

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of
Kendal Town Council
held on Monday, 5th August 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, P Bramham, J Brook, S Evans, M Severn, A Blackman, C Hardy, R Sutton, D Rathbone (Deputy Mayor), J Cornthwaite, J Dunlop, A Edwards, S Long, D Miles, M Miles, C Rowley and T Becker

APOLOGIES Councillors G Cook, G Archibald, S Coleman, G Tirvengadam, C Hogg, R Hogg, P Gibson, E Hennessy and H Ladhams. The Town Treasurer, J Lomax.

OFFICERS L Richardson (Town Clerk) and N King (Council Secretary)

268/19/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

269/19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

270/19/20 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST JULY 2019

Members considered the minutes of the meeting of full Council held on 1st July 2019.

Minute 157/19/20 – the Mayor advised that the visit of the Mayor and Councillors to a Kendal Dementia Action Alliance Hub session was being rearranged for October. There would be a separate photo call with the Mayor and Tim Farron MP. The Town Clerk will confirm details with Councillors by email.

Councillor Evans proposed that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Vincent and carried with three abstentions.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st July 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

271/19/20 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented his engagements that had been previously circulated.

He made special mention of a recent visit to Right2Work to see their work, commenting that he had been very impressed. Items such as old sofas and mattresses are stripped down and recycled, saving waste going to landfill. He noted that anybody can go down and see how they work and encouraged Councillors to do so.

Another event highlighted was the Simply Repair workshop run in conjunction with Sandylands Residents Association. The event had been extremely well attended.

272/19/20 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 15th July 2019 were presented by Councillor Blackman who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Evans and carried with 1 abstention.

Councillor Blackman mentioned that he had also visited Right2Work as a Trustee and echoed the comments made previously by the Mayor. The work they carry out saves around 120 tonnes of waste a year going into landfill.

A correction to the minutes was noted, reference 218/19/20 (Tour of Britain), which should be a recommendation of the Committee, not a resolution in the summary table.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 15th July 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting, subject to the correction noted.

Councillor Blackman then presented the following recommendation from the Committee:

273/19/20 ***Tour of Britain** (Minute 218/19/20)
That sponsorship of £2k be granted to CCC for the Tour of Britain event. CCC to be informed of Committee's recommendation, but the final decision will be made by Full Council in August.*

Councillor Vincent spoke about bringing a world class sport into the District and the economic benefit not being entirely quantified. He observed that a survey of shops in Kendal during the last visit of the Tour showed the worst day of trading recorded. Councillor Evans commented that hosting the beginning of a stage may carry more economic benefit and suggested the chance may come in the future if Kendal continued to host the closing stages.

Councillor Rowley expressed his concern regarding the carbon footprint associated with the Tour. He commented that he a large number of vehicles accompany the cyclists and that he understood that resources are hired from the Tour de France which involves heavy goods transport. He said KTC needed to take this into account in future and be more cautious about funding the Tour and focus on encouraging utility cycling.

Councillor Bramham was concerned that road closures and disruption in town would make it difficult for people getting to work etc, particularly people on lower incomes. The Chair understood that road closures would not be in place until around 3pm, therefore disruption should be kept to a minimum.

Councillor Severn held the opinion that the presence of the Tour could bring lots of positivity and considered the potential benefits outweigh any

inconvenience.

Councillor Brook proposed that Council approve the recommendation, however the concerns raised about the carbon footprint should be drawn to the attention of the organisers. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED That Council approve sponsorship of £2k for the Tour of Britain event. The concerns raised about the carbon footprint be drawn to the attention of the organisers.

274/19/20 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee meeting held on 24th June 2019 were presented by Councillor Evans who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried unanimously.

Minute 128/19/20 was highlighted regarding appointment of the Project Manager to oversee the co-ordination of the Christmas Lights switch on event. Reference was made to this being via the Project Manager's company, Cinnamon Events. Councillor Evans explained that this was the understanding at the time of the meeting, however it has subsequently been agreed that the work will be undertaken as an extension to the Project Manager's current role at a cost saving to the Council.

With reference to 132/19/20, Councillor Brook asked when the letter to businesses on Wildman Street would be delivered. Councillor Evans replied that she would be delivering these tomorrow.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee meeting held on 24th June 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Councillor Evans then presented the following recommendation of the Committee and proposed approval:

275/19/20 ***Kendal Rugby Club Grant Request** (Minute 130/19/20)
That £1.5k be awarded to KRUFCC for the fireworks display.*

Councillor Vincent declared an interest at this point as a member of Kendal Rugby Club.

The proposal to approve the recommendation was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried with one abstention.

RESOLVED That £1.5k be awarded to KRUFCC for the fireworks display.

276/19/20 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1st July and 15th July 2019 were presented by Councillor Rathbone who asked Council to receive these minutes.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st July and 15th July 2019 be received.

277/19/20 OXENHOLME STATION CAR PARKING

The Town Clerk referred to Minute 209/19/20 in the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 15th July. Committee had resolved that the matter of Oxenholme Station car parking be added to the agenda of the next Council meeting for further discussion. She explained that the issue had been ongoing for some time. A letter had been sent to Virgin Trains regarding the subject of pedestrian safety at the Station and a link to a Westmorland Gazette article had also been forwarded.

A response received from Virgin Trains dated 30th July advised that:

“Working in partnership with Network Rail, we have resurfaced the station approach road, repaired potholes and repainted the double yellow lines to make it safer for pedestrians and improve the overall experience for people travelling to and from Oxenholme Station”.

The response carried on to say that Virgin Trains are continuing to explore additional options to improve the environment for pedestrians.

The Town Clerk reported that whilst pleased to hear about the completed works, Councillor Coleman had commented that parking restrictions are ignored by drivers and unless vehicles are moved on, the problem of pedestrian safety will remain.

Councillor Blackman remarked that vehicles can be parked free of charge for 20 minutes in the car park and suggested this be publicised in the KTC newsletter.

Councillor Rathbone said the 20 minutes free parking had been raised before but was not well publicised. He agreed it was a good idea to include an article in the newsletter. With regard to parking, he commented that the problem is usually people dropping off and this issue had not been addressed in the reply from Virgin Trains. He added that there is no system of monitoring, checking or fining in place. There is also no signage or warning of the narrow entrance approach, which also has three other entrances off it.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would reply to Virgin Trains highlighting the points made.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk reply to Virgin Trains highlighting the points made.

278/19/20 OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORSLancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership (LCRP)

Councillor Rowley presented an update following a meeting of LCRP on 2nd July. He stated that he was impressed with how things are moving.

It was highlighted that the Trust has offered to run walks along the canal as part of next year’s Kendal Walking Festival. Councillor Blackman advised that the Walking Festival Committee has included two walks along the Canal during next year’s Festival. He also commented that the

Rotary Club are also looking to join up with the Festival and hold a walk that same weekend.

Kendal Integrated Community Delivery Group

Councillor Sutton presented his report following a meeting of Kendal Integrated Community Delivery Group on 18th July. He explained that the group has evolved and there are now many different groups involved.

The Mayor observed that the Group is in need of volunteers.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

279/19/20

(a) Bank Payments Schedule: June 2019

The Town Clerk presented the Bank Payments Schedule for June 2019. It was proposed by Councillor Severn that the Bank Payments Schedule for June 2019 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Sutton and carried unanimously.

Councillor Evans queried a goodwill gesture made in respect of jeans damaged on a KTC bench. The Town clerk explained the payment had been made following a claim for damage to a pair of designer jeans, after sitting on a bench which had been painted by an unknown person/organisation and left wet without signs. The goodwill amount equalled the excess on our insurance policy.

Councillor Dunlop noted that fuel for the KTC vehicle continues to be purchased from Lound Road Garage. She had previously suggested consideration be given to using a supermarket as it is cheaper. The Town Clerk put forward various comments that had been made following the previous discussion including location of supermarkets, KTC policy to support a local company where possible and using better quality fuel. It was agreed that the matter be added as an item on the next Kendal in Bloom Committee and Allotments Committee agenda. She explained that it would need to be a joint decision as the cost of the van is split between those two Committees. She added that there would need to be the facility of a fuel card account.

RESOLVED

1. That the Bank Payments Schedule for June 2019 be approved.
2. That the matter of van fuel purchase be added to the agendas of the next Kendal in Bloom Committee and Allotments Committee meetings.

280/19/20

(b) Petty Cash Payments: April-June 2019

The Town Clerk presented petty cash payments for April to June 2019.

Councillor Long queried the purchase of sun cream. The Town Clerk confirmed this had been purchased for the Townscape Manager who was hedge laying in very hot weather which presented a health and safety issue.

Councillor Severn proposed that the Petty Cash Payments be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Evans and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the Petty Cash Payments for April to June 2019 be approved.

281/19/20 (c) Invoices over £3,000

The Town Clerk read out a payments schedule of approved festival grants, some of which were over £5k and required approval as follows:

- Kendal Torchlight Procession - £5k
- Lakes Arts Festivals - £5k
- Kendal Mountain Festival - £5k
- Mary Wakefield Festival - £500
- Kendal Windows on Art - £750
- Christmas Tree Festival - £500
- LDNPA - £5k
- AWAZ Cumbria – £2k

The Town Clerk commented that the previously approved grant of £1.5k for the KRUFc Winter Festival had not been included whilst confirmation that the event was still going ahead was sought.

The Town Clerk highlighted the grant for Comic Arts (Lakes Arts), She noted that there had been a discrepancy with the amount agreed. The Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee meeting minutes refer to a request for £7.5k, with a recommendation being made to approve £5k. However, the figure proposed and agreed by Full Council in December 2018 was £7.5k. The Town Clerk explained that approved minutes stand for 6 months, however as that period has now passed the matter could be discussed again. Consultation with Councillor Evans and the Assistant to the Town Clerk had confirmed the correct figure to be £5k.

It was proposed by Councillor Evans that the list of approved festival grants be approved for payment. This was seconded by Councillor Severn and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That payment of the approved festival grants be approved.

The meeting ended at 8.22 p.m.

Signature

Date