

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of
Kendal Town Council
held on Monday, 7th September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.
(Via Teleconferencing)**

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor A Finch) in the Chair;
Councillors G Vincent, G Cook, J Brook, G Archibald, S Coleman, S
Evans, G Tirvengadam, A Blackman, C Hogg, R Hogg, R Sutton, D
Rathbone (Deputy Mayor), J Cornthwaite, J Dunlop, A Edwards, E
Hennessy, H Ladhams, S Long, D Miles, M Miles, C Rowley, T Becker
and K Simpson

Also in attendance:
Peter Thornton, SLDC Councillor
Jason Rushford – Newsquest

APOLOGIES Councillors J Owen, C Hardy and P Gibson

OFFICERS J Lomax (Treasurer) and N King (Council Secretary)

225/20/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

226/20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

227/20/21 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD AUGUST 2020

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

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

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

228/20/21 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended a performance by Kendal Community Theatre
at Castle Street Centre on 30th August. There will be two further
performances on 3rd and 17th October (venues to be decided).

Torchlight will be a virtual event with 8 floats visiting the estates on 26th
September. Volunteers are needed to help marshal.

On 12th September the Mayor will be visiting Kendal Town FC to meet
the new Chief Executive.

The High Sheriff is visiting on 30th September for a tour of the town. The

Mayor will accompany the High Sheriff, along with the Town Crier and the Mayor's Attendant.

229/20/21 AUDIT, GRANTS & CHARITIES COMMITTEE

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

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

230/20/21 PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Councillor Coleman referred to application reference SL/2020/0443 relating to Kendal Magistrate Court (minutes of meeting held on 17th August). Planning Committee had raised material objections to the application and Councillor Coleman asked whether any further update was available. Councillor Rathbone advised that he had heard nothing further.

Councillor Edwards confirmed that the application for the erection of a Co-op store at the Duke of Cumberland on Shap Road had been overturned. Councillor Rathbone commented that the level of involvement by local residents in respect of this application was extremely pleasing, as was the use of the SLDC Planning Portal to register considered opinions.

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

231/20/21 OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Kendal Brewery Arts Centre – Cllr Sutton

Councillor Sutton presented notes from a meeting of the Trustees of Kendal Brewery Arts Centre.

The re-opening date for the Brewery is 9th September. Some educational classes and arts classes for young people will be running. The Brewery will need supporting through this very difficult time and there will be many redundancies.

Councillor C Hogg thanked Councillor Sutton for the report. He commented that it has been very difficult for the arts communities during the pandemic, which is also important for the local economy. He added that one of the highest grants awarded is to the Brewery which reflects the high regard in which it is held.

Councillor Edwards offered the Sandylands Residents Association's support. He explained that there may be opportunity within the

Association to apply for grant monies which could be utilised to support the Brewery.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

232/20/21 (a) Budgetary Control Statement ended 30th June 2020

The Treasurer presented the Budgetary Control Statement. It was proposed by Councillor Coleman that the Statement be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the Budgetary Control Statement ended 30th June 2020 be approved.

233/20/21 (b) Internal Audit Management Letter and Issues Arising

The Treasurer advised that the Internal Auditor, R F Millers, recently completed their internal audit for the year ended 31st March 2020. The Annual Accounts and Governance Return have been signed off.

Members considered the Management Letter from the Auditors. No new issues were raised, but a note from previous years regarding the high proportion of cash invested with a single organisation (the Cumberland Building Society) has been repeated.

A general discussion ensued following Councillor Archibald querying KTC's response to the investment risk. The Treasurer advised that previously KTC had deemed the risk to be acceptable, although potentially any investment over £85,000 could be lost. Councillor Archibald proposed that the Audit, Grants & Charities Committee reconsider the investment. This was seconded by Councillor Hennessy and carried with 2 abstentions. The Treasurer will research current interest rates available and ensure the matter is added to the agenda of the next Audit, Grants & Charities Committee meeting.

RESOLVED That the Audit, Grants & Charities Committee reconsider the investment with the Cumberland Building Society at their next meeting. Treasurer to research current interest rates available and report at that meeting.

234/20/21 (c) Bank Payments Schedule: July 2020

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

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

235/20/21 (d) Invoices over £3,000

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

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

Signature

Date