

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of
Kendal Town Council
held on Monday, 2nd March 2020 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, J Brook, G Archibald, S Coleman, G Tirvengadam, A Blackman, C Hogg, R Sutton, J Owen, D Rathbone (Deputy Mayor), J Cornthwaite, P Gibson, E Hennessy, H Ladhams, S Long, D Miles, M Miles, C Rowley and T Becker

APOLOGIES Councillors S Evans, M Severn, C Hardy, R Hogg, J Dunlop and A Edwards

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

874/19/20 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair proposed that item 4 on the agenda (Presentation of the Wainwright Award 2019) be moved to the next item of business. This was seconded by Councillor Archibald and carried unanimously.

875/19/20 PRESENTATION OF THE WAINWRIGHT AWARD 2019 TO GROWING WELL

The Wainwright Award is presented each year to the person, persons, club, association, society or other local body (political activities excluded), who, or which, in the opinion of the Administrators of the Trust, has done most during the year to promote the prestige of Kendal or has contributed significantly to the betterment of its inhabitants.

The Chair outlined the work of Growing Well which offers an inclusive and welcoming environment for local people with mental health difficulties to volunteer and flourish. The work is meaningful, producing vegetable boxes for retail to the local community. Growing Well have lots of service users from Kendal and volunteers can self-refer, use a GP referral or be referred by community mental health services.

The Chair congratulated Growing Well and presented the Wainwright Award certificate and cheque to Mary Smith, Chief Executive.

Mary Smith said she was honoured to receive the Award on behalf of Growing Well. There are currently 135 people on the register which is the largest number at any time. They have seen a spike in the demand for the service over the last couple of years as mental health has become a growing issue. She explained that it has been a difficult year for Growing Well's survival and the Award would celebrate the continued success and growth of the organisation. Mary Smith commented that it was extremely special to discover who had nominated Growing Well for the Award, as she had once been a service user herself. She added that the service users and volunteers are aware of the Award and are delighted to have been chosen as the winning organisation.

876/19/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three candidates were in attendance for the selection of co-opted Councillor for Strickland Ward and were each given the opportunity to address Council.

Tony Rothwell had known the late Councillor Paul Bramham for a very long time. He is a Kendalian born and bred and has lived in the town all his life. He is a Kendal Civic Society committee member and has previously served as Councillor for both the District and Town Council. His main area of concern is the built and natural environment of the town.

Kate Simpson has lived in Kendal for the last 12 years and her children attend school in the town. As Managing Director of a growing and international business she believed she could bring practical experience in bridging between different interest groups and the needs within the local community. She travels extensively, both nationally and internationally, but commented that she always loves to come home and feels that where we live makes us feel happy, healthy and connected. She expressed a real interest in our local community and the environment.

Ian Wood, also a Kendalian, has lived in the town for 30 years. He runs a photography business based at Dockray Hall which is within the Strickland Ward. For the past 20 years he has lived on the edge of the Ward and therefore knows the people, businesses and area extremely well. He expressed his passion for the town and its people. He added that he is very positive about Kendal and would welcome the opportunity to be involved in making decisions for the future of the town.

877/19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

878/19/20 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2020

Members considered the minutes of the meeting of full Council held on 3rd February 2020.

Councillor Coleman proposed that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Archibald and carried with four abstentions.

Councillor Owen referred to minute 806/19/20 and updated Members on the crowd funding appeal. The initial £6,000 target has been reached but the option to increase the target to £10,000 has been taken and the time period extended by a further 9 days. The total currently stands at 64% of the new target.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd February 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

879/19/20 SELECTION OF A CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR FOR STRICKLAND WARD

There was no requests to pose individual questions to the three

candidates following their declarations under the Public Participation item nor to discuss the candidates amongst Members.

Members then voted for the co-opted Councillor for Strickland Ward and Kate Simpson was elected to serve until the next scheduled elections in May 2022. The result was Kate Simpson 18 votes, Tony Rothwell 2 votes and Ian Wood 1 vote.

Kate Simpson signed the Declaration of Office and took her seat.

The Chair thanked all the candidates for their applications.

880/19/20 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented his engagements that had been previously circulated.

The Mayor's Charity Dinner will take place on Friday 6th March. Tickets are still available.

881/19/20 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR OF KENDAL FOR 2020/21

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Kendal for 2020/21. Nominations need to be formally submitted by the end of the month with a proposer and seconder. An announcement will be made at the Full Council meeting in April.

882/19/20 UPDATE ON KTC ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20 AND ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

The Town Clerk advised that she was currently finalising the Annual Report. A draft had been issued to Councillors and she requested any final comments by tomorrow. The report will then go to print.

The Annual Report will be presented at the Annual Town Assembly on 6th April 2020 at 7.15pm in the Bindloss Room. There will be a short presentation by individual Committee Chairs on the work of each Committee, followed by an open questions session for the general public.

883/19/20 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 17th February 2020 were presented by Councillor Coleman who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Owen and carried unanimously.

Councillor Coleman drew Members' attention to minute 864/19/20 and the KTC staffing structure project. He reassured Council that the steps being taken are an attempt to make democracy more efficient and ensure officer time is used effectively.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 17th February 2020 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

884/19/20 AUDIT, GRANTS & CHARITIES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Audit, Grants & Charities Committee meeting held on 27th January 2020 were presented by Councillor Cook, in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Sutton and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Audit, Grants & Charities Committee meeting held on 27th January 2020 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Councillor Cook then presented the following recommendations of the Committee:

885/19/20 Grant Applications (Minute 769/19/20)

That Council approve the award of grants for 2020/21 as agreed.

Councillors Cook and C Hogg declared an interest as CCC Councillors. CCC own the building occupied by the hydrotherapy pool.

Carer Support South Lakes - £2,000

Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

The Birchall Trust – £2,250.

Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

South Lakeland Hydrotherapy Trust – £3,000.

Proposed by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried with 3 abstentions.

Dignity in Dementia

It was noted that due to limited budget and concerns regarding the application, Committee had resolved to decline the request.

South Lakes Dementia Community – £500.

Councillor Cook proposed that the remaining budget of £500 be awarded. This was seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

Councillor Archibald requested that Dignity in Dementia be advised to approach other tiers of government for financial support. Councillor C Hogg commented that the process of signposting unsuccessful applicants to other sources of financial support had previously been raised and asked this be considered by the Committee.

RESOLVED That the grant applications be approved as per the Committee's recommendations.

886/19/20 Review of Risk Assessments (Minute 770/19/20)

That Council approve the Risk Assessments.

Councillor Cook proposed approval of the Risk Assessments which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. This was seconded by

Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That Council approve the Risk Assessments.

887/19/20 KENDAL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Kendal in Bloom Committee meeting held on 28th January 2020 were presented by Councillor Blackman who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Sutton and carried unanimously.

Councillor Blackman referred to minute 779/19/20, Tree Planter Cladding. He advised that the prototype has now been installed on the planter outside the Halifax Bank and asked Members to take a look.

Councillor Archibald asked whether the pollinator project (minute 785/19/20) had concluded or whether there was more that could be done. Councillor Rowley commented that the project had resulted in a comprehensive report containing lessons learnt which will continue to influence future projects. He gave an example of a proposal put forward to request developers of future large scale developments to clear/scrape off an area of land thereby reducing the fertility of the soil to provide a suitable area for wild flower planting to thrive.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Kendal in Bloom Committee meeting held on 28th January 2020 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

888/19/20 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd and 17th February 2020 were presented by Councillor Rathbone who asked Council to receive these minutes.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd and 17th February 2020 be received.

889/19/20 MAYORALTY & ARTS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Mayoralty & Arts Committee meeting held on 10th February 2020 were presented by Councillor Finch who proposed that they be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Cook and carried unanimously.

Councillor Coleman asked about plans to celebrate VE Day. The Town Clerk advised that she is finalising details and will issue an email with further information shortly.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Mayoralty & Arts Committee meeting held on 10th February 2020 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

890/19/20 OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Town Clerk outlined the work of CALC and explained that Councillor C Hogg would be standing down as KTC representative. This leaves a vacancy and a request was made for a volunteer. Councillor Sutton remains a representative to this outside body.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

891/19/20 (a) Bank Payments Schedule: January 2020

The Town Treasurer presented the Bank Payments Schedule for January 2020. It was proposed by Councillor Brook that the Bank Payments Schedule for January 2020 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the Bank Payments Schedule for January 2020 be approved.

892/19/20 (b) Invoices over £3,000

The Treasurer reported that there were no invoices over £3,000 which required approval.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

Signature

Date