create welcoming space - £3,340 (to be managed by Kendal Town Council).

Members welcomed the proposals which fulfilled the Citizens' Jury recommendations and also the opportunity for collaboration between various organisations. The Development and Delivery Manager, in response to a query, explained how Kendal Town Council would be involved in the area of interior design of the welcoming space, by commissioning the work through, for example, Rag Tag Arts, and sourcing décor and furniture. This would form the Town Council's part of the contribution. The Committee would be kept informed on the process, with input being sought as necessary.

In response to a query regarding competition within the Town, Duncan Pollard, South Lakes Action on Climate Change, provided details with regard to the business model for the café, explaining that not only had the café had been extremely busy in recent weeks, but that recipe demonstrations were also being provided, as well as work experience opportunities being given to students from Kendal College. There had been a migration from giving away food to now actually preparing it. Whilst not directly self-funding, the scheme was now largely self-financing, although it was hoped to maintain the "pay as you can" aspect. He stressed the importance of Kendal Town Council maintaining its role in the Scheme.

Resolved: To release the total budget of £20,000 (combining budget allocations from financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24), to be invoiced from 1 April 2023 and allocated as outlined above.

E69/2022 Kendal Together Toward...

Further to E56/2022, the Development and Delivery Manager provided a verbal report, asking the Committee to discuss and endorse a revised approach to the former proposed accreditation scheme, which had been a response to a Climate Change Citizens' Jury recommendation. Since the last meeting, officers had explored alternative options that would engage businesses and support and encourage them to make carbon reductions.

The thinking behind the name of "Kendal Together Toward..." was that it generated and encouraged joint action, enabled businesses to join the dots and define what they were moving towards and met people where they were in terms of their reduction journey. Businesses could join if they had completed one or more of the following criteria:-

- signed up to the refill app and/or promoted their refill service;
- received a "Business Health Check" via Future Fixers, available at green business network drop in sessions;

- attended future training sessions at Stricklandgate Hub (i.e. Solar Made Easy, planning and co-operative options); and
- completed certified accreditation with Small Green Businesses or others.

Promotion would be carried out through the existing Zero Carbon Kendal platform. “Explore our Town” would be changed to “Kendal Together Toward...” and all members would be plotted on the maps accordingly. A logo and icons would be created for the four criteria points and members would be given the Kendal Together Toward... sticker with the icons relevant to their actions and more as and when they engaged further. Refill Members would be the first to be engaged. Multiple press releases would be put out and the scheme would be promoted via newsletter and social platforms.

The Development and Delivery Manager informed the Committee that £2,500 of next year's Climate Change funding would have to be allocated to cover design and health check costs.

Some concern was raised with regard to Town Council funding and officer commitment to the scheme and as to whether this work formed part of the Council's remit. The Development and Delivery Manager explained that, whilst this area of work had not traditionally been within the Council's remit, this was a recommendation which had been made by the Citizens' Jury and it was acknowledged that the Town Council had agreed to assist in putting the recommendations into practice. In addition, attention was drawn to the Council's own commitment to carbon neutrality. Members felt that the Council had a duty to assist through raising awareness, and encouraging and empowering businesses to successfully manage carbon reduction themselves, with the aim of the scheme becoming self-driven. A suggestion was raised for the need for the Council to seek grants in this regard and also for the potential to seek a subscription for the scheme.

Members were keen to see a solid paper brought before the Committee, including more information on officer hours and cost, together with a clear proposal.

Resolved: To endorse continuing research into the approach outlined above with a view to bringing a report including solid recommendations to the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Environment and Highways Committee - Minute Action Sheet - as at 09-05-23							
Meeting Date	Minute No.	Title	Action (Resolution)	Officer Responsible	Deadline, if any	Date Actioned	Comments
14/11/2022	E35/2022	Project Update Report	To develop a Kendal accreditation scheme	HM	n/a		See proposal
16/01/2022	E51/2022	Environment & Highways Budget 2022/23	Request inclusion of a further £3K for Climate Change under the New Projects TBC heading within the 2023/24 Budget	HM	n/a	Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E51/2022	Environment & Highways Budget 2022/23	Confirm the remaining budget figure with regard to the Jury Recommendations Sculpture Budget	HM	n/a	Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E51/2022	Environment & Highways Budget 2022/23	Chair to discuss with Town Clerk the 2023/24 Budget and ensure that those items expected in each year by the Committee are included	EH/CB	n/a	Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E51/2022	Environment & Highways Budget 2022/23	Town Clerk be requested to re-examine the Budget lines with regard to River Connectivity and FRSWG Scheme (Reserve Pot)	CB	n/a	Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Cllrs Archibald and Thornton to discuss the matter of the handrail at Fountain Brow with the CCC Highways Officer come April 2023	GA/PT			Confirm at meeting
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Work on the handrail at Vicarage Drive to be passed on to the Highways Team	HM	n/a	tbc	Creating a access improvement list to be shared post LGR.
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Paint Sepulchre Lane handrail as per received quote	HM		tbc	March budget proposal
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	See views of Fellside Forum re. painting the Stoney Lane handrail	HM		Feb-23	
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Pursue Option b to use agreed funding to add value to bus shelters which are currently planned/in development and explore alternative greening options for Blackhall Road	HM		Feb-23	Walkabout on Blackgall road confirmed planting options to be developed with funding in next FY.

16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Allocate additional £800 to the project for wildflowers at Kendal Green from the biodiversity budget	HM		Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Arrange for details of the project for wildflowers at Kendal Green to feature within Newsletter, together with before and after pictures	HM		Feb-23	Unable to include before and after pics due to timescales
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Produce a set of criteria regarding footpath improvement prioritisation as works are completed	AMS		Mar-23	ideas shared and meeting request sent to Councillors
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Action Vicarage Drive bench suggestions to speed up transfer	HM		Mar-23	Clerk to provide update
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Reinstall Happy to Chat signs	AMS		tbc	Next FY budget request
16/01/2022	E52/2022	Project Update Report	Share updated biodiversity policy	HM		Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E53/2022	Canal Head Wetland Area	Accept quote from Kendal Conservation Volunteers, total cost of project to be £1,300	HM		Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E54/2022	Finkle Street Benches	Adopt the four benches and obtain improvement quotes to be funded in the next financial year via Public Realm funding allocations	HM		Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E55/2022	Serpentine Woods Support	Spending approved	HM		Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E56/2022	Kendal Accreditation	Develop idea and present a proposal in March	HM		Feb-23	
16/01/2022	E57/2022	Kendal Yards Initiative	Contribution of £2,500 approved towards initiative via virement of Accreditation funding	HM		Feb-23	
16/01/2022	E58/2022	Cargo Bike Summary Report	Feedback to SLACC	HM		Jan-23	
16/01/2022	E58/2022		Circulate to all Members of the Committee the list of options provided by SLACC	HM		Mar-23	
13/03/2023	E63/2022	Presentation from Clean River Kent Campaign	The Chair and Vice-Chair be authorised to consider and sign off the forthcoming grant application from the Clean River Kent Campaign, up to a maximum of £1,000.	HM		Mar-23	

	E64/2022	Oxenholme Signage	To vire the figure of £3,514 new Infrastructure to the Public Realm allocated budget within the Development Fund for the proposals for signage at Oxenholme Station.	HM		Mar-23	
	E65/2022	Minute Action Sheet	The Development and Delivery Manager to take up the issue of the handrail at Fountain Brow with Cllrs G Archibald and P Thornton who were due to speak with the County Council Highways Officer on the matter.	HM		Ongoing	
			With regard to alternative greening options at Blackhall Road, the Development and Delivery Manager to work up details for presentation at the next meeting.	HM		Included in agenda	
			The Chair, Vice-Chair and relevant officers to meet in the following week for discussion on the production of a set of criteria regarding footpath improvements.	HM		Mar-23	
			The Development and Delivery Manager to present the final draft of the Biodiversity Policy to the next meeting of the Committee and, in addition, to check with the author of South Lakeland District Council's Biodiversity document the future of that publication.	HM		Mar-23	
			With regard to the to the volunteer work parties for the wildflowers at Kendal Green, Cllr M Helme to invite the Ukrainian and Syrian refugees and officers to seek to publicise the event.	AMS		Mar-23	

			The question of the possibility of wildflowers at Yeats Close to be brought to the attention of the Chair who may be in a position to provide an answer.	EH			Need to chase
	E66/2022	Environment and Highways Budget 2022/23	To bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee with regard to a request for a figure of £1,000 to be put towards supporting Cumbria County Council's work at Jenkin Rise path.	HM		Mar-23	
			To bring a report on a request for £200 towards replacement "Happy to Chat" signs to the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held in May.	HM			See proposal
			Officers to ensure that the contributions made by dual-hatted Members/ from their District Council locality budgets are clearly displayed within the Committee's budget figures.	HM		Mar-23	
			To approve the request for a sum of £556 from the Infrastructure and Maintenance budget for the repainting of the crest at Windermere Road.	HM		Mar-23	
	E67/2022	Project Update Report	The Development and Delivery to continue to chase Cumbria County Council regarding additional data in relation to the 20mph scheme.	HM		Mar-23	
			In addition to Cllrs S Blunden and M Helme, any Members interested in representing the Town Council on LCWIP to contact the Chair by email.				
			To bring the matter of adventure path improvements management back to Committee in May.	HM			Still progressing

			The Development and Delivery Manager to follow up with the District Council the matter of Nobles Rest.	HM		Mar-23	
			The Development and Delivery Manager to separate out the matter of Mintsfeet and the depot.	HM			Need smore clarification
			The issue of repainting of the Thornyhills barrier be brought back to the next meeting, with Cllr J Cornthwaite, as Chair of the Flood Relief Scheme Working Group, also to approach the Environment Agency to look at carrying out this work	HM			To be included in infeasitrucre proposals
	E68/2022	Climate Hub	To release the total budget of £20,000 (combining budget allocations from financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24), to be invoiced from 1 April 2023 and allocated as outlined above.	HM		Mar-23	
	E69/2022	Kendal Together Toward	To endorse continuing research into the approach outlined above with a view to bringing a report including solid recommendations to the next meeting of the Committee.	HM			Included in Jury recommendation proposal

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Agenda Item 7

Project Update Report – May 2023

E&H Budget Heading	Project title and description	Progress	Partners	Status	Additional Notes
New Infrastructure (£0 budgeted, funding available via CIL applications)	To be determined, see proposal				
Infrastructure Maintenance (£3,700 budget)	Finkle Street Benches , see proposal				
Infrastructure CIL requests	To be determined, see proposal				
Ongoing Action Plans / Projects Budget Headings	Project title	Progress	Partners	Status	Additional Notes
Climate Change	Citizens' Jury Recommendations. Monitoring progress, reunion events, newsletter updates, Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership Climate Officer Group membership.	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. Next Jury reunion to be planned for Big Green week in June.

	Solar Made Easy Kendal	Kendal cluster of 44 are receiving quotes from vetted suppliers.	CAfS, residents and business owners.	In development	Planning guide completed and shared with cluster.
	Climate Hub & Café at Stricklandgate House (£10,000 per year for three years agreed)	Building quotes in development.	SLACC, Stricklandgate House	In development	Café sketch design in progress Additional funding secured via Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership for kitchen equipment Crowdfunder to be launched.
Biodiversity Schemes & Grants	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.	Friends of the Lake District	In development	Full audit and associated improvement costs received at £17,000. Follow-up night time audit completed to confirm priority actions, with costs for supply and installation received at £5467. Proposal for allocated funding to follow in May.
	Biodiversity Grants	Grants processed for Manna House and Clean River Kent Group.	Clean River Kent Group. Manna House.	Ongoing	Promotion of grants via Zero Carbon Kendal ongoing. Proposal in agenda.
	Wetland planting at Canal Head (£1,300 allocated)	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 are growing wildflowers. Larger plugs to be transplanted in Spring (once groundwork complete). Signage installed to communicate wetland plan to public.
	Living Roof Road Bus Shelters (£2,500 allocated)	Following research into the costs of installing at Blackhall Road, Councillors' preference		In development	Site visit to Blackhall Road complete and improvement areas identified. BT building management contacted and partnership approach in development.

		is to research alternative location and consider alternative ways to green Blackhall Road.			Proposal to follow in May.
	Wildflowers at Kendal Green (£1,300 allocated)	Volunteer work parties scheduled for Weds 22 nd & Weds 29 th March to prepare ground and sow seeds/lay wildflower turf. Promoted via flyer to local residents.	Continental, SLDC, residents	Complete	Additional wildflower seed sown 10 th May. Wildflower turf for final section expected in June (delivery delayed due to supplier problem).
20mph (£18,400 budgeted)	20mph Kendal	Additional data is currently being gathered by CCC.		In development	
Cycling & Walking	Footpath Improvements (£34,814 allocated)	Prioritisation criteria of audited paths complete. See proposal.			Please see proposal
	Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth improvements £2000 allocated from Cllr Long.	Quotes in progress to improve drainage. Three site visits completed, chasing follow up information.		In development	Please see proposal
	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	Pump track included in Kendal Cycling Festival, opportunity to survey visitors to affirm interest in developing a pumptrack in Kendal.
	LCRP contribution (£5000 allocated)	No project requests on funding to date.	LCRP	In development	Overview meeting completed to KTC reps Cllr Hendry and Cllr Blackman.

Public Realm Improvements	Windermere Road Railings improvements	Not currently in W&FC schedule of works.	CCC	In development	Meeting required with W&FC Officers to consider way forward.
	Further Ivy Screening Projects	Potential locations reviewed, Windermere Road remains the most suitable option once CCC improvements completed.	CCC	In development	Develop once new railings installed.
	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	Supplier reassurance that will return to green in spring.
	Nobles Rest (£5000 allocated)	KTC contribution to additional path to central area, awaiting invoice from SLDC.	SLDC, Civic Society	In development	
	Signage from Oxenholme to Kendal (Cllr Rathbone Locality budget) (£4014 allocated)	Site Visit Complete with Councilors and Avanti completed.			Please see proposal
	Bowling Fell Improvement Project (£7000 allocated)	n/a	SLDC		Scope for multiple improvements with landowner collaboration. W&F may be keen to support development.
Green Spaces Improvements (£2850 unallocated)	Serpentine Woods Alphabet Trail (£1000 allocated)	Invoice from Kendal Conservation Volunteers received and processed.	Fellside Forum	Complete	
	Fellside Play Provision (£5000 allocated)	Successful Sizergh 'Wild Trail' visit complete with Forum Members and Kendal Conservation Volunteers.	SLDC, Fellside Forum, Kendal Conservation Volunteers, National Trust	In development	Developing designer briefs for new Alphabet Trail and Nature Trail leaflets to be hosted on Visit Kendal in partnership with Kendal Conservation Volunteers and the original creators of both trails.

Environment & Highways	15 May 2023	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. Design brief meeting completed.			Designer briefs to be completed end of March and production complete by start of summer holidays.
	Nobles Rest community growing space	SLDC currently assessing the transfer of the former play area to KTC to develop additional growing space. Action to progress with W&F.	W&FC		Pick up with W&FC
	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) Assess Marshall option once site is accessible and ASB levels have been reviewed.	W&FC and Cumbria Constabulary.		
	Mintsfeet Development (£7,500) allocated	Site visits completed.	W&FC, Millennium Field Trust, The FA, Sandgate School.	In development	

Triangle Community Garden Entrance Improvements	Improvements requested by community gardening group to improve accessibility/safety at garden entrance.	Triangle Community Garden Group	Complete	
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Ongoing Action Plan Development Budget March 22/23

Climate Change			
Project	Allocated Budget	Spend	Balance
Jury Website	398	398	0
Zero Carbon Kendal website	1000	396.15	603.85
SGH / WIW Hub	10,000	0	10,000
Solar Made Easy Kendal	4565	0	4565
New projects TBC	1121	1195	-74
Biodiversity			
Project	Allocated Budget	Spent / allocated	Balance
Grants	6,000	1,750	4,250
Clean River Kent (March 23)		£750 (transferred)	
Clean River Kent (March 22)		£500 (transferred)	
Manna House		£500 (transferred)	
New Projects tbc	10,400	5,100	5,300
Canal Head wetland planting		1300 (allocated)	500
Kendal Green Wildflowers		1333 (spent)	minus 33 (1300 allocated)
Living roofs bus shelters		2500 (allocated)	
Dark Skies Kendal	5000	0	5,000

Green Spaces

Project	Allocated Budget	Spend	Balance
New Projects tbc	3500	650	2850
Sepentine Woods	1000	1000	0
Fletcher Park	607	397.07	209.93
Fellside Natural Play	5000	0	5000
Bowling Fell	7000	0	7000
Mintsfeet - Nature and Sports Hub	7500	0	7500

20mph

Project	Allocated Budget	Spend	Balance
20mph progress for Kendal	19400	1000	18400

Cycling & Walking

Project	Allocated Budget	Spend	Balance
Kirkbarrow Connections	15000	185.71	14814.29
Pumptrack	4000	2000	2000
Footpath Audit	12000	0	12000
CIlr Contributions	4,700	0	4,700
Signage	4000	0	4000
LCRP	5000	0	5000

Public Realm

Project	Allocated Budget	Spend	Balance
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Nobles Rest	5000	0	5000
Ivy Screening	5500	0	5500
Kendal Yards (BID contribution)	2,500	0	2,500
Oxenhope Signage (inc Cllr Rathbone contribution)	4,014	0	4,014

E&H Budget 23/34			
New Infrastructure			
Project	Allocated Budget	Spend	Balance
New Infrastructure	0	0	0
Hospital Bench	300	0	300
Infrastructure Maintenance			
Project	Allocated Budget	Spend	Balance
Infrastructure Maintenance	3,700	0	3,700
Bins	3,000	0	3,000
Footway Lighting	4,200	0	4,200

CIL funding available

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 15 th May
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 9
Description: New Infrastructure Proposals	

Background

The Town Council funding approach for infrastructure projects has changed.

Previously, an allocation within E&H revenue budget was available to fund new infrastructure projects.

The 2023-24 budget reflects that funding new infrastructure initiatives is now via the Community Infrastructure Levy and must meet the criteria of that funding – i.e., projects that provide a community benefit above and beyond the statutory duties of local authorities.

The 2023-24 budget for new infrastructure is £0.

The infrastructure maintenance is £3,700 to maintain the infrastructure assets of Kendal Town Council i.e., a number of benches, bus stops, bins and street lights as and when improvements and repairs are required.

Proposal

Committee to consider of the following projects and identify which ones they want to move forward via a CIL funding request.

Each initiative highlighted below has featured on previous project update reports as ‘To be considered in next financial year’

Title	Description	Cost	Community Benefit
Rosemary Hill Handrails	Re-paint	£1041 (actual quote)	Improved public realm
Undercliff Handrail improvements	?	?	?
Entry Lane handrails	Upgrade to heritage style to reflect conservation area status and improve safety (handrails are	In region of £20,000 (based on quotes received for similar projects)	Accessibility benefit to immediate houses and popular access route between Fellside and Town

	currently faulty thus replacements needed)		Centre. Improved public realm.
Green finger posts around Abbot Hall park x3	Upgrades needed considering outdated information (i.e., TIC) and condition	£3000 (approx.)	Public realm improvement and positive visitor impressions created.
Blackhall Road / CAB entrance signage and public realm improvements	Improve current poor public realm by removing outdated and badly positioned 'Welcome to Kendal' sign, creating a seating area and planting opportunities.	£10,000 (approx.)	Public realm improvement and positive visitor impressions created.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 15 th May
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 10
Description: Infrastructure Maintenance Proposals	

Background

The infrastructure maintenance is £3,700 to maintain the infrastructure assets of Kendal Town Council i.e a number of benches, bus stops, bins and street lights as and when improvements and repairs are required.

Committee to consider of the following projects:

1. Finkle Street Benches improvements

Kendal Town Council own the four benches on Finkle Street which are loose and damaged.

Proposal

Allocate £1000 to fund the removal and renovation of existing four steel benches and £420 to lift and repair the paving sets in the seating area so the improved benches can be securely attached.

Additional quotes not required as under £1000 threshold.

Permission from Westmorland and Furness Council received.

These improvements will complement the new planters which will be installed as part of the Britain in Bloom competition.

2. Happy to Chat Signage

Kendal Town Council have installed Happy to Chat signage on Kendal Town Council benches and received positive feedback. Previous versions have been created 'in house' and therefore subject to vandalism.

Proposal

Approve £250 spend to install robust 'Happy to Chat' signage.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 15 th May
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 11
Description:	

Background

Signage issues at Oxenholme station including;

- The lack of information regarding its proximity to Kendal
- The lack of visibility regarding how to access Kendal easily

Were identified and funding (£4,014 inclusive of Cllr Rathbone's contribution) allocated within the Development Fund to improve signage at the Entrance Tunnel and replace the University of Cumbria signage if possible.

Three signage quotes have been received as follows;

Quote 1

- Tunnel panels £119 each (x10)
- UoC replacement £24 each (x10)

Quote 2

- Tunnel panels £126 each (x10)
- UoC replacement £92.57 each (x10)

Quote 3

- Tunnel panels £178 each (x10)
- UoC replacement £39 each (x10)

Officer preference is quote number 1 based on costs, experience and testimonials.

Proposal

To approve contractor choice and progress Tunnel improvements as phase one of Oxenholme Signage improvements.

Costs and Budget

- Total budget £4014
- Tunnel signage design costs £945
- Tunnel signage install £1190

- Remaining budget £1,879 – to fund permissions and UoC Signage replacement as phase two.

Project Management

Cllr Rathbone will be invited to comment on draft tunnel designs as part of the approval process.

Committee to discuss which E&H Councillors to be involved in the sign off process.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 15 th May
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 12
Description: Biodiversity Grant Application	

Background

A Biodiversity Grant application has been received from the Kirkbie Green Community Group to improve the green spaces at either end of the Kirkbie Green residential area (40 homes) by increasing the biodiversity and therefore wildlife. The group plan to reduce grass cutting and plant wildflowers. They have already pruned shrubbery, reduced dog fouling, and enhanced current signage.

The group will need relevant permissions from Westmorland and Furness Council and KTC Officers recommend that this informs the terms of the conditions of funding.

The Group has a registered bank account the details of which have been shared with the Clerk. The other relevant paperwork has been received.

The group are also applying the Kendal in Bloom grants for £500.

Proposal

To consider awarding £500 to the group.

Costs and Budget

Kendal Town Council have £4,250 remaining in the Biodiversity Grant budget.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 15 th May 2023
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 13
Description: Biodiversity Policy	

Background

Kendal Town Council developed a Biodiversity Policy to reflect awareness of biodiversity challenges and the Council's role in meeting those challenges.

Proposal

To consider the following Biodiversity Policy:

Kendal Town Council recognises that dramatic biodiversity loss is happening at scale. Globally, scientists report that we are facing a 'sixth mass extinction', with the rate of extinction for wildlife species at over 100 times the 'normal rate'. In the UK, more than half of the 4,000 species assessed between 1970 and 2013 have declined in number, largely as a result of habitat fragmentation and climate change, among other factors. This decline is illustrated by the following statistics:

- 50% of British butterflies are now included on the extinction red list
- 97% of UK meadows have been lost since the 1930s
- The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries globally, with only 53% of its biodiversity left intact (against a global average of 75%)

Biodiversity underpins all healthy ecosystems and food systems and is integral to our health and wellbeing.

This Biodiversity Policy reflects the Town Council's recognition of the above and its ambition to conserve and enhance biodiversity where possible, and to contribute to a net gain in biodiversity. This will be achieved by completing a risk assessment of the impact on Biodiversity (alongside an assessment of carbon impact) when new projects are initiated and developed. The examples included here are not exhaustive but illustrate some positive actions. Further research would be encouraged at the risk assessment stage.

This Policy will be reviewed annually by the Environment and Highways Committee to ensure it remains an active and relevant policy.

Kendal Town Council will actively seek to mitigate habitat loss and make efforts to generate biodiversity net gain in all its activities across all green spaces, blues spaces (visible water) and dark skies.

The Town Council strives to reduce pollution and habitat loss and exploitation, and to increase biodiversity by:

- Exercising its planning function to influence new developments to minimise habitat loss and water course destruction, and to increase habitat connectivity and create a net biodiversity gain. The Council can achieve this by providing applicants with best practice examples and guidance on a case-by-case basis.
- Exercising its planning function to influence a reduction in waterways pollution where possible, for example, by encouraging green (permeable) rather than tarmac drives.
- Developing, funding and/or supporting projects that encourage habitat creation and/or tackle invasive species by linking to Natural Kendal's baseline report. Examples include creating wildflower meadows and supporting the Kendal Swift Group and the Clean River Kent group.
- Supporting and celebrating resident and local group efforts to maintain habitats, grow trees etc. For example, social media and newsletter promotion and use of facilities or other in kind offers.
- Promoting awareness of biodiversity issues and actions.
- Continuing to promote traffic reduction across the town and active travel opportunities together with partners such as Kendal Futures and other local authorities.

- Encouraging allotment holders to develop healthy soils by using natural fertilisers and pest management, using no-dig methods and growing cover crops ('green manures'). Healthy soils can store more carbon than the world's plants and forests combined; therefore, we recognise healthy soil as a positive approach to both habitat conservation and carbon reduction.
- Developing the 'Plant More Trees' recommendation of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens' Jury aiming to source and redistribute 500 trees or hedge plants per year.

Reporting against this Biodiversity Policy will be included in the Council's Annual Report process to highlight successes and demonstrate where aspects of the above could be better developed and/or integrated into Town Council activities.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 15 th May
From: Projects Officer	Agenda No: 14
Description: Footpath Improvements	

Background

Following the footpath audit which was presented to the Environment & Highways Committee on September 12th 2022 a prioritisation criteria has been agreed with the Chair and Vice-Chair. The prioritisation criteria uses a numerical scoring system based on each path's proximity to schools, biodiversity improvement potential, and accessibility improvements required, resulting in a score (out of 15) for each path which will aid prioritisation. The full data is provided as an appendix to this agenda pack, with a summary below.

Summary of paths highlighted by prioritisation criteria:

Kirkbarrow:

- Echo Barn Hill to the Adventure / Vicarage Drive to the Adventure: score 12 (confirms previous designation as priority path)
- Vicarage Drive to Collinfield Lane: score 11 (confirms previous designation as priority path)

Hallgarth:

- Kendal Green to High Mead: score 12
- Sparrowmire Lane to Prickley Fell (northern section): score 11

Sandylands:

- Eastgate – Sandgate – Westgate: score 13
- Bowland Drive – Castle Park School: score 10 (biodiversity potential outweighs accessibility need)
- Sedbergh Drive – Bowland Drive: score 10 (biodiversity potential outweighs accessibility need)

Heron Hill, Rinkfield, Kendal Parks:

- Canal Path to Dunmail Drive (N): score 13

Collinfield:

- Michaelson Rd – Stainbank Rd: score 12
- Michaelson Rd – Collinfield Lane: score 11

Proposal

It is proposed that:

- a) KTC officers continue partnership working with W&F officers to facilitate the transfer of KTC funds to progress and project manage improvements at paths previously identified as priority paths (Kirkbarrow paths as detailed above, plus Vicarage Drive to Vicar's Garth).
- b) Councillors confirm priority path selection to assist abovementioned discussions.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 15 th May
From: Development Manager	Agenda No: 15
Description: Jury Recommendations Review	

Background

Kendal Town council commissioned and co-ordinated Kendal's Climate Change Citizens Jury the first Citizens Jury on a town level in the UK.

The Jury created 27 recommendations based on presentations from experts to answer the question 'What should Kendal do about Climate Change?' 27 recommendations were made and have been summarised below. The Town Council and multiple partners committed to delivering the recommendations to honour the process and support Kendal Town Council's Climate Emergency Declaration in 2019. The Town Council has progressed many recommendations and refocused its budget and resources accordingly, recruiting an additional member of staff to support delivery.

Proposal

To consider the following recommendation progress and create a working group to support focused recommendation actions which are currently in progress.

Recommendation Progress Summary

Achieved

Recommendation	Progress / Projects	KTC capacity to influence / deliver	Additional / alternative delivery partners
We must provide additional funding for Waste into Wellbeing	Achieved. KTC dedicated £30,000 over three year to support WIW development and expansion	Strong partnership working in place	n/a
We must integrate climate action	Budgets allocations confirmed for biodiversity, climate change and resources increased to support	Strong support from both Councillors and Officers.	n/a

	recommendation delivery.		
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Partly Achieved / In Progress

Recommendation	Progress / Projects	KTC capacity to influence / deliver	Additional / alternative delivery partners
We must promote awareness and action	Partially achieved. Zero Carbon Kendal website, blog and social media. Kendal Newsletter highlighting active carbon reduction groups ie Waste into Wellbeing and Repair Café. Supporting the expansion of WIW to incorporate the 'hub' idea an	Currently built into Development Officer and Projects Officer job roles. Scope to increase engagement events via sustainability hub activities.	W&FC CAFs
We must promote low carbon food	Partially achieved. Increased Kendal Farmers Market promotion via Visit Kendal	Small	CAFs WIW
We must create more opportunities for people to grow their own food	Phase one achieved. Additional plots at Canal Head created.	Opportunity to develop more plots at Vicarage Drive and Minstsfeet.	W&FC
We must plant and protect more trees	Partially achieved. Biodiversity Grant Fund created X4 wild flower and planting areas created	Scope to research Jury ideas of community forest, community tree count and sponsored trees.	W&FC Natural Kendal Schools Community Groups
We must make cycling and walking easier	Member of Kendal's LCWIP group. 20mph pressure. Visit Kendal Walking Leaflets produced and circulated.	Strong capacity to influence via LCWIP working groups and promotional opportunities. Minimal capacity to deliver infrastructure improvements but	Visit Kendal W&FC

	Walking routes featured on Visit Kendal website £35,000 allocated towards footpath improvements following footpath audit.	strong partnership working with W&FC to deliver improvements developing.	
We must increase renewables in our town	Supported CAfs to launch Solar Made Easy Kendal. Officers trained in solar design proposals.	Capacity to promote CAfs opportunity and develop 'warm leads' for cooperative solar providers to follow as evidenced at Dockery and Cox Motor Group.	CAfs Baywind Big Solar Energy

Researched

Recommendation	Progress / Projects	KTC capacity to influence / deliver	Additional / alternative delivery partners
We must provide financial and publicity incentives, via accreditation, to reward and recognise low carbon businesses	KTC led accreditation schemes researched. Advised by multiple partners not to replicate but to promote existing funded schemes instead.	Low – would be at the consequence of the other schemes being delivered.	W&FC Green Small Business Future Fixers

Not achieved

Recommendation	Progress / Projects	KTC capacity to influence / deliver	Additional / alternative delivery partners
We must promote electric cars	n/a	Promote charging points via Zero Carbon Kendal	W&FC
We must make local public transport accessible and affordable	n/a	Small	Central Government
We must become a single use plastic free town	n/a	Could build on previous waste campaign	Central Government
We must build energy efficient homes	n/a	Small	Central Government
We must reduce heat loss from homes and other buildings	n/a	Small. Could distribute CAfs information.	CAfs?
We must reduce traffic in our town	n/a	Small. 20mph might support traffic reduction. Promotion of cycling routes will also support reduction.	W&FC

Kendal Footpaths Draft Criteria

Methodology

- Tested against Hallgarth paths initially
- With feedback repeated against Kirkbarrow, Sandylands, Collinfield, Heron Hill / Kendal Parks / Rinkfield paths
- Additional information re condition, ownership, photographs and location available on footpath audit
- Included here based on condition and biodiversity opportunities

Hallgarth Footpaths		Criteria 1-5 (1 being low, 5 being high)					
Footpath No.	Footpath Name	School proximity / school route	Biodiversity Potential	Accessibility intervention need	SCORE (highest =15)	Scale of intervention	Raised by Cllrs or Community
11 (H)	Sparrowmire Lane to Prickley Fell (northern section)	1	5 (Northern Section)	5	11	Low	Yes (Councillors and Hallgarth Residents Association)
1 (H)	Kendal Green to High Mead	3 (alternative routes available)	4 (SLDC active planting trees)	5	12	Medium	No
5 (H)	Fir Tree Rise to high Garth	1	1	3 (steps at entrance but alternative options nearby)	5	High (if steps removed)	No
6 (H)	Hallgarth Circle to Garth Bank	1	5	2 (needs community confirmation)	8	Low	No
12 (H)	South border of Prickley	3 (needs testing)	5	n/a steps necessary for steep incline	8	High (if remove steps)	Yes

Kirkbarrow Footpaths		Criteria 1-5 (1 being low, 5 being high)					
Footpath No.	Footpath Name	School proximity / school route	Biodiversity Potential	Accessibility intervention need	SCORE (highest =15)	Scale of intervention	Raised by Cllrs or Community
1	Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth	4	1	3 (steps at Vicars Garth end, needed due to gradient)	8	Low	Yes (identified as a priority path 9/22, partnership working in progress)
2	Vicarage Drive to the Adventure	4	5	3 (narrow and uneven)	12	Medium	Yes (identified as a priority path 9/22, partnership working in progress) – combined with path 6
3	Vicarage Drive to Westwood Avenue	4	3	1	8	Low	No
4	Vicarage Drive to Collinfield Lane	5	4	2	11	Medium	Yes (identified as a priority path 9/22, partnership working in progress)
5	Long Close to the Adventure	3 (other routes available)	2	5 (steps at Long Close end)	10	High	No
6	Echo barn Hill to the Adventure	4	4	3 (narrow and uneven)	12	Medium	Yes (identified as a priority path 9/22, partnership working in progress) –

							combined with path 2
7	Collinfield Lane to Vicarage park public fields	3	3	2	8	Medium	No
8	Vicars Field to Vicars Garth	1	NA	5 (currently completely inaccessible)	6	High (currently blocked, various difficulties presented by reinstatement)	Unsure (Cllr Finch?)

Sandylands Footpaths		Criteria 1-5 (1 being low, 5 being high)					
Footpath No.	Footpath Name	School proximity / school route	Biodiversity Potential	Accessibility intervention need	SCORE (highest =15)	Scale of intervention	Raised by Cllrs or Community
1	Fowl Ing Lane to Jenkin Rise	5	5 (potential for fruit trees/wildflowers etc on grassy area)	4 (barriers)	14	Medium	Yes – footpath work now complete
2	Fowl Ing Lane to Broad Ing	5	4	0	9	Low	No
3	Kentmere Brow to Whinfell Drive	3	4	0	7	Low	No

4	Jenkin Rise to Eastgate	4	5 (planters)	0	9	Low	No
5	Eastgate – Sandgate - Westgate	5	3	5 (currently completely blocked)	13	High	Unknown
6	Longpool – Sandylands Road	4	3 (grass at Sandylands Rd end)	0	7	Low	No
7	Sedbergh Drive – Grasmere Crescent	3 (close to school but other access available)	5 (already biodiverse but could be enhanced for people to enjoy)	1	9	Low	No
8	Peat Lane – Grasmere Crescent	4	3	0	7	Low	No
9	Bowland Drive – Castle Park School	5	5 (potential for hedge planting, wildflowers etc)	0	10	Low	No
10	Sedbergh Drive – Bowland Drive	4	4 (potential for hedge planting, wildflowers etc)	2 (consider installing dropped kerb)	10	Medium	No
11	Sedbergh Rd – Sedbergh Drive	3	3	2 (investigate whether barriers hinder accessibility)	8	Low	No

Heron Hill, Rinkfield, Kendal Parks Footpaths		Criteria 1-5 (1 being low, 5 being high)					
Footpath No.	Footpath Name	School proximity / school route	Biodiversity Potential	Accessibility intervention need	SCORE (highest =15)	Scale of intervention	Raised by Cllrs or Community
1	Canal Path to Dunmail Drive (N)	5	3 (several wildflower species already present)	3 (surface improvement required)	13	Low	?
2	Canal Path to Dunmail Drive (S)	5	5	0	10	Low	No
3	Hayfell Ave – Wordsworth Drive	4	3 (abundant flowering plants present)	0	7	Low	No
4	Lingmoor Rise – Crummock Drive	1	4 (potential to plant at edges)	0	5	Low	No
5	Tarn Close – Buttermere Dr	1	5 (planting opportunity at mid point)	1 (check width)	7	Low	No
6	Murley Moss Lane – Ruskin Close	2	2	0	4	Low/none	No
7	Crummock Drive - Beckside	1	2	0	3	Low/none	No
8	Murley Moss Lane – Murley Moss	1	5 (former play area)	1 (check if barriers hinder accessibility)	7	Low	No
9	Valley Drive Play Area	1	3	1 (check history of blocked access to cul-de-sac)	5	Low	No

10	Burland Grove to Canal Path	3	3	0	6	Low	No
11	Rinkfield Play Area to Canal Path	3	5	1 (surface may not be all-weather, but other routes available)	9	Low	No
12	Oxenholme Road (between 88A & 90) to Blea Tarn Rd / Garages	2	1	4 (kerbs/steps/uneven levels)	7	Medium	Yes

Collinfield Footpaths		Criteria 1-5 (1 being low, 5 being high)					
Footpath No.	Footpath Name	School proximity / school route	Biodiversity Potential	Accessibility intervention need	SCORE (highest =15)	Scale of intervention	Raised by Cllrs or Community
1	Collinfield Lane	5	2	3 (improve surface at Pembroke Ct towards Vicarage Park Public Fields)	10	Medium	?
2	Collinfield Lane – Collin Road	5	3 (replace fencing with hedging)	1	9	Low	No
3	Thornleigh Rd – behind Clifford Drive (Wattsfield Youth FC)	4	4	0	8	Low	No

4	Michaelson Rd – Collinfield Lane	3	5	3 (path currently unsurfaced)	11	Medium	No
5	Collin Hill – Michaelson Rd	2	5 (former play area)	3 (unavoidable steps, no handrails)	10	Low	No
6	Michaelson Rd – Stainbank Rd	3	4	5 (narrow entrance, surface isn't weatherproof, prone to flooding)	12	Medium	Yes
7	Collinfield – Chambers Close (N + S)	1	2	3 (narrow in places)	6	Low	No
8	Chambers Close – Yeats Close	1	1	0	2	Low	No
9	Yeats Close	1	2 (play area)	1	4	Low	No
10	Aldercroft – Stainbank Rd	2	4	4 (path currently unsurfaced, uneven steps, steep slope)	10	High	No