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7th March 2022

To Members of the Environment and Highways Committee

Cllr G Archibald (Vice chair)	Cllr S Evans
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Cllr S Long
Cllr J Dunlop	Cllr C Rowley
Cllr A Edwards	Cllr K Simpson
Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)	

You are summoned to a meeting of Kendal Town Council Environment & Highways Committee on Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 24 January 2022, and affirm them as a true record.

5. E&H Budget 2020/21

To receive a report on the E&H budget for the current year (*see attached*)

6. Working Group Updates

To receive an update from Councillor representatives of the following working groups;

- a). 20mph (Cllr Hennessy)
- b). Natural Kendal (Cllr Hennessy)
- c). Solar Audit (Cllr Hennessy, see attached report)
- d). Dark Skies (Cllr Hennessy & Cllr Rowley, see attached report)

e). Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)/Active Travel Group (Cllr Rowley)

7. Project Update Report

To receive an update of ongoing projects and answer members' questions. The Project Manager will update members on the progress of various E&H projects (see attached).

8. Improving Kendal's Footpaths

To consider members' feedback regarding the state of the footpaths across the town (see attached) and to consider the preferred approach to commissioning the work of the Footpath Audit.

9. Climate Change Hub

To consider a report on the Climate Change Hub and confirm budget commitment (see attached report).

10. Biodiversity

To consider the following and make any necessary decisions:

- a) A response from this Committee to DEFRA's Consultation on Net biodiversity
- b) The updated Biodiversity Policy (see attached report)

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Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 24 January 2022 at 7.45 pm at Kendal Town Hall.

Cllr G Archibald (Vice Chair)	Present	Cllr S Evans	Absent
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present	Cllr S Long	Apologies
Cllr J Dunlop	Present	Cllr K Simpson	Present
Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)	Present	Cllr C Rowley	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk (Chris Bagshaw), Project Manager (Helen Moriarty), Democratic Services Assistant (Ian Gordon), Resident of Gooseholme (Kate Holden), Kendal Conservation Volunteers (Terry Parr).

E42/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Long

E43/21/22 Declarations of Interest

None

E44/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

E45/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 November 2021.

Notes from an additional budget meeting held on 22 November were not included but the budget itself had been considered and approved at full council.

Resolved: To commend them as a true record. The Clerk agreed to send out notes from the budget meeting held on 22 November to members of the Committee.

E46/21/22 E&H Budget and current spend to date

The Committee considered the budget for the current year. The Clerk confirmed the new agreed budget lines will be reflected in the next budget statement.

Resolved: To note the report

E47/21/22 Project Updates

The Project Manager set out a written report on project updates and Committee members raised various questions.

Gooseholme

A working group met last week and agreed several recommendations for Councillors' consideration.

1. **Improve Putting Green boundary** - To research costs and options for strengthening the existing putting green boundary hedge and extending it to replace the conifer removal at Aynam Road and along Thorney Hills.
2. **Enhance CCTV awareness via signage** - To allocate CCTV underspend (£1,500) to CCTV signage, locations and cost details to be confirmed. To revisit options for relocation post EA and new bridge completion.
3. **Confirm PSPO need** - To write to Cumbria Constabulary to confirm whether or not a PSPO would help to tackle ASB.
4. **Signpost to toilet facilities** - To highlight nearby toilets once footbridge is completed.
5. **Research potential marshal provision** - To better understand the costs and benefits of marshals based on The Glebe experience and consider how it could benefit the wider river corridor.

The Chair invited Terry Parr to speak regarding his concerns on Gooseholme. Mr Parr was disappointed that little effort was being made by the Council on biodiversity on Gooseholme and claims that the plans to mitigate anti-social behaviour is not a satisfactory response.

Councillor Archibald, who chaired the working group, stated the importance of biodiversity but there was a priority to ensure anti-social behaviour is addressed as an urgent matter and that where practical biodiversity enhancements should be implemented but not at the expense of efforts to reduce anti-social behaviour. Councillor Rowley suggested both need to be treated with equally urgency at pace. A Councillor felt that a better contribution to anti-social behaviour would be the removal of the hedge on the putting green and use of a railing instead. Kate Holden was concerned about the idea of removal of the hedge but commented on the amount of human faeces along this hedge was a massive concern. The Project Manager reported that the hedge is owned by SLDC and is likely to make a contribution to biodiversity and it was SLDC's plan to upgrade this boundary. Councillor Archibald asked to see Terry Parr's ideas for the space and reiterated his support for increasing biodiversity and reducing anti-social behaviour.

Terry Parr suggested an opportunity to plant wildflowers considering topsoil is being removed to create the temporary access road to the bridge replacement site. The Clerk pointed out that it was CCC contractors building the replacement bridge to Gooseholme and separate EA contractors working on flood defence. It was agreed to approach CCC and SLDC to see if there was an opportunity to relandscape once the bridge works are complete. There is a meeting of Natural Kendal on Wednesday where strategic plans to address biodiversity across all of Kendal's green spaces will be discussed.

Resolved: To adopt the five recommendations and update the committee accordingly.

Resolved: To share Terry Parr's Gooseholme biodiversity plan with Cllr Archibald.

Resolved: To confirm CCC timescales and suggest wildflower idea to SLDC

E48/21/22 Online Zero Carbon Inspiration Hub.

Further property viewings have indicated that it is difficult to find a venue that can accommodate the needs of all hub partners. Councillors felt this initiative should not be completely dropped as this was seen as a welcome initiative. The Project Manager confirmed the desire to collaborate is still strong and this is reflected online via the Zero

Carbon Kendal website in the meantime. The Project Officer noted that both Repair Café and Waste into Wellbeing are preparing funding proposals for the next Committee meeting which will reflect collaboration to keep elements of this alive.

E49/21/22 Pumptrack.

The Chair reported that SLDC had confirmed they would not be going ahead with any survey in advance of the LGR. The Chair felt that some progress should nevertheless be made by the Town Council for example, securing artist's impressions to support a proposal to the Shadow Authority.

Resolved: To identify the cost of an artist's impression and outline costs from contractors and commission following Councillor approval.

E50/21/22 20 MPH

The Project Officer provided an update from the working group who agreed a series of questions for Cumbria County Council to inform a proposal to the Shadow Authority. The Chair highlighted that the questions reflect that Kendal Town Council want to drive the initiative and they are designed to make intentions for the scheme clear. The Chair also noted that 20mph speed limits compared to 30mph speed limits reduce journey time by 8%. The committee were happy with the questions submitted in the agenda report from the 20mph working group meeting on 6 January 2022.

Resolved: To submit the questions to CCC

E51/21/22 Kirkbarrow Connections Project

Councillors strongly welcomed this report and the opportunity to make progress improving paths in and around Kirkbarrow and further felt this provided a template for other footpath initiatives throughout Kendal. Councillor Long had suggested via the Project Officer that No.2 Vicarage Drive to the Adventure should be adopted by Kendal Town Council and that No. 6 should also be a priority.

A Councillor suggested there should be a meeting on site with local councillors to confirm an action plan identifying priorities. It was felt important to identify sources of funding to enact improvements.

Resolved: To invite local councillors to walk round the proposed sites and seek their agreement on priorities.

Resolved: To prioritise No.2 and No.6 as suggested in the report including covering the costs of legal work to adopt path no2.

Resolved: To change report wording to 'Consider' applying for PROW status to reflect the pros and cons of adoption.

Councillors wanted to know how additional future potential projects could be brought to the committee. The Chair advised that demonstration of need and local support should be submitted for inclusion on a future agenda.

Councillors raised local initiatives to improve biodiversity areas on Kendal Green and land adjoining Horncop Lane and were advised to generate community support and bring proposals to Committee for consideration.

E52/21/22 Infrastructure Maintenance Proposal

Councillors considered the proposal to approve road signage via a new SLDC partnership initiative, railings and provision of a new bus stop. An extra application was tabled relating to improved railings at Sepulchre Lane and Kirkbarrow Lane.

Resolved: To approve the proposal en-bloc. The Project Manager to provide a list of each infrastructure maintenance project highlighting budget allocation and timescales.

E53/21/22 Compositing Proposal

The Committee considered the report to purchase and install two compositing facilities.

Resolved: To approve the request to install two compositing bins at Nobels Rest and Cemetery at a maximum cost of £1,000

E54/21/22 Footpath Audit Commission

Councillors considered options to increase active travel. A Councillor felt all Councillors should be invited to submit ideas in their area with photographs and information on how these paths are being used to aid prioritising. Another Councillor felt it important to prioritise the areas and reasons first of all before inviting all Councillors to submit proposals. It was suggested guidelines and criteria for projects that promote active travel was needed to help Councillors in each ward identify suitable projects and to provide a framework for this Committee to evaluate any submissions. Councillors were reminded that £12,000 is allocated in the next budget to support a footpath audit commission.

Resolved: To share with all Councillors the Kirkbarrow Connections work to invite similar proposals for their wards. To use Councillor feedback to inform the criteria and priorities of the footpath audit commission.

E55/21/22 Appointments to Outside Consultative Groups

The Committee considered appointments to the following outside consultative groups

Resolved: To appoint Councillor Dunlop as representative to the Kendal Northern Access Route working group with Councillor Hennessy as Deputy.

Resolved: To appoint Councillor Archibald as representative to the South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC).

The Project Officer requested a standard agenda item be added reporting on working group attendance.

The meeting closed at 21.40

21/22 Budget Statement as at 31st Jan 2022

22/23 Budget Analysis

ONGOING ACTION PLANS / PROJECTS		2021-22 Budget	Exp To Date (Apr-Jan)	Remaining Budget (incl B/Fwd. Income)	Projected Yr. Exp	Amounts Trans to Reserves	Amounts C/Fwd to 22/23 Action Plans Budgets	Proposed 22/23 Budget from Precept	From Reserves	Proposed Total Budget 22/23 available
1 Climate Change	21/22 Budget	£10,000	£0	£10,000	£0					
	SLDC Community Climate Change Grant	£2,000								
	- Kendal Map Zero Carbon/Website		£1,575	£425	£1,575					
	Kendal Composting	£5,000	£1,000	£4,000	£1,000					
	Town Centre Recommendation Hub									£10,000
	Solar Audit Campaign									£5,000
	Zero Carbon Kendal									£1,000
	Other									£1,519
	Sub Total	£17,000	£2,575	£14,425	£2,575	£0	£14,425	£1,000	£2,094	£17,519
2 Biodiversity Schemes & Grants		£11,000		£11,000	£0					
	Somerville Wildflower Grant Project	£1,500	£869	£631	£869					
	Fletcher Park	£1,500	£1,790	-£290	£1,790					
	Natural Kendal Research Contribution	£3,000	£1,500	£1,500	£3,000					
	Nobles Rest	£5,000	£0	£5,000	£0					
	Dark Skies Campaign									£5,000
	2nd Round of Biodiversity Grants									£6,000
	Other									£10,400
	Sub Total	£22,000	£4,159	£17,841	£5,659	£941	£15,400	£6,000		£21,400
3 20mph	Sub Total	£10,000	£0	£10,000	£0	0	£10,000	£0	£9,400	£19,400
4 Cycling & Walking	21/22 Budget	£12,500	£0	£12,500	£0	£2,500	£10,000			
	Footpath Quality Audit									£12,000
	Kirkbarrow Connections									£15,000
	- Cllr Long Contribution									£1,000
	- Cllr Severn Contribution									£1,000
	Signage Improvements for Footpath & Cycle									£4,000
	LCWIP	£5,000	£0	£5,000	£0	£5,000				
	Sub Total	£17,500	£0	£17,500	£0	£7,500	£10,000	£21,000		£33,000
	Pump Track	£2,000	£0	£2,000	£0		£2,000		£2,000	£4,000
	LCRP	£5,500	£5,500	£0	£5,500					
5 Public Realm Improvements	LCRP 22/23 Cont							£5,000		£5,000
	Sub Total	£7,500	£5,500	£2,000	£5,500	£0	£2,000	£5,000	£2,000	£9,000
	22/23 Budget							£6,000		£6,000
	Windermere Road Railing Improvements									£3,000
	Further Ivy Screening Projects									£2,000
	New Projects TBC									£1,000
	FRSWG Connectivity Scheme						£15,000			£15,000
	22/23 Budget							£24,000		£24,000
	Bowling Fell Improvement Project									£7,000
	Sepentine Woods Alphabet Trail Maint									£1,000
6 Flood Management	Fellside Play Provision									£5,000
	New Projects TBC									£11,000
Total Action Plans						£8,441	£66,825	£63,000	£13,494	£145,319

10K/yr for 3
Years

21/22 Budget Statement as at 31st Jan 2022

ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS	2021-22 Budget Red Figures from Reserves	Exp To Date (Apr-Jan)	Remaining Budget (incl B/Fwd. Income	Projected Yr. Exp
New Infrastructure /Improvements				
<u>21/22 Budget</u>	£4,300			
SID		£2,775	£722	£2,775
Land Registry Fee		£3		£3
<u>21/22 Defib</u>		£0	£800	£0
Enviroground -				
Wattsfield, install		£1,241	-£1,241	
bench & Burton Rd				£1,241
Bus Shelter				
Ivy Screening				
Project - SLDC Grant				
- Completed	£10,000	£8,834	£1,166	£8,834
<u>Infrastructure Maintenance</u>				
Infrastructure Maint	£4,499	£426	£4,073	£3,426
SID Maint	£1,000	£323	£677	£1,000
Wool pack Yard	£3,242	£3,242	£0	£3,242
CCTV Maint	£1,500		£1,500	£0
Defib Maint	£800		£800	£0
<u>SLDC Service Charges</u>				
Footway Lighting	£4,917	£3,731	£1,186	£3,731
Somervell Annual Maint	£500	£0	£500	£500
Bins	£2,500	£1,593	£907	£2,500
Total E&H	£33,258	£22,168	£11,090	£27,252

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th March 2022
From: Kendal Solar Audit	Agenda No: 6
Description: Notes and actions from the first Kendal Solar Audit Working Group	

Solar Audit Working Group Meeting 28th February 2022

Present

Cllr Hennessey
Cllr Archibald
Cllr Rowley
Cllr Long
Cllr Evans
Dr Tom Nicholls (Audit commission)
Andrew Kohn (Resident)
Molly Hogg (CAFS)
Helen Moriarty (KTC Project Officer)

Apologies

Tommy Burnett (Resident)
Victoria Thompson (Resident)
Collete Fox (Resident)

Notes & Action Points

Following welcomes and introductions, Tom shared the process of creating the Kendal Solar Audit demonstrating how algorithms utilised ordnance survey and LIDAR data (a airborne mapping technique which accurately measures the height of terrain and the surface of objects on the ground) combined to show which roofs in Kendal are best suited to solar generation.

- The audit result are accessible via a dedicated website, which allows users to find their properties and better understand the solar potential of their roof space. The website data is Kendal Town Councils to utilise as they wish.
- The survey provides a good assessment of whole-town solar PV electricity generation potential, but due to the low resolution of the available data, surveys would be required to confirm the potential of individual properties
- Shadow data was shared, Tom advised that suppliers won't install if shadow is significant particularly in December

- The algorithm rejects roofs spaces that are smaller than 16m² as it is unlikely that a supplier would be interested in installing solar PV on them
- It was highlighted that the planning recommendations for conservation areas is unclear. In Ambleside different permission is required if the proposed roof is facing highway. Pre-application advice and positive experiences / examples are crucial to encouraging people to apply. We must aim to create a simple process and precedent to encourage action.

Molly from CAFs shared Ambleside experiences and possible routes for Kendal to develop.

Option 1 – Community Energy Scheme

- Create a large array owned by the community on a building that will utilise the power the array generates (ie not a warehouse)
- Profits are reinvested into the community
- Need long term reassurances re ownership
- Finance models can be complicated
- Organizations such as Big Solar Co-op (not for profit) are a national company who invest in Community Energy Models resulting in zero capital costs to the community.
- Local examples include Burneside and Alston

Option 2 – Support an increase in installation by individuals by making it simple and attractive

- There is more demand than supply in Cumbria resulting in customer difficulty accessing quotes and installers
- Opportunities to generate significant costs savings through bulk-buy approaches are limited due to fixed costs of panels, scaffolding and labour but savings can occur if suppliers are in one area at a time, providing quotes for several properties at once.
- CAFs have worked with Carbon Co-Op in Manchester to survey possible suppliers for community approaches. Two suppliers have passed due diligence and will be shared with communities to provide cluster quotes and installation.
- Molly recommended creating events where residents can talk to suppliers, Cafs and the Carbon Co-Op to find out more and potentially register interest? This event would also need to highlight barrier removal regarding planning process.
- The need to install energy efficiency measures would need to be promoted in parallel with encouraging energy generation
- Associated promotion, including an event, must also sign post to energy reduction support
- Associated promotion, including an event, must make pay back benefit clear

All agreed the timing is pertinent given the current energy crisis.

ACTION: Confirm current planning process and consider how it could be simplified (potential successor of Libby Mee at SLDC may be working on this)

ACTION: Create a road map for users (include battery information and electric car link and energy reduction together with energy generation steps)

ACTION: Consider how an event might work and suggest timescales

ACTION: Share audit map link with residents once support package and event details are known and available.

ACTION: If highlighted on the audit map, approach South Lakes Housing (via Cllr Long introduction) and Westmorland Hospital to understand their current barriers

ACTION: Consider utilising £5,000 KTC allocation on detailed survey work for the larger potential arrays where above criteria is met (ie do they feature on the audit map, are they in long term ownership and will they use the energy?)

ACTION: Create doodle map to arrange next meeting, share notes and action points with all.

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th March 2022
From: Jack Ellerby Friends of the Lake District	Agenda No: 6d
Description: Dark Skies Kendal	

The Dark Skies Kendal working Group met and made the following progress;

- Discussed that the £5k in the budget could be used to improve the lights on Kendal Parish Church, which was picked out in the Cundall's LAAP report
- Discussed how to build more momentum as addressing wasted light/light pollution supports many other priority agendas
- Agreed a good engagement idea would be to talk with Kendal Torchlight with a view to running a star gazing type event on the Castle.

Dark Skies Cumbria (DSC) Project Update March 2022

Dark Sky and Wildlife friendly road and footway lighting:

Following the success and positive feedback from Phase I of the innovative NightTune lighting Installed by Cumbria CC across 5 communities in 2021 (64 lights), Phase II (126 lights) covering 9 communities in Allerdale, Carlisle and Eden council areas will be installed in the coming months. It is also hoped that developers will be using NightTune lights for the first time on new housing developments within South Lakeland shortly. NightTune lights are being used in both Whitehaven and *Workington Safer Streets* initiatives, proving their suitability in urban as well as rural communities.

Thorn Lighting UK, with Cumbria County Council and the DSC Project, are currently producing a short promotional film for the international lighting industry on the Dark Sky pilot schemes across Cumbria, which will feature the Cliff Terrace lights.

The DSC Project working with the Parish Council at Lorton has applied for a Cafs Community Climate Grant to install 10 more 2,200 Kelvin road lights, incorporating a switch off between 12-6am (a decision is expected soon). Replacing their existing sodium lights with these modern LEDs, with a dimming and switch off regime, saves 70% carbon emission and electricity use.(1)

Jack Ellerby is also working with Sedbergh PC as they look to improve their lighting costs and reduce light pollution.

Lighting Audit and Action Plan for Kendal and Oxenholme:

Following up the Cundall's Report in 2021, Jack visited 3 businesses in Kendal with a lighting consultant in December, to recommend improvements to their current lighting to reduce light pollution and electricity costs. If progress is made, we can highlight and

celebrate the positive actions taken by these initial businesses to hopefully encourage others to follow suit.

Lorayne Wall, FLD Planning Officer and I are commenting on planning and advertisement applications to suggest better lighting options to make them Dark Sky compliant and friendlier to wildlife. Where Applicants/Architects have the input of professional lighting consultant's design changes are usually made (eg. the old

Porsche Garage new flat development). Some are approaching us pre-application for guidance which is positive (eg. Sandgate School extension and car parking). With all the Cumbrian local authorities we are going to produce a Technical Advisory Note on Good Lighting, so that there is common, consistent guidance we can all use.

Dark Sky Festival & Events:

The Moonwatch event organised with the Eddington Astronomical Society for November, and then January, at Kirkbie Kendal School regrettably had to be cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

The Cumbria-wide Dark Skies Festival run by all the Project partners 12-26 February, provided a wide diversity of events, a mixture of indoor, online and outside (several of the latter were re-arranged due to the stormy weather). Most of the outdoor and activity events were fully booked reflecting the growing interest in night-time outdoor experiences.

The Big Switch Off took place on Saturday 26th in Ambleside and Grasmere from 8pm. The skies were clear showing off all the stars and the feedback on the streets from visitors and residents was extremely supportive. It is hoped that this becomes an annual event and develops into a Festival with lots of activities taking place, businesses fully on board and linking in with reducing the carbon footprint in the communities.

The Annual CPRE, The Countryside Charity, Star Count took place from the 26 February to 6 March, a huge Country-wide Citizen Science initiative helping to monitor trends in light pollution levels and raising awareness through public engagement. The results will be available in April and we will get the data for Cumbria. We submitted a Poster promoting the Star Count via the Cumbria Schools Portal, which goes out to every school in the County.

(1). [Dark Sky Compliant Lighting Products | Friends of the Lake District](#)

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Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 March 2022
From: Helen Moriarty	Agenda No: 9
E&H Project Updates	

Delivering the Committees commitment to:

1. Delivering, encouraging and facilitating the recommendations of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens Jury
2. Improve highways and footpaths
3. Developing and delivering new infrastructure projects that improve the green spaces and public realm of Kendal.

	Project	Purpose	Completed Actions	Outstanding Actions	Timescales
	Kendal Solar Audit	To develop Kendal's capacity to generate energy	1 st working group mtg complete. Received presentation from Dr Tom Nicholls (Lancaster University) and Molly Hogg (CAfs)	Research and develop appropriate actions for two approaches: 1. Community Energy Share Scheme 2. Easier access for individuals Research and development to be supported by CAfs (Meeting 8 th March) and presented to next working group meeting.	TBC via April working group

1	Dark Skies (see report)	To support Kendal as a Dark Skies Pilot area.	See report	See report	See report
	Municipal Composting	To support the development of SLACC's research paper into a deliverable municipal composting site in Kendal	Two new compost facilities ordered for Nobles Rest and Cemetery	To organise a training session for Friends of Group and Continental.	End of April
	Online zero carbon inspiration Hub	To promote the work and recommendations of the Citizens Jury and celebrate current low carbon activity within Kendal with the aim of encouraging more.	<p>Launched and promoted.</p> <p>Attracted new case studies regarding Rainwater Harvesting and MTP printers.</p> <p>New blog posts re Grant options and Peoples Café</p>	<p>Post updates on FB</p> <p>Continue to update with new casae studies and blog posts.</p>	Ongoing
	Physical zero carbon inspiration hub	To promote the work and recommendations of the Citizens Jury in partnership with Waste into Wellbeing, Future Fixers and Repair	See report	See report	See report

		Café Kendal who are also seeking town centre premises.			
2	SIDS	To install new SIDs on additional roads.	CCC have asked for further detail regarding the proposed location of the SIDS	Task new Project Officer with using what three words to update CCC.	TBC via new Project Officer work programme
	20mph	To install 20mph speed limit across Kendal	Agreed working group questions sent to CCC. CCC responded positively and proposal will be discussed at March's Local Committee	TBC based on CCC Local Committee outcome.	Local Committee meeting 15 th March.
	Kirkbarrow Connections Project	To improve all connecting path in and around Kirkbarrow	Clerk has engaged solicitor and received agreement from vendors solicitor re agreed transfer. Cllr walkabout arranged. CCC Local Committee Environmental Fund researched. Councillors Ward information collated.	TBC following footpath commission discussion.	TBC following committee discussion.
	Woolpack Yard	To continue improvements	New business sign added to new signage, Kaw Kaw. Welcome Back Fund opportunity progressed to purchase trees. Supplier found for trees and designer to create location plan for CCC street furniture license.	Submit location plan to CCC. Share confirmation with SLDC to release funding.	Submit completed evidence to Welcome Back Fund by Mid April.

3	Signage Improvements	Street Sign audit in partnership with SLDC	Meeting complete with SLDC to determine criteria and data shared. Simon Unsworth tasked with completing audit of Hallgarth, Sandylands and Kirkbarrow to complement existing Fell Ward improvements.	Share audit detail with SLDC Transfer £3000 to SLDC	Audit deadline March 31 st .
		Install Kendal Castle directional signage at Recycling centre	No progress	Reserved as initial projects for new Project Officer role.	TBC via new Project Officer work programme
		Install signage at M&S towards Nobles Rest to complement new Woolpack Yard signage			
		Research costs and options for improvements to signage mix at Abbott Hall car park			
		Research cost and options for improvements to Clarks Heritage Sign			
		Research costs and options for KTC Crest on Ivy Screening			

	Painting Improvements	Thorney Hills Barrier	No progress	Reserved as initial projects for new Project Officer role.	TBC via new Project Officer work programme
		Windermere Road Railings			
		Hand Rail between Sepulchre and Serpentine			
	Accessibility Improvements	Install handrail at Triangle Community Garden	No progress	Reserved as initial projects for new Project Officer role.	TBC via new Project Officer work programme
		Install handrail at Fountain Brow			
		Install handrails to the central section of the footpath between Birchwood Close and the corner of Vicerage Drive			
		Install handrail at Kirkbarrow Lane steps			
	Bench improvements	To install two new benches in line with EA works and design guidance at	No progress	Reserved as initial projects for new Project Officer role.	TBC via new Project Officer work programme

		Abbott Hall park.			
	Pumptrack	To develop a pumptrack for Kendal	Quotes received for visual design	Seek additional quotes to remain within budget	End of March
	Valley Drive Lighting Scheme	To improve the lighting provision of this dark area following resident complaints	Not endorsed within KTC's budget, consider CIL funding alternatives	To consider for CIL funding when opportunities are available.	TBC based on CIL funding opportunities .
	Gooseholme Anti Social Behaviour	To reduce anti-social behaviour on Gooseholme.	January E&H endorsed x5 working group recommendations	<p>Improve putting Green Boundary – SLDC are undertaking this work.</p> <p>Enhance CCTV signage awareness – Post EA and Bridge completion site assessment required to agree suitable locations</p> <p>Confirm PSPO need – Cumbria Constabulary have confirmed they would welcome an appropriate PSPO and will work with SLDC post EA & Bridge works and LGR to implement.</p> <p>Signpost to nearby toilet facilities – as above</p> <p>Research potential Marshall provision – costs obtained via SLDC and will be considered by E&H when the area is accessible</p>	Post EA and bridge work completion.

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Agenda Report

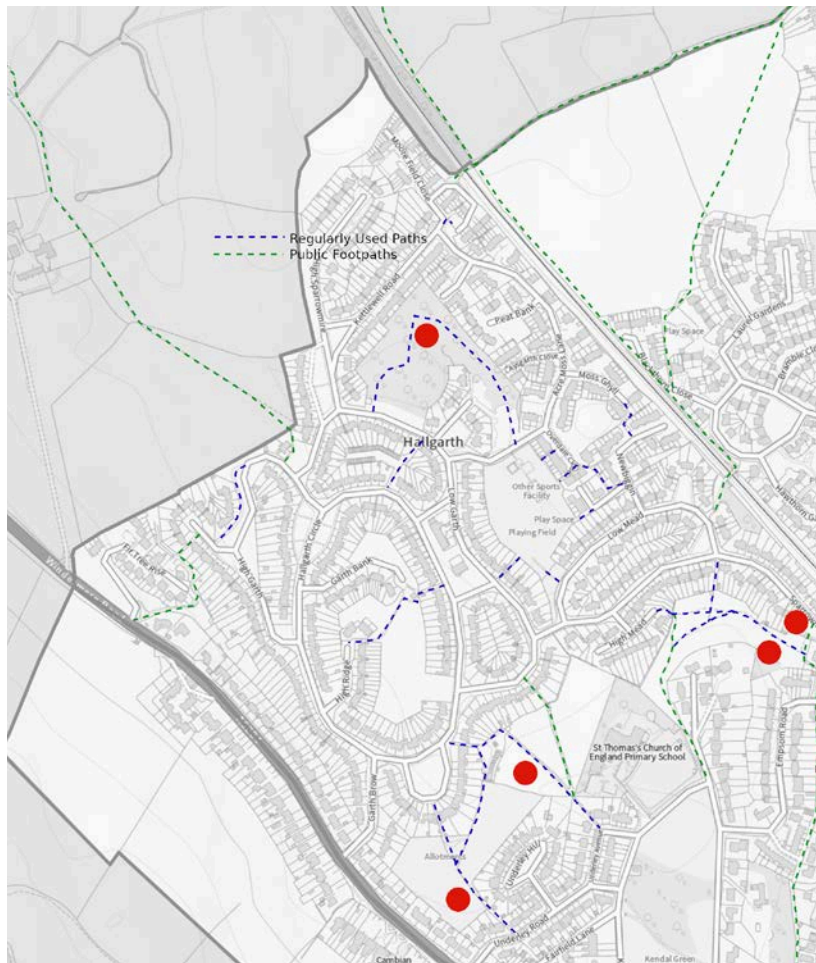
Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 14 th March 2022
From: Councillor Hennessey	Agenda No: 8
Description: Councillor Footpath Report	

Submitted by	Location	Ownership	Condition	Notes
Andy Blackman	Cemetery Wall to Fletcher Park	SLDC	Very poor. Waterlogged frequently.	Some works imminent in the area
Phil Dixon	Greenwood to Brigsteer Rd	tbc		
Helen Ladhams	Top of Bluebell Wood	tbc		
Chris Hoggg	Singleton Parks rd past Castle Green	tbc		
Jonathan Brook / Doug Rathbone	Oxenholme Rd rear of Hayclose Rd	tbc	Uneven surface	
Julia Dunlop	White Stiles to Rosemead Avenue	tbc		

Chris Rowley	Pathway entrance to walk from Burneside Road to Kentrigg via Carus	tbc		Contract awarded
	Steps on opposite side of road (above) need work - gully is blocked	tbc	Gully blocked causing water damage to the footpath	CCC by end of March 2022
	Garth Bank to Hallgarth shops	SLDC		
	Hallgarth circle/Low Garth to Underley	tbc		Creation of footpath?
	Hallgarth to Briarigg	tbc		
	Carus Green to Hallgarth	tbc	Very muddy	
Giles Archibald	Swine Parrock	tbc		
	Undercliff that goes around back of the allotments then on to the Greenside Lime Kilns	tbc		
	Garth Heads and the steep paths from it onto Bowling Fell	tbc		
	Footpath from Windermere Rd around top of those particular allotments, across SLDC's fields and out onto Queens Rd by the triangle garden	tbc	Rough and muddy	

	Helsfell Hall (original HH-1) then along the eastern edge of the bypass towards the footbridge over A591, where the protective wooden fencing along edge of cliff has fallen to bits	tbc		
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Hallgarth Residents Association



Red circles = critical states

Green lines = public footpaths

Blue lines = well used paths

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From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 9
Description: Climate Change Hub	

Development of Climate Change Hub and Community Café Progress report

This paper is intended to provide the Environment and Highways Committee an update on the progress made in developing the Climate Change Hub which Kendal Town Council has allocated funds to support.

What are the aims of the hub?

To create a thriving community-led town centre space for Waste into Wellbeing and other key proactive climate action projects. It will:

- Serve residents from a connected town centre location
- Create awareness of the environmental and social benefits of their work
- Contribute to the regeneration of Kendal
- Engage and inspire Kendal's visitors and act as an exemplar to other towns
- Respond to the recommendations of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens Jury
- Showcase energy efficiency retrofitting and good environmental practices where possible

What will the funding be used for?

The proposed £10k per year for the next 3 years will support us in securing a long-term premises to reopen Kendal People's Café and provide a community focussed centre for the hub. The money will contribute to the rent/procurement of the premises during the key start-up phase.

As well as offering partnership opportunities to other climate change groups, the 3-year support would assist in establishing training opportunities and raise the profile of WIW's messaging around reducing food waste and cooking and eating well.

Match Funding

In addition to Waste into Wellbeing reserves, grant applications are being progressed with Cumbria Community Foundation, Freida Scott Trust and South Lakeland District Council. Current funding from Cumbria County Council, Lotto Community Grant and Co-op Community Grant is supporting the development work currently underway.

When is the funding needed?

See 'Opportunities' and 'next step' sections below. Waste into Wellbeing expects to request the first £10k funding allocation within 9-11 months.

How will the funding deliver on the Climate Jury recommendations?

The services provided by Waste into Wellbeing through a town-centre hub will respond to the following two key recommendations in a number of ways.

1. **Reducing Food Waste: Kendal Town Council to provide extra funding for “Waste into Wellbeing” to enable them to develop their educational work aimed at enabling their clients to make good food choices, teach cookery skills and how to avoid food waste.**
 - Kendal People's Café (KPC) premises will allow the project to engage on a deeper level with its users than the current food shares allow
 - Through KPC, Waste into Wellbeing can broaden its reach beyond the current food share users to Kendal's residents, businesses and visitors – including the environmentally conscious and those not currently engaged with climate change initiatives
 - The premises would allow KPC to further develop partnerships with Kendal College, local Chefs Steven Doherty and Ryan Blackburn and artisan producers like Aidan Monks of Lovingly Artisan (to name a few), to establish on-the-job training opportunities and raise the profile of its key messages.
 - The hub premises would allow the project to develop an outreach programme to inspire and educate residents around food waste, cooking and nutrition, whilst tackling food poverty within the town
 - The hub would enable training opportunities, partnering other local groups, e.g. The Well, Manna House, Right to Work, Growing Well, etc.
 - The hub premises would provide opportunities to better engage with schools, children and their families
 - The hub would be used to run events to share the ethos of Waste into Wellbeing and inspire a vibrant and resilient food community in Kendal
2. **Create a ‘one stop shop/climate change hub/info centre’ using one of Kendal's shop fronts as an information centre for climate change that can give people/businesses access information.**

- Kendal People's Café would offer a vibrant space where people can learn more about low carbon lifestyles through engaging with an active community project working to tackle climate change.
- A café environment is likely to appeal to a broader range of people than a static info point, it would be more engaging and would offer longevity to the 'hub' concept.
- The café would offer more security for a longer-term solution to the hub, as a pop-up in an empty unit would be vulnerable to short notice eviction and would require its own volunteer base to 'staff' it.
- The café could engage and inspire people just looking for a vibrant lunch stop, rather than just those already invested in living a low carbon lifestyle.
- Artworks and displays around the café would offer an opportunity for Kendal Climate Jury to promote key messages and create changing exhibitions.
- Information stands can provide opportunities for Kendal Climate Jury and other active projects tackling climate change to share information.
- The café space can be used to host events for the Climate Jury or other groups (e.g. Simply Repair, Future Fixers, Kendal Torchlight Carnival, CAfS), either in partnership with the café, or independently during the café down time.
- A POS system could offer an opportunity for café users to access the Zero Carbon Kendal website in a community space.
- The café could become an exemplar to other businesses within Kendal and beyond keen to reduce their negative impact on the environment. E.g. to respond to the recommendations for Kendal to become a single-use plastic town.

Progress to date

1. Continual growth – Our 2021 impact

During 2021, our 90+ volunteers have contributed **900+ hours**, helping in a range of roles such as food collection, inventory and storage, food preparation and distribution. This resulted in the following successes:

- 15.5 tonnes of surplus food intercepted from landfill. Up from 5 tonnes in 2020*
- 621 prepared meals provided
- 1,245 shopping bags shared to address food poverty
- Partnership with Kendal's allotment holders contributed over ½ tonne of produce

*Since the start of 2022, the amount of surplus food being intercepted has continued to increase significantly.

2. Continual growth - Our community

Our community continues to grow and strengthen as we build partnerships and extend our reach. Our community comprises of users, donors and supporters:

- Our users are those who are currently in food poverty and/or in need of social interaction and can be inspired and helped to improve their own nutrition security. A second group of users are motivated to stop food waste, and are available at short notice to use surplus food.
- Our donors for waste and surplus food are local supermarkets, shops, producers, hotels and restaurants, together with farm shops, allotment holders and individuals.
- Our volunteers come from all walks of life and are united in a desire to make a difference.
- Our supporters and partners include a group of ambassadors from the food industry who are keen to support our cause.

We receive funding or in-kind support from a variety of organisations. We also receive financial donations from private supporters.

3. Premises search

Waste into Wellbeing and potential partners (Future Fixers, Simply Repair, Kendal Torchlight Carnival and Kendal Town Council) have carried out an audit of available premises and have undergone baseline research to better understand the market place. We have considered central locations versus those on outlying sites and have explored options for one site for the whole operation against operating food storage and preparation on a separate site to the café/hub.

Observations made:

- The market value of current commercial premises is high, with significant investment in the building required by the tenant.
- Entering into a standard commercial agreement would inhibit our ability to support the community and respond to the increasing demand we are seeing.
- Any favourable terms are likely to be short-lived and would leave our long-term business model vulnerable.
- We must be sure of the long-term financial resilience of the operation prior to investing our reserves into any premises.

Most recent premises viewed include:

- Woolpack Inn (old KFC building) – too large for our needs and subletting opportunities limited due to inaccessibility of upper floors and investment needed.
- Old Riggs Bakery, Market Place – Too large for our needs, difficult access for daily deliveries, significant investment needed and landlord currently has own plans for part-time use which don't particularly align with Hub plans.

- 48 Stramongate (ex Oaklea Offices) – Upper floors aren't required by us and landlord not interested in separating. Modernisation required and works to reconfigure café area could be substantial.
- Castle Mill, The Factory – Needs significant work and landlord currently not considering a multi-use let.
- Station House – too small to house full operation and concerns about location.

Other progress

In addition to the premises search, progress into developing the hub has been made in the following ways:

- Business model research – Since June 2021, Waste into Wellbeing has researched other successful projects to assess their operational and financing models and to learn from their strengths and challenges.
- Building partnerships – Over the last 12 months, partnerships have been established with local individuals and organisations to allow Waste into Wellbeing to extend and strengthen its offer.
- Monitoring – Waste into Wellbeing continues to monitor its impact and a team of volunteers is developing our analytical model by expanding the data we gather to provide better insights into our impact and guide future development.
- User participation – A user group has been established and users are involved in the decision-making process for future developments.

Opportunities

Waste into Wellbeing is currently exploring two key opportunities which would offer a strong direction for the Hub.

1. Stricklandgate House development plans

Waste into Wellbeing are current tenants at Stricklandgate House, renting space to sort and store our food collections and run a weekly food share.

With Lottery Funding, Trustees of Stricklandgate House have appointed an architect to produce plans for the proposed development of the building. A meeting with Trustees John Leigh and Margaret Belk raised many points of overlap between their vision and our own:

- To become a community focussed centre
- To become a centre of excellence for environmental practices with a refurbished building being a showcase for green energy
- A new café to form a core part of the offering
- The café being a community resource to offer training facilities.

The initial plans are expected within 6-9 month. At this point, we hope to discuss opportunities for Waste into Wellbeing to become a key partner or anchor tenant.

2. Waste into Wellbeing to become its own Community Benefit Society

To build a financially resilient operation, Waste into Wellbeing is developing a framework to become independent of SLACC and establish itself as a Community Benefit Society or Community Interest Company. This would enable Waste into Wellbeing to seek funding from share-holders to support the procurement of its own premises or the investment into a longer-term lease. It is early days in exploring this option, but the development of an investment prospectus is underway in preparation of a first testing phase.

The next step – Advancing our business model and the business case

Regardless of which opportunity is deemed the most appropriate for Waste into Wellbeing, we intend to use the next 6-9 months to advance our business model, and demonstrate the business case. It should be noted that the volumes of surplus food that we are collecting continues to increase, from 0.5T monthly at the end of 2020 to over 0.5T weekly in early 2022. With all of this in mind, we will:

- Reopen Kendal People Café as a pop-up in South Lakes Foyer one Saturday a month from 5th March, with the view to increasing regularity once up and running.
- Test moving away from two weekly food shares to offer more frequent regular opening hours for two community food larders – at Stricklandgate House and Hallgarth.
- Continue to develop our local surplus collections and work closer with our business donors to support and monitor their food waste practices.
- Develop our training and development programme, working with local chef Steven Doherty, Kendal College and other partners, including The Well, Growing Well, Right 2 Work, etc.
- Launch a programme of pop-up restaurant nights to raise our profile, extend our reach and to offer a platform for fundraising and marketing.
- Develop, test and review a multifaceted income model to build financial resilience.
- Continue to develop our monitoring strategy so that we can better measure the impact of our operations, guide future development of new activity, provide feedback on progress to the Citizens Climate Jury and demonstrate the business case.

This business case will strengthen our position when reviewing Stricklandgate House's plans and/or establishing our own social enterprise to procure our own premises. By this time, the activities we have developed will be established, and so consolidating them into a central premises will form a strong foundation for the Climate Change Hub.

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From: CB & HM	Agenda No: 10
Description: Draft Diversity Policy	

Background

Councilors asked for an updated biodiversity policy to include:

- Habitat Loss
- Invasive species
- Over exploitation
- Pollution
- Climate change

And to include targets for each.

Draft Policy

Kendal Town Council recognises that dramatic change or loss of biodiversity is happening.

Kendal Town Council will seek to mitigate loss and make efforts to generate net gains, where possible, in all its activities.

All its appropriate activities will include an assessment of the impact on Biodiversity (alongside an assessment of the impact on reducing carbon to mitigate the affects of Climate Change).

To reduce and mitigate habitat loss the Town Council will:

- Exercise its planning function to influence new developments to minimise habitat loss and create a net biodiversity gain
- Develop, fund or support six projects per year that support habitat creation versus destruction
- Fund, support and celebrate resident and local group efforts to maintain habitats

To reduce invasive species the Town Council will:

- Fund, support and celebrate local groups who directly tackle invasive species
- Promote awareness where appropriate
- Deliver a minimum of 2 grants per year to tackle invasive species

To reduce over exploitation the Town Council will:

- Exercise its planning function to influence a reduction where possible

To reduce pollution the Town Council will:

- Continue to develop and, when possible, deliver appropriate 20mph actions
- Continue to promote active travel opportunities together with partners such as Kendal Futures and other local authorities.

To mitigate the effects of a changing climate on biodiversity the Town Council will:

- Encourage allotment holders to develop healthy soils by reducing pesticide and herbicide use, healthy soils can store more carbon than the worlds plants and forests combined therefore we recognise healthy soil as a
- Fund, support and celebrate local groups who are planting trees and hedgerows