

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of
Kendal Town Council
held on Monday, 1st July 2019 at 7.30 p.m.
in the SLDC Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Kendal**

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor A Finch) in the Chair;
Councillors G Vincent, G Cook, P Bramham, S Coleman, S Evans, G
Tirvengadam, C Hogg, R Hogg, R Sutton, D Rathbone (Deputy Mayor), J
Cornthwaite, P Gibson, E Hennessy, H Ladhams, D Miles, M Miles and T
Becker

APOLOGIES Councillors J Brook, G Archibald, M Severn, A Blackman, C Hardy, J
Owen, J Dunlop, A Edwards, S Long and C Rowley

OFFICERS L Richardson (Town Clerk), J Lomax (Treasurer) and N King (Council
Secretary)

146/19/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

147/19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

148/19/20 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor suggested that item 4 on the Agenda (Dementia Induction
Training) be moved forward. This was proposed by Councillor Evans,
seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

**149/19/20 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD JUNE 2019 &
MATTERS ARISING**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting of full Council held on
3rd June 2019.

Councillor C Hogg proposed that the minutes be approved as a correct
record and signed by the Chair. This was seconded by Councillor
Bramham and carried with one abstention.

Councillor Rathbone advised that Councillor Ladhams had indicated her
interest in becoming a Member of the Planning Committee and proposed
that she be appointed. This was seconded by Councillor C Hogg and
carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd June 2019 be
approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
2. That Councillor Ladhams be appointed as a Member of the Planning
Committee.

150/19/20

DEMENTIA INDUCTION TRAINING – MIRIAM BAIRD, SENIOR COMMISSIONING OFFICER, MORECAMBE BAY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Miriam Baird began by explaining that this was an awareness session rather than training. She introduced 'Dementia Friends' which is an initiative of the Alzheimer's Society. Miriam is a member of Kendal Dementia Action Alliance and had been invited to the meeting by Councillor Sutton, who is KTC representative for the Alliance.

Five key messages were explained:

- Dementia is not a natural part of ageing
- Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain
- Dementia is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks, as well as perception problems
- It is possible to live well with dementia and live a normal life
- There is more to the person than their dementia

Miriam talked about what dementia does to a person and how it can affect them. She explained that factual information (the memory) is affected before emotions and used an analogy to demonstrate how this works. Miriam perceived that assumptions are made about what someone with dementia can or can't do and stressed that it is important not to assume without knowing a person's background.

There is a South Lakes Dementia Hub located at Abbot Hall Social Centre. A session runs on the second Tuesday of every month for people living with dementia and their carers. An information booklet and badge were handed out to Members and Miriam requested Councillors completed the reply card in the booklet and return these to the Town Clerk.

The Mayor thanked Miriam for a very informative session.

151/19/20

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented his engagements that had been previously circulated. He thanked the Deputy Mayor for attending events during his recent annual leave.

He highlighted the Fit for Life event held by Age UK which he had attended, commenting that it had been a great event.

152/19/20

REQUEST FOR LOAN OF THE PATTERN BOOK BY FAIRFAX HOUSE MUSEUM, YORK

Members considered a request for loan of the Pattern Book by Fairfax House Museum, York. The Museum had previously loaned the book for an exhibition in 2015 and wished to include it in their forthcoming exhibition 'The Georgian Edit: Cutting Edge Fashion in the Eighteenth Century' (26 July – 24 December).

The Town Clerk explained that due to timescale the request had been

brought to Council for decision, as the Mayoralty & Arts Committee were not due to meet until September. She mentioned that she had attended the exhibition in 2015 and had been very impressed with both the exhibition and the publicity gained from it. She noted that a replica of the book is held by KTC and this would be available to show visitors to the Parlour whilst the original was on loan.

A general discussion ensued. Councillor C Hogg was happy to support the request and remarked that the previous exhibition had been very well attended and provided good publicity for Kendal. He added that Fairfax House was an accredited museum. Councillor Coleman queried whether the Museum was aware that KTC held a replica. The Town Clerk said she would make them aware. Councillor Vincent also expressed his support, adding that he would always encourage KTC to support accredited initiatives such as this. The matter of insurance was raised by Councillor Hennessy. The Town Clerk replied that KTC hold adequate insurance, although the Museum's insurance would cover KTC in the event of damage/loss.

It was proposed by Councillor C Hogg that KTC agree to the loan. This was seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

Councillor C Hogg also referred to the KTC Romney painting currently on loan to Abbot Hall Museum. He suggested that the storage of this item during the forthcoming refurbishment would need to be considered.

RESOLVED That KTC agreed to the loan of the Pattern Book to Fairfax House Museum, York for their forthcoming exhibition.

153/19/20 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 17th June 2019 were presented by Councillor Coleman who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Bramham and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 17th June 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

154/19/20 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd June and 17th June 2019 were presented by Councillor Rathbone who asked Council to receive these minutes.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd June and 17th June 2019 be received.

155/19/20 MAYORALTY & ARTS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Mayoralty & Arts Committee meeting held on 28th May 2019 were presented by Councillor Tirvengadam.

Councillor Bramham referred to minute 048/19/20 and clarified that Netherfield Football Club became Kendal Town.

Councillor Tirvengadam proposed that the minutes be approved as a correct record, subject to the correction highlighted. This was seconded by Councillor Vincent and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Mayoralty & Arts Committee meeting held on 28th May 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting subject to the amendment highlighted.

156/19/20 KENDAL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Kendal In Bloom Committee meeting held on 11th June 2019 were presented by Councillor Sutton who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

Councillor Coleman complimented the Kendal in Bloom Committee and the Townscape Manager for their excellent work this year on the bloom planting.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Kendal In Bloom Committee meeting held on 11th June 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

157/19/20 OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

A report following the recent Kendal Dementia Action Alliance AGM was presented by Councillor Sutton.

He highlighted the new Hub at Abbot Hall Social Centre, advising that footfall was a little quiet. He requested that Councillors help publicise the Hub within their Wards. Councillors R Hogg and Becker requested leaflets for their places of work. The Town Clerk said she would obtain these from Miriam Baird.

The Dementia Buddy scheme has been hampered as police handsets cannot read information on the badges and bracelets. Current funding will not provide new handsets at present.

It was suggested by Councillor C Hogg that a press release would be appropriate following the dementia awareness session. He further suggested that the Mayor and as many Councillors as possible attend a Kendal Dementia Action Alliance session at the new Hub. The Town Clerk will arrange this and Councillor Becker will ask Tim Farron if he is able to attend.

Councillor Evans remarked that Miriam Baird had provided an inspiring awareness session and requested that she be thanked.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk arrange for the Mayor and as many Councillors as possible to attend a Kendal Dementia Action Alliance session at the new Hub. Councillor Becker to ask Tim Farron to attend.

158/19/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

159/19/20 (a) Bank Payments Schedule: May 2019

The Town Treasurer presented the Bank Payments Schedule for May

2019. It was proposed by Councillor Coleman that the Bank Payments Schedule for May 2019 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Ladhams and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the Bank Payments Schedule for May 2019 be approved.

160/19/20 (b) Invoices over £3,000

The Treasurer reported that there were two invoices over £3,000 which required approval as follows:

- SLDC – £18,762.73 (£2,440.84 for street lighting and £16,321.89 for the May 2018 Parish election).
- Schools of Science & Art Charity - provision of music therapy at Sandgate School - £3,500.

Councillor Coleman proposed that the invoices be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Tirvengadam and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That payment of the two invoices over £3,000 be approved.

161/19/20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Coleman and seconded by Councillor C Hogg to move into Part II, this was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the press and public be excluded for the following items of business.

Part II

In accordance with Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, the following reports were excluded from inspection by members of the public as they contain exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as follows:-

- Information relating to any individual [*Paragraph 1*]

162/19/20 STAFFING MATTERS [Paragraph 1]

RECOMMENDATION (from Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee 128/19/20) - That Committee continue with the 2019 switch on event and that Development Fund money be utilised to appoint the Project Manager to oversee the co-ordination.

Councillor Evans explained the background to the recommendation from the recent Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee meeting and the problems encountered with the switch on event in 2018. She commented that the Assistant to the Town Clerk and other officers had worked hard to ensure the event took place, but the problems still exist this year and there have since been further issues. She added that the recommendation to appoint the Project Manager to oversee the co-ordination of the switch on event would provide an opportunity to consider doing something different.

It was also noted that the Committee had decided not to have the

reindeer this year. The deposit already paid will be refunded, therefore no money will be lost.

The Town Clerk added that officers do not have the expertise or time to oversee the co-ordination of the switch on event. If the recommendation was approved, the Project Manager would undertake the project as an extension to her current contract. It was estimated that 25 days' work would be required (including a contingency), not exceeding £3,500. Budget is available from the Development Fund.

A detailed discussed then took place. Various opinions were expressed. Members also considered whether Development Fund money should be utilised in totality or whether only the difference should be made up. The Project Manager would continue to seek sponsorship to help reduce the amount required.

Councillor Coleman proposed that the recommendation from the Christmas Lights & Festivals be approved with a maximum budget of £3,500. As much as possible to come from the budget line in Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee and any difference to come from the £20k budget line in the Development Fund for additional staffing. This was seconded by Councillor C Hogg and carried with 1 against and 1 abstention.

RESOLVED That the Project Manager be appointed to oversee the co-ordination of the switch on event. Maximum budget to be £3,500 with as much as possible from the budget line in Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee and any difference from the £20k budget line in the Development Fund.

163/19/20 READMISSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Rathbone to move out of Part II and re-admit the press and public (none were present). This was seconded by Councillor Sutton and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the press and public be re-admitted for the remainder of the meeting (none were present).

The meeting ended at 9.17 p.m.

Signature

Date