

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

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

- PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor A Finch) in the Chair; Councillors G Vincent, G Cook, J Brook, G Archibald, S Coleman, S Evans, G Tirvengadum, A Blackman, C Hogg, R Hogg, R Sutton, J Owen, D Rathbone (Deputy Mayor), J Cornthwaite, A Edwards, J Dunlop, E Hennessy, H Ladhams, S Long, D Miles, M Miles, C Rowley, T Perkins and K Simpson
- Also in attendance Councillor P Thornton; Mr J Rushworth (Local Democracy Reporter)
- APOLOGIES** Councillors Severn, Hardy and Gibson
- OFFICERS** C Bagshaw (Town Clerk) and H Belshaw (Temporary Council Secretary)
- 458/20/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None
- 459/20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Councillors Archibald, Coleman, Brook, Hennessey, Adams and Brook drew the Council's attention to their previously declared interest in Agenda item 6 (Notice of Motion).
- 460/20/21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (PUBLIC BODIES ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960)**
None
- 461/20/21 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER**
- Members considered the minutes of the meeting of the full Council held on 2nd November.
- Councillor Coleman proposed that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. This was seconded by Councillor R Hogg and carried with one abstention.
- RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd November be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 462/20/21 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- The Mayor presented his engagements and highlighted the following events:
- The Remembrance Sunday event on 8th November went very well, especially on the live stream.
 - Christmas tree lights switch on was a great success and thanks to all the staff within the Town Council for making it happen.

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Councillor Evans wanted to express her thanks to the Christmas Lights Committee, especially Janine Holt.

- He had attended the Dementia Cafe at the Parish Church, which has been recorded.
- He will be attending Christmas carols on the 20th December.
- The Heron Hill Bee Club has a calendar on sale with all photos taken by the children and is available to purchase on their website.

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NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CLLR JULIA DUNLOP

'That Kendal Town Council writes a letter to South Lakeland District Council indicating that, in the event that the Government is not willing to delay its proposals for local Government Reorganisation, Kendal Town Council supports the creation of a new Bay Authority, combining the administrative areas of South Lakeland District Council, Barrow Borough Council and Lancaster City Council and that Kendal Town Council's support be included in the detailed submission being made to the Government.'

Councillor Dunlop addressed Council to present a motion in respect of Local Government reorganisation. Following the motion carried in the previous meeting a letter had been sent to Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, indicating that: Kendal Town Council does not believe that there is an appetite for local government reorganisation in Cumbria at this time, given the need for Cumbrian authorities to focus on the urgent, ongoing response to the COVID-19 emergency. She was disappointed that no response had been given and after considering the ideas on the table for the area which included an East/West split and a North/South split. She feels that creating a Bay Authority with the functioning economic areas of Barrow and Lancaster would be the best suggestion. Councillor Vincent suggested a slight change to the letter to remove any comments regarding the disappointment of not receiving a reply to the previous letter. No one came forward to second that therefore there was a vote on the motion from Councillor Dunlop. This was seconded by Councillor Sutton and carried with one against and one abstention.

Councillor Cook highlighted that the bids needed to be in by Wednesday and this would be followed by a period of consultation therefore felt this was slightly premature he further added the joining of these areas would be the most expensive. Councillor Archibald would disagree with the comments on the expense.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 16th November were presented by Councillor Coleman who proposed that they be received and accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Cook and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 16th November be received and accepted.

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Councillor Vincent referred to minute 422/20/21 - Local Cycling Infrastructure Plan. He was disappointed that South Cumbria had only received half of the money with the bulk of the money being spent in Barrow.

465/20/21 MAYORALTY & ARTS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Mayoralty & Arts Committee meeting held on 9th November were presented by Councillor Finch who proposed that they be received and accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Mayoralty & Arts Committee meeting held on 16th November be received and accepted.

466/20/21 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 2nd & 16th November were presented by Councillor Rathbone who asked Council to receive these minutes.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 2nd & 16th November be received.

467/20/21 KENDAL CLIMATE CHANGE CITIZEN'S JURY

Councillor Owen gave an overview of the Kendal Climate Change Citizen's Jury. In April 2019 KTC declared a climate emergency following this the Citizen's Jury was established. Recommendations from the Jury would form part of a detailed action plan. These carefully considered recommendations have been put together with the help of experts in housing, transport and food and farming. On October 22nd they had their final meeting and now have their recommendations. He advised Members that he was asking for Council to receive these recommendations this evening. Councillor Rowley added that it was a real achievement to get these detailed recommendations and they will be working hard over the next month to make them into a presentable format. Councillor Archibald thanked all those involved and encouraged everyone to address these proposals to enable them to be moved along quickly. He further added that he would like to see some funds within the budget so the Town Council can engage on the projects and suggested forming a sub group. Councillor Owen advised there is a jury recommendations panel to ensure the proposals get moved through and this will be chaired by the Town Clerk and include representatives from the other two tiers. They are also aiming to have a modest amount of budget set aside. Councillor Hennessey suggested it may be a good time to reconvene the Carbon Neutral Kendal group. Councillor Owen agreed. Councillor Blackman suggested some urgency in setting budget in terms of projects coming forward from the Jury, which would have an impact on the budget for 2021/22. Knowledge of these projects is clearly needed in order to set the budgets for next year. Councillor Coleman supports the work and stressed the importance of the proposals being condensed and suggests a steer from Councillor Owen at

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468/20/21 the next Management Committee meeting. Councillor Owen advised that the Environment & Highways Committee have endorsed a sum of money to take forward from the last meeting. Then followed a discussion on how this would be presented to the wider public and when this would happen. Councillor Owen advised they were working with Land and Sky Media to work on this.

ENGAGING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

RESOLVED The Town Clerk had received a letter from the Quakers to ask for three representatives from the Town Council to attend a meeting of the Quakers in South Lakeland along with Tim Farron MP on Friday 26 March 2021 to discuss how Climate Change can be addressed through Government. Councillor Rowley advised he will already be attending for South Lakes Action on Climate Change. Councillors Simpson, Cornthwaite, Hennessey, Sutton and Ladhams all expressed an interest. It was decided that the Town Clerk would respond to advise that five representatives would like to attend.

The Town Clerk responds to the letter from the Quakers to advise that five Town Councillors will be interested to attend the meeting on Friday 26 March 2021 to discuss Climate Change.

469/20/21 **OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Edwards has been involved with the Patient Care Network and the work they have been doing to set up services for 16-21 year olds and asks that Council consider forming an Outside Body in respect of a health engagement project for 16-21 year olds in Kendal. Councillor C Hogg suggested a paper on this would be useful. Councillor Edwards is happy to provide more information for the next meeting. Councillor Coleman suggests that Councillor Edwards represents KTC in the short term but comes back with a paper for the next meeting.

Councillor Sutton gave a quick update on the Brewery Arts Centre. He advised that the bar, restaurant and cinema are now open and some performances are scheduled for next year with one aimed at developing a new awareness for black and ethnic issues.

He also gave a brief update from the Kendal Integrated Care Community who are working with the Primary Care Network and have a plan in place to vaccinate residents against COVID 19 in Kendal.

He further advised that a new Meals on Wheels service from Westmorland General was being trailed.

470/20/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

471/20/21 (a) **External Audit**

The Town Clerk advised Members that the external audit had been completed and no points had been raised. He thanked the Town Treasurer for her hard work.

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472/20/21 (b) Bank Payments Schedule: October 2020

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

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

473/20/21 (c) Invoices over £3,000

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

£5,000 ex vat for Kendal Futures from the budget earlier in the year.

RESOLVED That payment of the £5,000 be approved.

The meeting ended at 8.43 p.m.

Signature

Date