

Kendal Town Council

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5 July 2021

To Members of the Environment and Highways Committee

Cllr G Archibald	Cllr S Evans
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Cllr S Long
Cllr J Dunlop	Cllr J Owen (Chair)
Cllr A Edwards	Cllr C Rowley
Cllr E Hennessy (Vice Chair)	

You are invited to a meeting of Kendal Town Council Environment & Highways Committee's non-statutory Working Group on Monday 12 July 2021 at 6.15pm, via Zoom. Details of the meeting can be found on the Town Council's website at www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk.

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 on 17 May, and affirm them as a true record.

5. Dark Skies

To receive a report from Jack Ellerby, the Project Officer on the Dark Skies Project.

6. E&H Budget

To receive a report on the E&H budget for the current year.

7. Highways and Infrastructure Proposals

To consider proposals for improvements to the highways and infrastructure of Kendal as follows: (see report)

- a) Speed Indicator Device
- b) Cliff Terrace footway lighting

8. Action Plan and Development Projects Proposals

To consider reports on the development of the following items:

- a) Pumptrack feasibility
- b) Beck footway lighting
- c) Wild Kendal
- d) Local Plan consultation

9. Project Updates

To consider questions from members on the following areas of activity, in the context of the reports attached. *See reports*

- a) Highways and Infrastructure Update and Questions
- b) Action Plan and Development Projects Update and Questions
- c) Citizens Jury Update and Questions

All councillors are welcome to attend and observe Committee meetings.

Members of the Press and Public are welcome to attend the meeting.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 17 May 2021 at 6.15pm via Zoom.

Cllr G Archibald	Present	Cllr S Evans	Present
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present	Cllr S Long	Present
Cllr J Dunlop	Apologies	Cllr J Owen (Chair)	Present
Cllr A Edwards	Apologies	Cllr C Rowley	Present
Cllr E Hennessey (Vice chair)	Present		

In attendance: Town Clerk, Project Manager.

Also present: Mr J Rushworth (Local Democracy Reporter)

E1/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Edwards and J Dunlop. Cllr Edwards has resigned from the Committee.

E2/21/22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rowley drew the Committee's attention to his membership of South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC), who were involved in the development of the composting initiative.

E3/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues.

E4/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2021.

Resolved: To accept them as a true record.

E5/21/22 Highways and Infrastructure Proposals – Speed Indicator Device

The Committee considered a proposal for the replacement of the moveable Speed Indicator Device (SID), which was no longer serviceable. It was noted that the device had been returned to its manufacturer in Germany, prior to being assessed as unrepairable. The Council Project Manager presented a number of options for a replacement portable machine, which could be used at Burton Road, Milnthorpe Road, Aynam Road, Sedbergh Road, Appleby Road and Burneside Road. It was noted that Shap Road should also be included in this list, with the precise location to be confirmed.

Of the proposed suppliers it was noted that there appeared little to choose between two of them, with solar power options. A third supplier was notably more expensive.

Consideration was also given to the purchase of a second machine, however it was noted that this was not supported currently by available budget. There was some discussion concerning the fitting of permanent signs, like the one installed on Windermere Road. It was

suggested that this action would require the input of relevant County Council division members.

Resolved: That the Committee delegates the final decision to officers on choice of supplier between Message Maker and Simon Signs, their decision being informed by a range of factors including country of manufacture.

E6/21/22 Highways and Infrastructure Proposals - Underspend

The Committee considered some proposals from the Projects Manager to use Development Fund money remaining from the Castle Signage Project, which came in under budget in 2020. These included:

- A £450 contribution to the preservation of the pestle and mortar, and period pharmacy shop frontage at 41 Highgate.
- A £500 scheme to remove the K Village signage from various road signs, in partnership with Cumbria County Council.
- A £30 improvement to the wording on an interpretive panel on Stramongate, removing language which could be interpreted as unnecessarily demeaning and derogatory to women.
- The creation of a Signage Reserve Fund, to contribute to future small-scale issues of the same nature, with any remaining underspend (estimated at £1,925, if the committee agreed to the programme proposed).

The Committee felt these were all projects worthy of the Council's support, and suggested that there may be other historic shop fronts which required preservation. It was suggested that an audit of shop fronts and other historic architectural features might identify those that might be considered to be at risk. It was also suggested that some of the Signage Reserve might be allocated to the cleaning of road signs, which it was felt was badly needed in a number of areas of the town. It was suggested that the Signage Reserve might be spent on a further speed indicator device, but it was further suggested that this should form a discrete project in its own right, in due course.

Resolved: To allocate the underspend from the Castle Signs project as outlined above.

Resolved: To audit the extent of signs requiring cleaning and shop fronts and architectural features at risk, with a view to utilising the Signage Reserve to address the issues.

E7/21/22 Ivy Screening

The Committee ran through a brief report on the progress of the project to date. An illustration of the scheme planned for Blackhall Road was viewed and it was noted that this was budgeted at £3,200. Alternative suppliers had been identified who could deliver over twice the originally anticipated extent of hedging for a similar price. Councillors were asked to consider a variety of quotes for the work. On Longpool the project would require a renewed agreement from South Lakeland District Council for Locally Important Project funding.

There was some discussion about whether it was necessary to revisit the District Council funding permission, and that the Committee members felt there were benefits in pursuing both projects simultaneously.

Resolved: To delegate the decision on specific suppliers to officers, between quotes for 12m of Blackhall Road between £3,255 and £3,302.

Resolved: To proceed with Longpool on the same basis, subject to the necessary permissions and approvals from the principal authorities as appropriate.

E8/21/22 Solar Audit and Online Hub

The Committee considered a proposal from the Project Manager to utilise a grant of £2,000 from South Lakeland District Council's Community Climate Change Fund to address recommendations from the Climate Change Citizen's Jury on energy production, energy efficiency and publicly-available information on these matters. The first part of the proposal was to spend £800 developing a town-wide audit of available opportunities for solar power. This would use an algorithm developed by Lancaster University to map the town's roof spaces, using aerial photography and satellite imagery. The resulting data could inform further targeted work encouraging take up of solar energy systems.

The second part of the proposal was to develop an online hub, which mapped the town's various initiatives addressing climate change. The interactive element of the mapping would allow users to identify and be inspired by projects which are working towards reducing carbon and increasing biodiversity. This scheme was being developed with colleagues from South Lakeland District Council.

The discussion centred around the potential to develop solutions from the information gathered. It was noted that the solar mapping would produce street-level data from which targeted schemes could be initiated. The second part of the plan took the form of a behavioural nudge, which was one of the Town Council's few levers on a wide range of issues.

Resolved: To support both parts of the proposal, to be funded from the District Council's fund.

E9/21/22 Highways and Infrastructure Update

The Committee considered a report from the Project Manager on completed improvement schemes at Wattsfield Road (bench installation), Burton Road (bus shelter improvement) and Aikrigg Avenue (safety mirror installed). A review of some footpaths on Vicarage Drive with SLDC had resulted in SLDC scoping an improvement project to which the Town Council may contribute in due course.

Resolved: To note the report.

E10/21/22 Development Project Updates

The Committee considered a report from the Project Officer on a range of Action Plan Projects. Two particular issues were identified as being problematic. The Kendal Civic Society-led scheme to develop a new entrance into Noble's Rest appeared to be stuck on the matter of landowner's consent. The Pump Track project was still in search of a likely site. It was observed that existing bike facilities by the Castle were considered by many to be insufficient and ineffectual. It was noted that Cumbria County Council Local Area Committee had recently allocated funding to a multi-use path project on the Lancaster Canal. The Chair reported that the Mayor had expressed his disappointment that there was not more in the County Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) on the connectivity between the south of the town and the centre.

It was noted that there was a meeting on the coming Wednesday with the County Council to review next steps on 20mph.

Resolved: To note the report.

Resolved: To bring a definitive site search report for the Pump Track to the next meeting of the Committee.

E11/21/22 Kendal Composting Feasibility

The Committee considered a report on the progress made towards developing a community composting facility in Kendal. It was noted that there were many issues to consider relating to siting, legal powers and duties, business sustainability, scale etc, but there was an opportunity to develop a pilot at Pembroke Court, which would highlight some of the solutions. The next steps would be to identify potential sites and stakeholders, and make some assessment of the capacity required.

Resolved: To note the report.

E12/21/22 Climate Jury Recommendations Panel

The Committee received a report from the Project Manager on the creation of a Recommendations Panel to assist the Council in reviewing the town's response to the challenges of Climate Change, which it had begun to identify through the Citizen's Jury programme. The Recommendations Panel would be chaired by the Clerk and would consist mainly of stakeholders who were initially involved in the Jury's oversight panel. Concern was expressed about the initial meeting being held in person, and it was suggested that this should revert to a virtual context instead, since it was not a statutory council meeting.

Councillors thanked the Project Manager for her work on the agenda for the meeting, which they felt was detailed and comprehensive.

Resolved: To note the report.

Resolved: That the Project Manager will circulate and publish the list of names on the Recommendations Panel and that the first meeting of the panel should be held on Zoom, rather than face-to-face.

The meeting closed at 19.43

<u>Exp To Date</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Funding B/Fwd</u>	<u>2021-22 Agreed Budget</u>
<u>(Apr-Jun)</u>	<u>12 Mth Exp</u>		

ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS + Action Plans

Bins	£1,593			£2,500
New Infrastructure				£3,500
Enviroground - Wattsfield, install bench	£567			
SID	£2,775			
Ivy Screening Project			£3,266	
Ivy Screening Grant from SLDC			£10,000	
Infrastructure Maintenance (normally £2,700)				
Enviroground - Burton Rd Bus Shelter - dig	£674			
Signage:				£0
Reserve Fund	£420		£3,265	
Woolpack Yard	£950		£4,476	
Footway Lighting				£4,917
Somerville Annual Maintenance				£1,500
Climate Change			£2,019	£10,000
Kendal Composting			£5,000	
Biodiversity Schemes & Grants			£2,400	£11,000
Sommerville			£1,500	
Fletcher Park			£1,500	
Nobles Rest			£5,000	
20mph			£4,297	£10,000
Parks Improvement				£0
Fletcher Park			£1,500	
Nobles Rest			£5,000	
Cycling & Walking				£12,500
LCWIP			£5,000	
Pump Track			£2,000	
LCRP			£5,500	
FRSWG Connectivity Scheme				£15,000
CCTV				£1,500
Defib				£1,600
Total	£6,978		£61,723	£74,017

Kendal Town Council Report

To: Environment & Highways	12 July 2021
From: Project Manager	Agenda Item No 7


Highways & Infrastructure Proposals




a) Speed Indicator Device

The new Speed Indicator Device has been purchased and successfully installed on Milnthorpe Road. Committee members have highlighted the following SID locations:

- Burton Road
- Milnthorpe Road
- Aynam Road
- Sedburgh Road
- Appleby Road
- Burneside Road

Each site was assessed by the Townscape Manager and Project Manager.

Location	Pole status	Next steps	Photo reference
Aynam Road	In place in the correct position	Add to rotation schedule and install SID	n/a
Milnthorpe Road	In place in the correct position	Add to rotation schedule and install SID	n/a
Sedbergh Road	Current pole is near the allotment facing outbound traffic and is therefore ineffective at slowing incoming traffic. New pole required by the verge before the bus shelter.	Confirm CCC permission. Purchase and install new pole.	

Burton Road	<p>No pole in place.</p> <p>Needed to slow traffic down before Rinkfield junction, zebra and Leisure Centre.</p>	<p>Confirm CCC permission.</p> <p>Purchase and install new pole.</p>	
Appleby Road	<p>Current pole in poor location. Significant traffic calming measures are already in place. There is a 30mph sign before Morrisons and again opposite Carpet Right. There is not sufficient width on the verge to ensure the SID won't be damaged (as before) or to allow easy access.</p>	<p>Discuss with E&H</p>	
Burneside Road	<p>No pole in place.</p> <p>Highlighted position (by Kentrigg Road) allows officer easy access and would slow traffic coming down the hill.</p>	<p>Confirm CCC permission.</p> <p>Purchase and install new pole.</p>	

Rotation Schedule

The current schedule will rotate the SID between the two available locations (Milnthorpe Road and Aynam Road). If all locations are agreed, the new SID will be present for 8 weeks per year at each site. This is due to the number of sites and the supplier recommendation that the minimum rotation time is 8 weeks.

Proposal

- Purchase additional poles and seek CCC permission for Burneside Road, Burton Road and Sedbergh Road
- Discuss challenges at Appleby Road

- c) Discuss buying an additional SID to increase frequency.

b) Cliff Terrace Lights

Background

As part of the Dark Skies Cumbria project, Kendal Town Council have supported the installation of wildlife friendly lighting on Cliff Terrace.

Proposal

Confirm support to add Cliff Terrace to exiting lighting budget commitments at a price of £120 per year.

Kendal Town Council Report

To: Environment & Highways	12 July 2021
From: Project Officer	Agenda Item No 8

Action Plan and Development Project Proposals

a) Pumptrack Proposal

Councillors agreed at the last meeting for Officers to identify suitable locations for a Pumptrack. The following locations have been identified as possibilities:

- Heron Hill Open Space
- Kendal Castle (Near the Castle Estate)
- Vicarage Woods
- Canal Head
- Kirbie Kendal School (adjacent to the Towpath)
- Hallgarth Open Space
- Sandylands Park
- Rinkfield
- Town View Field
- Beeson Fields (in conjunction with EA improvements)

The Mintsfeet area is being reviewed by the Kendal Flood Relief Working Group and also provides a possibility in conjunction with access improvements by the playing fields and the land owned by United Utilities.

Proposal Actions

Discuss which sites to formally research to establish ownership and funding options for presentation at the next meeting

b) Beck Footway Lighting

Background

Local residents have complained for several years regarding the lack of lighting on the green space behind the Beck Community Centre and its various connecting footways. Neither SLDC or CCC are willing to install or develop a lighting solution.

In keeping with Kendal's Dark Skies partner status and the Climate Change Jury Recommendations, options for installing solar powered, motion censored and wildlife friendly lighting have been investigated.

A lighting specialists has provided the following initial quotes:

- £4,250 for assessment and design
- £30,000 to purchase x6 lights (number to be confirmed via scheme assessment and design)
- £3,000 to install

However CCC might be able to help procure a similar product for less and waive the Design Fee.

Proposal Actions

- a) Discuss if a KTC led lighting scheme is something KTC would support in next year's budget
- b) Continue research and CCC partnership working to provide additional quotes for Councillor consideration as appropriate

c) Wild Kendal

A separate report is available on this issue.

d) Contributing to the Local Plan



Background

Tackling Climate Change is at the heart of the next Local Plan. SLDC are seeking contributions by 30th September 2021.

Proposal Actions

Councillors to discuss how E&H can ensure the Local Plan reflects the Councils commitment to meeting the emergency of Climate Change?

Kendal Town Council Report

To: Environment & Highways	12 July 2021
From: Town Clerk/Quentin Merritt	Agenda Item No 8(c)

Background

A Proposal from Quentin Merritt

The proposal below was submitted by Quentin Merritt, a local consultant and activist. It represents an ambitious plan to address the problems of biodiversity loss through nature recovery. Rather than try to dissemble the various aspects of the proposals that the Council may wish to address directly, it was felt that there was merit in the Committee reviewing the whole document, initially, prior to suggesting routes of action which could lead to further work, adoption, funding, or whatever the Committee felt was appropriate. Quentin should be in attendance at the meeting, to speak to any aspect of the paper.

Wild Kendal

Better for nature – better for people

Project Proposal

Introduction

This is a proposal for an ambitious nature recovery project called Wild Kendal. The aims of the project are to:

- Support nature recovery and enhance biodiversity within Kendal itself and in the surrounding area, including the catchments of the rivers Kent, Sprint and Mint
- Connect Wild Kendal with other nature recovery areas throughout Cumbria via a network of wildlife corridors
- Raise awareness among local people of the social and economic benefits of nature recovery
- Provide a wide range of opportunities for local people and organisations¹ to take part in nature recovery activities in and around Kendal

¹ Public, private and third sector

The proposal explains why we need a Wild Kendal project and offers a list of potential Wild Kendal projects to illustrate what Wild Kendal could look like on the ground.

The proposal has been prepared by Quentin Merritt of Wild Lakes (see Appendix A for further information). It is being circulated to a number of local organisations with an interest in nature recovery (eg Cumbria Wildlife Trust and South Cumbria Rivers Trust) and the future development of Kendal (Kendal Town Council, South Lakeland District Council and Kendal Futures) – inviting them to endorse the project and join a partnership that would be responsible for developing and delivering it.

If there is sufficient interest in taking this project forward, Lakes Community Wilding will work with partners to develop a project plan and secure funding. (See Appendix B for a longlist of potential project stakeholders, including funders.)

Why do we need Wild Kendal?

The world faces a biodiversity crisis (linked to the climate crisis) and urgent action is needed at all levels and in all countries to halt the catastrophic loss biodiversity and restore natural ecosystems. This is based on a recognition that natural ecosystems provide a wide range of social and economic benefits (as shown in Appendix C).

In 2018 the UK Government published *A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment*.²

“This 25 Year Environment Plan sets out government action to help the natural world regain and retain good health. It aims to deliver cleaner air and water in our cities and rural landscapes, protect threatened species and provide richer wildlife habitats. It calls for an approach to agriculture, forestry, land use and fishing that puts the environment first.”

The national plan is reflected in myriad developments at national, regional and local levels. For example, in 2020 Cumbria was chosen as one of five pilot areas for the development of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), with Cumbria County Council (CCC) acting as lead for the LNRS partnership.³

*“The purpose of the LNRS is to restore and link up habitats so that species can thrive, and agree the best places to help nature recover, plant trees and woodland, restore peatland, mitigate flood and fire risk, and create green spaces for local people to enjoy.
With an agreed LNRS in place, the nature recovery work of*

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/25-year-environment-plan>

³ <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/lhrs/default.asp>

everyone in Cumbria – from the designated landscapes and large conservation partnerships, to farmers, local businesses and community groups – can help to deliver a bigger, better and more joined up nature recovery network across the whole of the county.”

At district level, South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) adopted a Biodiversity Policy⁴ in 2019 which commits it to protecting and enhancing local and global biodiversity. This includes a commitment to:

“Encourage habitat creation, restoration and safeguarding through its planning policies which:

- Encourage the development of greenspace networks and corridors and develop green infrastructure strategy*
- Enshrine the principles of net gain, safeguard important site features and habitats and encourage habitat creation in new development*
- Require the use of sustainable drainage systems and fit for purpose foul water drainage in new developments”*

More locally still, in early 2020 Kendal Futures produced a Vision for Kendal which emphasises the importance of sustainability and talks about “bringing nature into the town”:

“Connecting Kendal’s green surroundings to the town centre. Revitalising the town by creating a “green heart” in Kendal.”

In parallel with this, SLDC commissioned AECOM and Cushman & Wakefield to produce a Town Centre Strategy (also 2020) that:

“seeks to identify options and opportunities for future development and infrastructure which support the town’s quality of place and enhance the historic and natural environment.”

Amongst other things, this document notes that:

“The green network of open and natural spaces within the Town Centre is underutilised and should have a greater influence on the Town’s character. There are opportunities for improved health and wellbeing through the improved accessibility of Kendal’s Green Infrastructure and recreational/utility walking/cycling links.”

⁴ <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-environment/climate-change-and-biodiversity/our-climate-change-and-biodiversity-strategies/#gsc.tab=0>

Wild Kendal has been developed as a vehicle by which Kendal could play a flagship role in the delivery of SLDC's Biodiversity Policy and Cumbria's Local Nature Recovery Strategy, as well as delivering the nature-related aspirations of the Vision for Kendal and the Kendal Town Centre Strategy⁵.

Given that nature recovery makes a significant contribution to carbon sequestration, Wild Kendal would also contribute to local and national initiatives to tackle the climate crisis, such as the Zero Carbon Cumbria programme⁶, SLDC's policy on climate change⁷ and KTC's response to the Kendal Climate Change Citizens' Jury⁸.

Project Ideas

It is envisaged that Wild Kendal would consist of a suite of complementary projects⁹ such as those listed in the table below.

Project	Description
Big Wild Kendal	A large, flagship nature recovery project close to Kendal that is connected to Kendal Wildwood (see below) and the town centre via a wildlife corridor that is accessible to the public
Kendal Wildwood ¹⁰	A continuous belt of woodland surrounding Kendal, with a network of accessible paths (both circling the town and connecting with the town centre) – which ties in with the Wild Guardians project (see below)
Wild at Heart	A publicly accessible wildlife corridor running through the heart of Kendal with links to the surrounding Kendal Wildwood (possibly along the river Kent and Kendal Canal)
Wild at Home	Helping people to make their gardens more wildlife-friendly
Wild Buildings	Encouraging property owners to make their buildings more wildlife-friendly by developing green walls and roofs
Wild Folk	A volunteering programme for Wild Kendal

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For a review of what councils across England (urban as well as rural) are doing in response to the biodiversity crisis, see Sophie Yeo's article (May 2021) in Inkcap magazine: [UK One quarter of English councils have plans to rewild. Does yours?](#)

⁶ <https://cafs.org.uk/our-projects/zero-carbon-cumbria-programme/>

⁷ <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-environment/climate-change-and-biodiversity/our-climate-change-and-biodiversity-strategies/>

⁸ <https://www.kendalclimatejury.org/>

⁹ Many of the projects listed in this table could be linked to the [Blue Campaign](#) in which people and organisations who wild some of their land display a Blue Heart next to the wild area to flag up what they are doing.

¹⁰ This could be part of a larger [Cumbria Wildwood](#) project along the line of the Cambrian Wildwood project in Mid Wales.

Project	Description
Wild Guardians	Encouraging local farmers and other land managers to contribute to nature recovery via the Government's Environmental Land Management Scheme and other initiatives (eg the Morecambe Bay Farmer Cluster ¹¹ , a number of whose members are located close to Kendal). This project ties in with the Kendal Wildwood project (see above)
Wild Local – Wild global	To be developed – project aiming to help people explore what they can do personally to support nature recovery from local to global levels
Wild Parks	Increasing the biodiversity of local parks and other green spaces ¹²
Wild Schools	Providing children in local primary and secondary schools with opportunities to learn about nature recovery and take part in practical nature recovery projects – both in their own school grounds and across the community more generally
Wild Sports	Helping local sports organisations (eg cricket, football, golf and rugby clubs) make their grounds more wildlife-friendly
Wild Ways	Increasing biodiversity and accessibility along roads ¹³ , paths, etc in and around the town ¹⁴
Wild Visits	A programme of inspiring visits to other nature recovery projects in Cumbria (eg Restoring Hardknott Forest, Wild Ennerdale, Wild Haweswater and the Lowther Estate) and further afield
Wild Waters	Supporting nature recovery along the river Kent as it flows through Kendal, as well as upstream into the headwaters of the Kent and Sprint catchments and downstream into Morecambe Bay
Wild Wellbeing	Providing opportunities for people to improve their physical and mental wellbeing through engaging with nature, working in partnership with organisations that support disadvantaged and vulnerable groups
Website	Website providing details of project activities, how to engage with the project and so on (Kendal World Wild Web)
Annual Awards	Celebrating the contributions and achievements of local people and organisations, with awards in categories such as business, families, farming and schools (Wild Well Done)

¹¹ <https://www.farmerclusters.com/profiles/north-east/csff020001-morecambe-bay/>

¹² This could link with the national [Green Flag Award](#) scheme for parks and green spaces.

¹³ See Phillips et al (2021) [Road verge extent and habitat composition across Great Britain](#) for a discussion of the wildlife potential of greening road verges.

¹⁴ This could link in with Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Kendal and the national [Slow Ways](#) project.

Project	Description
Wild Baseline & Monitoring	Using 'natural capital accounting' to estimate the financial value associated with Kendal and the surrounding area? And conducting periodic reviews to track changes in the value of Kendal's natural capital
Other	Projects involving the arts (eg Wild Words & Wild Works of Art) and food (eg foraging – Incredible Edible)

Appendix A: Quentin Merritt and Wild Lakes CIC

Quentin lives in Kendal and has a background in higher education (lecturing in sustainability) and community development. After moving to Cumbria in 1999, he worked for Action with Communities in Cumbria, the Lake District National Park Authority and the University of Cumbria. He now runs a small consultancy, Wingspan Consulting, that specialises in community and environmental projects¹⁵ and works part-time for the Open University. He is a trustee of South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC), a director of Burneside Community Energy (BCE) and a member of the Steering Group for the Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership (CSEP). He represents SLACC on the Zero Carbon Cumbria (ZCC) working group and the Cumbria Sustainability Network, and he was a member of the support group and evaluation group for the Kendal Climate Change Citizens' Jury.

Quentin is in the process of setting up a new social enterprise, Wild Lakes, which aims to:

- Promote public understanding of the social and economic benefits of natural ecosystems
- Support community-based wilding projects

If there is sufficient local support for the Wild Kendal project, Quentin will register Wild Lakes as a community interest company (CIC), with a number of highly experienced friends and colleagues joining him as directors.

¹⁵ Quentin and his fellow director, Guy Huxtable, set the company up in 2005.

Appendix B: Potential Project Stakeholders

Landowners	Conservation specialists	Funders	Exemplars	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbott Hall • Businesses • Churches • Electricity North West • Emergency Services • Farms/estates¹⁶: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dallam Tower Estate ◦ Ellergreen Estate ◦ Levens Hall ◦ Low Sizergh Farm (NT) ◦ Sizergh Castle (NT) • Forestry Commission • Households • Kendal College • Kendal Leisure Centre • Local Authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CCC ◦ KTC ◦ LDNPA ◦ SLDC • National Trust • Schools (Primary): • Schools (Secondary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Kirkby Kendal ◦ Queen Katherine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butterfly Conservation Cumbria • Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre • Cumbria Wildlife Trust • Cumbria Woodlands • Kendal Conservation Volunteers • Kendal Swifts Group • South Cumbria Rivers Trust • Ullswater Catchment Management CIC • Westmorland Red Squirrels • Wild Lakeland • Wilderculture • Woodmatters • Woodland Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copeland Community Fund • Cumberland Building Society • Cumbria Community Foundation • Cumbria County Council • Defra • DPD Eco Fund • Esmée Fairburn Foundation • Forestry Commission • Francis C Scott Trust • Frieda Scott Trust • Hadfield Trust • Kendal Town Council • Lake District Foundation • Lake District National Park Authority • National Lottery Heritage Fund • South Lakeland District Council • Zero Carbon Cumbria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring Hardknott Forest • Wild Ennerdale • Wild Haweswater • Wild Lowther 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbott Hall • Another Way (Amy Bray) • Brewery Arts Centre • Burnside Community Energy • Cumbria Action for Sustainability • Cumbria Beaver Group • Cumbria Eco-Forum • Cumbria Local Nature Partnership • Cumbria Mammal Group • Cumbria Peat Partnership • Cumbria Sustainability Network • Extinction Rebellion South Lakes • Fellside Forum (Susan Heyes) • Friends of Fletcher Park • Friends of Nobles Rest • Friends of the Lake District • Hallgarth Residents Group • Kastle (Jemima Longcake) • Kendal Business Improvement District • Kendal Calling

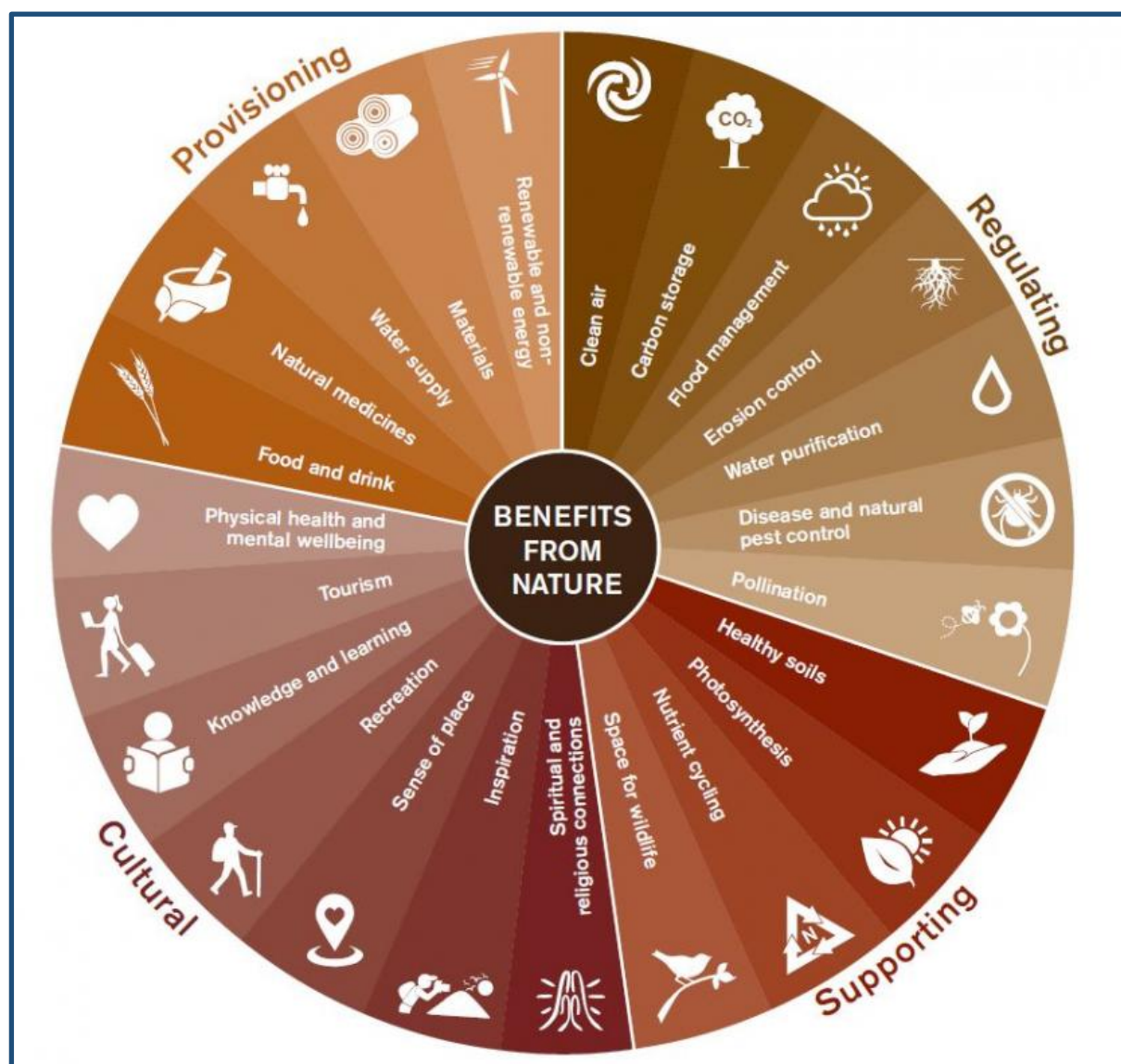
¹⁶ See Natural England website for [map](#) showing land subject to Environmental Stewardship Agreements.

Landowners	Conservation specialists	Funders	Exemplars	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carrus Green Golf Club ○ Kendal Cricket Club ○ Kendal Golf Club ○ Kendal Rugby Club ○ Kendal Town FC • Transport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cumbria County Council ○ Network Rail • United Utilities • Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benson Knott ○ Cunswick Scar ○ Helm Hill ○ Kendal Fell¹⁷ ○ Serpentine Woods ○ Scout Scar 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kendal Civic Society • Kendal Fell Advisory Group • Kendal Futures • Kendal in Bloom • Kendal Museum • Kent (Westmorland) Angling Association • Kirkbarrow Residents' Association • Lakeland Arts • Local Authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CCC ○ KTC ○ LDNPA ○ SLDC • Morecambe Bay Partnership • NFU Cumbria • Rewilding Britain • Rotary Club of Kendal • Sandylands Residents Association • Save the Heart of Kendal • South Lakes Action on Climate Change • South Lakes Flood Action Partnership • The Farmer Network • Tim Farron MP • University of Cumbria (BOOM)

¹⁷ Management plan produced by Rigby Jerram for the [Kendal Fell Advisory Group](#)

Landowners	Conservation specialists	Funders	Exemplars	Other
				project) • Zero Carbon Cumbria

Appendix C: Benefits from Nature



Source: NatureScot¹⁸

¹⁸ <https://www.nature.scot/scotlands-biodiversity/scottish-biodiversity-strategy/ecosystem-approach/ecosystem-services-natures-benefits>

Kendal Town Council Report

To: Environment & Highways	12 July 2021
From: Project Manager	Agenda Item No 9

Highways & Infrastructure Updates

Vicarage Drive

SLDC have confirmed they don't own the link path between The Adventure and Vicarage Drive, they think it belongs to Russel Armour.

Awaiting quote for section that is owned by SLDC (from The Adventure to Echo Barn Hill). Costs for this section will be feedback at the next meeting to inform a decision regarding Russell Armour footpaths.

Signage Audit

Budgets have aligned to create a signage budget of £3,265

Google map created to enable officers to highlight Signs that need attention

Map data to be reviewed end of August to inform a proposal for the next committee

Action Plan and Development Project Updates

Woolpack Yard Signage (KTC Project, Budget £4,476)

Final design, permission contract and consents approved by land owner

Sign to be manufactured and installed in August

Nobles Rest Entrance (Kendal Civic Society Project £5000 contribution)

The purpose of the project is to create a new entrance to Nobles Rest from Library Road

Landowner permission has been granted

Kendal Civic Society together with SLDC are considering status options for the new footpath

Kendal to Lancaster Towpath Trail (LCRP led project £5,500 contribution)

Budgeted contribution as below is yet to be requested:

Annual membership £250

Project Management support £2,250

Feasibility study contribution £3,000

Apparent outstanding invoice for 2020/21 financial year contribution is being investigated.

20mph Development (KTC led project £14,297 budget)

Successful review meeting complete

CCC happy to review consultant costs and sketch boundary suggestions

Aim to review both at next meeting

Kendal Futures Support (£25,250)

Kendal Futures are awaiting SLDC funding

KTC's contributions have not been requested to date

Biodiversity Grant Updates

Somervell Wildflower Garden £1500

Ownership understood and permission gained. Lack of Wildflower Turf has delayed order, order and installation expected by end of July.

Kendal Municipal Composting Feasibility Project (£5000)

Awaiting response from CCC / ZCCP re partnership approach to assess the following sites:

- Kendal Quarry
- Mintsfeet Depot
- Sedbergh Drive (former Castle Park school site) owned by GGE Ltd
- Canal Head Recycling centre
- UU land near Horticare
- SLDC Canal Path near Parkside Road

Ivy Screening Project (KTC budget £3,266 and £10,000 via Locally Important Projects)

- CCC permissions in place for both Longpool and Blackhall Road
- LIP application resent
- Awaiting LIP application confirmation

Citizens Jury Update

Recommendations Panel

The first Recommendations Panel took place on the 23rd of June online, please see minutes attached. The meeting was very positive and constructive. Three Jury members presented recommendations for stakeholders to report progress against. The NFU feedback their appreciation for the positive collective approach and the desire to work together going forwards. The main actions points were:

- Supporting and celebrating each other's recommendation projects
- Contributing to the online inspiration hub with case study and project info
- Championing green festivals particularly Torchlight
- Contributing to the Local Plan with the recommendations in mind

Solar Audit Project

SLDC have approved a grant application of £800 to fund a solar audit of Kendal as approved by committee.

- Awaiting formal confirmation before contracting auditing consultant

- Task and Finish Group to include members of the Recommendations Panel, including Ian Wheeler, LEP Head of Clean Energy
- An audit of Kendal's potential to generate energy via a hydro scheme was recommended at the panel meeting. This will be discussed following the solar audit results and agreed next steps.

Online Inspiration Hub Project

SLDC have approved a grant application of £1200 to fund the creation of a online inspiration hub.

- Awaiting formal confirmation before contracting web designers and illustrators
- Content to include overview agreed by committee and former Jury members home energy improvements, NFU member updates and Kendal based businesses who received 'Future Fixers' training
- Content to be curated with support from SLDC officers
- Meetings with Torchlight, Kendal Mountain Festival and Lakes International Comic Festival scheduled to secure presence of a 'Jury Recommendations Stand' to promote the online hub and Jury's recommendations
- Meetings with Waste into Wellbeing, Kendal Repair Café and Torchlight to discuss physical hub options in partnership with existing projects.
- Proposal for physical hub space to follow at September's meeting, highlighting options for the current £12,000 Climate Change budget.