

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Notice of Meeting

### ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**(Via Zoom)**

#### Committee Membership (9 Members)

Jonathan Owen (Chair)	Eamonn Hennessy (Vice Chair)	Giles Archibald
Susanne Long	Shirley Evans	Julia Dunlop
Jonathan Cornthwaite	Adam Edwards	Chris Rowley

### AGENDA

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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**2. 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 the Local Government Act, 1972, s85.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda**

In accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) or Other Registrable interests (ORIs) which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. Members are reminded that it is a criminal offence not to declare a DPI, either in the Register or at the meeting. In the interests of clarity and transparency, Members may wish to declare any DPI which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any ORI.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** To receive the minutes from the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and affirm them as a true record (*see attached*).

**5. TABLE OF RESOLVED ACTIONS** (*see attached*).

**6. ACTION PLAN DRAFT** detailing all development projects and Jury recommendation response projects to be discussed (*see attached*)

(a) Mobile Carbon Advice Bureau proposal (*see attached*)

(b) LCWIP engagement proposal (*see attached*)

**7. DARK SKIES UPDATE** (*see attached*)

**8. AIKRIGG AVENUE PROPOSAL** (*see attached*)

**9. SID UPDATE** (*see attached*)

**10. VICARAGE DRIVE**

To consider the state of footpaths and open spaces in the area around Vicarage Drive and identify any actions the Council can take.

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11. **20MPH**  
To report progress and confirm next steps.
12. **ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**
  - Summer 2021 Edition – deadline 11<sup>th</sup> June, publication 19<sup>th</sup> July
  - Autumn/Winter 2021 Edition – deadline 17<sup>th</sup> September, publication 25<sup>th</sup> October
13. **REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2020/21** (*see attached*)
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**Chris Bagshaw**  
Town Clerk

By e-mail/post to:      Members of the Committee  
                                 All other Councillors (agenda only, for information)

***Please note that only Committee Members will receive the minutes and attachments, but that other Councillors may request a copy of any agenda papers. Any Councillor who is not a Committee Member may still attend the meeting, as an observer.***

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**Members of the Press and Public are welcome to attend the meeting.**

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Environment and Highways Committee

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm  
(Via Zoom)**

**PRESENT** Councillors Jonathan Owen (Chair), Eamonn Hennessy (Vice Chair), Giles Archibald, Susanne Long, Shirley Evans, Julia Dunlop, Jonathan Cornthwaite, Adam Edwards and Chris Rowley

Also in attendance: Graham Harrison and Jason Rushworth (Newsquest Reporter)

**APOLOGIES** None

**OFFICERS** Helen Moriarty (Project Manager), Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)

**530/20/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**531/20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**532/20/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2020**

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, which had been approved by full Council on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

One amendment was highlighted towards the bottom of page 4 of the minutes. The word 'Liverpool' to be deleted.

Councillor Archibald proposed that the minutes be approved as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING** (Not on Agenda)

None.

**533/20/21 TABLE OF RESOLVED ACTIONS**

The Project Manager raised the ivy screening project. CCC had previously mentioned the requirement for a permit and requested KTC obtain approval from SLDC and Stagecoach for the proposed works. The Project Manager advised they are happy with the proposal and she is due to meet on site with Victoria Upton to confirm the length and visibility of the screening. An agreement will then be drawn up for signature.

The monitoring of air pollution before and after installation of the ivy screening was discussed. The Project Manager asked whether this should go ahead given the current lockdown and reduction in traffic. Following a general discussion the general consensus of Members was to postpone air pollution monitoring for the time being.

**RESOLVED**

To postpone air pollution monitoring for the time being.

**534/20/21****BIODIVERSITY GRANT UPDATE**

The Project Manager had met with Councillors Hennessy and Dunlop to consider the three applications received. It was reported that two were agreed relating to the composting project and planting trees at Nobles Rest. Both were good applications and met the criteria. One further application from Appleby Road was also considered and further information has been requested. It was noted that Belmont Garden and Somervell would also benefit from the grant.

In total £4,700 has been allocated, with £900 remaining in the budget.

Councillor Archibald asked how it was proposed to make people aware of the grants. The Town Clerk will arrange a press release and there will also be a feature in the KTC newsletter.

**RESOLVED**

The Town Clerk will arrange a press release in respect of Biodiversity Grants.

**535/20/21****20MPH**

Councillor Owen said it was fantastic to be able to move this project forward following the Full Council meeting held last week. There has been a lot of media interest since that meeting. He commented that there is scope to make Kendal even better in the future and thanked Councillors for their support at the Council meeting.

Councillor Owen advised Members that a way forward has been suggested by Peter Thornton who has stressed the importance of engaging SLDC to ensure all three tiers are working together. He has suggested the next step should be to hold an informal meeting between Officers of all three tiers.

A suggestion was put forward by Councillor Hennessy that KTC present a motion to SLDC in order to gain political support. Councillor Archibald commented that he could see no reason why this should not be done. He expressed his concern in respect of costings, specifically the difference between £44k and £850k. Councillor Owen commented that there was scope to ask Officers to explore how far they are willing to take the DfE guidance and value for money.

Councillor Rowley pointed out that £850k was very much a "Rolls Royce" figure. A lot of assumptions have been made about the amount of traffic calming there would need to be.

The impact on Sandylands was raised by Councillor Edwards, who suggested a meeting/discussions with residents may raise support for the scheme. Councillor Owen commented that Ward Councillors can act as they see fit in liaising with residents.

The Town Clerk mentioned that speed indicators had been discussed at an earlier staff meeting and it is hoped to bring an item to the Management meeting in March for discussion. He suggested that trial runs of various speeds be requested during discussions with CCC. It was noted that there is a significant amount of work required at Ward level to win support for the scheme.

Councillor Hennessy suggested contacting schools to gauge the level of support in that sector.

The matter of budget was raised. The Town Clerk advised there is £4,200 remaining in budget currently. Councillor Archibald proposed the budget allocation be topped up to £10k for the purposes of consulting fees, consultation with multi-tier organisations, experimental speed limits etc. This was seconded by Councillor Rowley and carried unanimously.

Councillor Long asked whether it would be possible to speak to other towns, such as Portsmouth, that have implemented 20mph to seek their experiences. The Project Manager will raise this suggestion at the next task force meeting.

Councillor Archibald queried whether there is sufficient resources/Officer time to carry out next steps of the project. The Town Clerk replied this would be part of a conversation held at a meeting of the Management Committee next week.

## **RESOLVED**

1. That the budget allocation be topped up to £10k for the purposes of consulting fees, consultation with multi-tier organisations, experimental speed limits etc.
2. Project Manager to raise the suggestion of contacting other towns that have implemented 20mph to seek their experiences at the next task force meeting.

## **536/20/21**

### **CITIZENS' JURY UPDATE**

The Project Manager has been working on a short film to promote the work of the Jury and the recommendations put forward. It will also be used as a tool to commence conversations with other organisations There has been a great response from Jury members to come along to private screening events.

A meeting between CCC, SLDC, the Green Party and the Labour Party has been arranged. A suggested date of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm was put forward for a KTC meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recommendations and ask Councillors to take them back to their committees to work out which can be actioned. This will then be reported back to the recommendation panel which will meet in June.

Resources and Officer capacity was raised by Councillor Owen. He commented that no Officer capacity has been costed in at all and this will need to be put to Council.

Councillor Cornthwaite highlighted the work of the Kendal Flood Relief Scheme Working Group, which he has been chairing for the past two years. He expressed his frustration that the project has received no Officer support and said he would be looking to secure Officer time in order to progress the project.

A general discussion ensued regarding Officer capacity. It was suggested by Councillor Archibald that one day per week be allocated to the Citizens' Jury project as a minimum. The Town Clerk advised there was no need to attach a financial amount to the request as it would be factored into the total Officer capacity requirement for the next year. The recommendation of the Town Clerk would then be considered by the Management Committee.

Councillor Cornthwaite was advised to liaise with the Town Clerk in respect of Officer capacity for the Kendal Flood Relief Scheme. Councillor Hennessy remarked that the group had reached a point where some support was needed if it was to reach its aims. The request for support was also backed by Councillor Evans, who commented that Councillor Cornthwaite had worked extremely hard on this project.

**537/20/21****ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

The Project Manager has sufficient content for an 8 page spring edition of the KTC newsletter. Articles from this Committee include burning rubbish, biodiversity grants, Citizens' Jury update, 20mph and the Kendal Flood Relief Scheme.

The ivy screening project will be included in the summer edition.

Councillor Hennessy requested that a link to the 20mph Markides consultation document be posted on the KTC website. The Project Manager will organise.

**RESOLVED**

Project Manager to include a link to the 20mph Markides consultation document on the KTC website.

**538/20/21****REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2020/21**

The Town Clerk referred to the CCTV cameras at Gooseholme and queried where this item should sit in the budget. He was advised that it originated from Full Council. The Town Clerk will resolve the accounting issue accordingly.

**RESOLVED**

Town Clerk to resolve the accounting issue in respect of CCTV cameras at Gooseholme.

**539/20/21**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm.

It was noted that if elections take place in May, it might be necessary to reschedule the Environment & Highways Committee meeting currently scheduled for 4th May.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council**

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>533</b>	Ivy Screening project – monitoring of air pollution	<b>RES</b>	To postpone air pollution monitoring for the time being.
<b>534</b>	Biodiversity grant update	<b>RES</b>	The Town Clerk will arrange a press release in respect of Biodiversity Grants.
<b>535</b>	20mph	<b>RES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the budget allocation be topped up to £10k for the purposes of consulting fees, consultation with multi-tier organisations, experimental speed limits etc.</li> <li>2. Project Manager to raise the suggestion of contacting other towns that have implemented 20mph to seek their experiences at the next task force meeting.</li> </ol>
<b>537</b>	Markides Consultation	<b>RES</b>	Project Manager to include a link to the 20mph Markides consultation document on the KTC website.
<b>538</b>	Review of spend against budget 2021/21	<b>RES</b>	Town Clerk to resolve the accounting issue in respect of CCTV cameras at Gooseholme.

## ENVIRONMENT &amp; HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 08.03.2021 – TABLE OF RESOLVED ACTIONS

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
533	Ivy Screening project – monitoring of air pollution	RES	Securing permission is ongoing. SLDC have been asked to provide a location plan. Potential supplier to use location plan in CAD design for CCC to approve. Design to be shared with SLDC Locally Important Project to release £10,000 grant.
534	Biodiversity grant update	RES	All biodiversity grants have been processed and a press release was created and sent.
535	20mph	RES	CCC have requested a meeting, Cllrs to decide who to attend.
537	Markides Consultation	RES	Consultant report link added to website. Research to other towns to be completed. .
538	Review of spend against budget 2021/21	RES	CCTV budget clarity achieved.
536	Citizens Jury Update	n/a	<p>The screening sessions are now complete. 200 people took part and every organisation we engaged has agreed to join the recommendations panel in June and most have promised a formal response for the website.</p> <p>The film has been shared on the Kendal Climate Jury and KTC's facebook pages, with crowdfunder supporters and the 240 Climate Jury newsletter subscribers.</p> <p>The film has been viewed 300 times on You Tube and reached 737 on FB people without any paid advertisement. The shares have been a bit disappointing but this may increase over time via paid promotion.</p> <p>A Press Release and infographic has been produced.</p> <p>Shared Future have completed their final report, Councillors are adding quotes and the evaluation group is adding a section about their research.</p> <p>A core group of 10 Jury members are still going strong and they are currently considering if they should set themselves up as a constituted group.</p>
N/a	Burton Road Bus Shelter and Wattsfield Bench.	n/a	A new contractor has agreed to deliver these projects. Awaiting start date confirmation.
n/a	Woolpack Yard Improvement Project	n/a	The landowner has agreed a new clause which enables KTC to alter the current draft design to ensure its in keeping with the Kendal brand and can be developed in partnership with Woolpack Yard businesses. Once agreed the landowner will sign off for installation.

Priority Outcome	Identified Project	Jury recommendation	KTC's Sponsoring Committee	Lead Partner	Support Partners	Budget allocation			Delivery Status (0 to be approved, 1 committed, 2 in development or delivery, 3 delivered)
						2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	
Provide support for enhanced green spaces	Nobles Rest - Entrance improvements		E&H	KCS	SLDC	5000 (carried over)	x	x	1
Provide excellent allotments	Extend the number of KTC allotments and make sharing plots easier to access.	1a,1c	Allotments & KIB	tbc	tbc	x	x	x	2
	Provide free food growing course to new allotment holders	1d	Allotments & KIB	Waste into wellbeing?		x	x	x	0
	Continue partnership with Kendal Peoples café to encourage allotment holders to donate excess produce and support them to develop their educational work	2	Allotments & KIB	KTC	Various	x	x	x	2
Increase Biodiversity	Continue support for Cumbria Dark Skies project and Kendal pilot area.		E&H	FLD	Various	x	x	x	2
	Support phase two of Kendal Composting Project		E&H	SLACC	Various	5,000	x	x	1
Kendal Community Forest	Identify areas for potential planting, create opportunities for sponsorship and adoption of trees to nurture. Create a positive narrative regarding planned new planting. Work toward creating an annual tree counting event.	22a,b,c,d,e	E&H	SLDC	Various	n/a	x	x	0
Areas are enhanced for young people	Research the feasibility and partnership buy in to create a pump track	19	E&H	SLDC	Various	2,000	x	x	1

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Improved connectivity, conditions and access to both walking and cycling	Support the creation of the Kendal to Lancaster Towpath Trail (one aspect of improved cycle infrastructure in Kendal)	19a	E&H	LCRP	all	5,250	x	x	1
	Continued membership of LCRP	19a	E&H	LCRP	n/a	250	x	x	1
	Support the Flood Relief Improved Connectivity Project	19a	E&H	EA	all	15,000	x	x	1
	Continue to lobby for town wide 20mph speed limits	19, 20	E&H	CCC	all	10,000	x	x	1
	Support LCWIP process via engagement and promotion of improvements (see E&H papers March 21)	19a,d,e	E&H	CCC	all	5,000	5,000	5,000	1
Air Quality improvements	Ivy Screening Project	22	E&H	KTC	all	3,266 (£10,000 LIPs new application needed)	x	x	1
Support Cumbria's carbon neutrality aims by raising awareness and encouraging positive change	Report Jury recommendation progress via recommendation panel	12a	E&H	KTC	all	1176	1,176	1176	1
	Promote energy and carbon saving advice and awareness via a mobile 'Carbon Advice Bureau' at family fun days and existing festivals. (see E&H paper March 21)	8, 10e,g,h, 14a,b, 15	E&H	KTC	Various	4500 (tbc via existing £11K biodiversity commitment)	x	x	0
	Research the feasibility of a food mile awareness project to be delivered in partnership with Kendal BID.	5,8,24a,b	E&H	Kendal BID	Various	n/a	x	x	0
	Train Councillors in Carbon Literacy utilising the Carbon Decision wheel and other relevant tools	13a,b,e,g	E&H	KTC	Various	n/a	x	x	0

	Encourage and support businesses to reduce footprint, lobby SLDC to reward energy reductions via reduced business rates.	24a,b. 10f,	E&H	KTC	Various	n/a	x	x	0
	Support and encourage the creation of a Kendal Community Renewable Energy Community via feasibility research with landowners. Audit current provision to highlight progress and opportunities in partnership with Lancaster University.	11a & b, 4.	E&H	KTC	Various	n/a	x	x	0
<b>Increase biodiversity</b>	Tree planting / scoping projects	<i>See Green Spaces</i>							
	Kendal Composting Project								
	Dark Skies Cumbria								

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Kendal is positively promoted to visitors and arrivals	Continue to co-ordinate the Kendal Leaflet Series	n/a	E&H	KTC	KF	2500 - check with Chris	x	x	2
	Continue to support Visit Kendal Website	(Promotion platform for awareness projects)	E&H	KF/KTC/BID	KF	Included in KF allocation	x	x	2
Improved Kendal Market	Increase the opportunities for local farmers/producers to sell their products by supporting SLDC's re tendring process and stressing the importance of showcasing local produce	3	E&H	SLDC	SLDC	x	x	x	2
Kendal organisations with similar Town Centre Vibrancy and wider Kendal regeneration goals are supported	Kendal Futures Contribution - Funding has been agreed on the condition of regular updates, inclusion in working groups and the intergration of the Jury recommendations where possible.	Multiple as per KTC funding agreement	Mgmt	KF	KTC	25,250	x	x	2

<b>Previous Action Plan projects without budget allocation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Town centre wayfinding from Oxenholme and Kendal Station	In development via Kendal Futures Vision
Longpool Traffic Island (replace crazy pave with bonded gravel to prevent weeds, poor KTC 'advert')	Not developed
Urban Tree Planting (Reduce current planter clutter)	In development via Kendal Futures Vision
Birdcage Improvement Project	Not developed
Improve Kendal's Night Time Economy	Town Centre Vibrancy projects can complement this aspiration
Art and public realm along the riverbank corridor	KTC are meeting with EA, potential to link to flood relief scheme
Train Townscape manager as Master Composter, move KTC towards using own compost for town centre planting	Potential to link to the Kendal Composting project?
Kendal Walking Festival	Assume application will follow if needed
Improve visibility , gateway & environs of Kendal Railway Station	In development via Kendal Futures Vision
Support low income households	Mobile CAB can provide energy saving advice
Support excellent sports & activities provision	Not developed
Support Tour of Britain's return to Kendal	Not developed
Plaques on all KTC assets	Needs development due to logo issue
Improve WW1 Memorial	Not developed

## Mobile Carbon Advice Bureau

### Background

Kendal's Climate Change Citizens Jury has made 27 recommendations in response to the question 'What should Kendal do about Climate Change?'. Seven of the recommendations relate to political leadership and raising awareness of Climate Change to promote individual action.

Recommendation 14 asks:

*To provide accessible information to make it easier for individuals to make informed decisions.*

- A) Every level of government should provide access to information so people are able to make informed decisions on how best to reduce their carbon emissions for example how to compare the carbon footprint of purchases e.g. new or existing cars, qualified tradespeople, where to shop locally, what trees to plant, where to get an e-bike. Such a service should be well promoted and link directly with Cumbrian Action for Sustainability (CAfS).*
- B) 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 to the above.*

### Proposal

To create a mobile 'one stop shop' or Carbon Advice Bureau to action Recommendation 14. The benefits of creating a mobile version of the Jury's recommendation includes:

- Ability to take to existing events and gatherings rather than attract people to a static shop
- Cheaper to run, not reliant on securing premises or leases and supports the possibility of creating a permanent version in the Town Hall when possible.
- Creates a focal point
- Enables interaction in all parts of Kendal
- Creates volunteer opportunities
- Can evolve as the implementation of the recommendations progresses

Kendal Town Council successfully secured a place on the Local Government Association Design Council training. Previous sessions have focused on the consultation of projects, ie what should we deliver which were irrelevant to KTC because of the Jury's recommendations. The next phase of the training is about design and delivery. The LGA are keen to work with both KTC and SLDC on a project that benefits both authorities. SLDC Officers are keen to develop this idea further as a prototype for engagement in other parts of the district.

Current ideas include:

- Hosting and promoting three family fun days in Kirkbarrow, Sandylands and Hallgarth Parks
- Purchasing an E Bike trailer or similar



- Purchasing a tablet to share information and collect contact details for further engagement and information sharing
- Decorating the trailer to make it vibrant, engaging and welcoming – potentially with three large planets (symbolising the number of planets the UK needs to support current consumption).
- Taking the trailer to existing events such as the international Comic Art Festival, The Wool Gathering, Torchlight, Kendal Mountain Festival and others.

There may be changes to this current idea as a result of the Design Council training. However, with approval, we would aim to be ready to deliver the community fun days in the summer holidays.

## Intended Results

- Increased awareness of current available support for residents ie Green Grant scheme and CAF's Cold to Cosy Home.
- Increased awareness of local food growing opportunities
- Increased awareness of recommendation progress ie audit results (solar, dark skies and trees), LCWIP, allotment extension, 20mph progress and climate awareness training.
- Creates an opportunity to ask residents to pledge which individual actions they will commit to
- Improved engagement with residents of Sandylands, Kirkbarrow and Hallgarth
- Contact database to continue conversations and support

## Funding

The current development fund proposal includes a 'Biodiversity' budget request of £11,000.

£4,500 of this funding could be utilised as follows:

- £1000 towards an electric bike and trailer
- £3000 towards x3 family fun days (costs include food, giveaways, entertainment etc)
- £500 towards a tablet, loud speaker and decorating costs of the trailer

The remaining £6,500 could be utilised for another round of Biodiversity Grants or a different biodiversity project.

# LCWIP & Your Priorities Engagement Proposal

## Background

Kendal Town Council are a member of Kendal's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Group (LCWIP) led by CCC.

The purpose of the LCWIP is to identify solutions to Kendal's cycling and walking infrastructure challenges.

Kendal's Climate Change Jury recommended that Kendal's cycling infrastructure is improved and that a vision is agreed.

## Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is:

- To engage Kendal residents in the design and decisions regarding future cycling improvements in Kendal
- To ensure CCC Councillor's decisions are informed by public engagement and opinion
- To honour the deliberative and community engagement ethos of the Citizens Jury

This can be achieved by using the 'Your Priorities' platform, a website which highlights options and enables public participation. It has been used by 2m people in 25 countries since 2008 and was utilised during the Citizens Jury process to agree the recommendations. The LCWIP are planning to have options available for public engagement by early summer 2021. This project would be developed in partnership with Andrew Marshall the lead infrastructure Officer at Cumbria County Council.

Key features include:

- Flexibility - Your Priorities can both be used in public projects in the context of including large numbers of citizens in decision-making, and also in private projects where smaller groups of people can work together remotely on ideas, deliberation and decisions.
- Free

- Proven success from other places including [Argyll and Bute Council](#) – see [Case Studies](#) page for more.
- Necessity – the more citizens are able to participate with a project the more legitimate that project will be.
- Generates Data – the results can be easily extracted to create reports

## Potential results

By raising awareness of the LCWIP via a Your Priorities webpage and promotion, Kendal Town Council could achieve the following:

- Resident engagement
- Positively influence CCC decision making to ensure choices reflect the needs of Kendal's residents
- Support CCC in drawing down DFT funding by creating engagement evidence

## Funding

The development fund has provisionally allocated £5000 per year for three years towards the LCWIP programme.

Considering Your Priorities is free the cost in the proposal is Officer time rather than a financial contribution. However the following would support promotion and engagement:

- £200 towards facebook adds to promote the link to the Your Priorities website

## Dark Skies Cumbria Project

*Update for KTC E&H Committee, March 2021*

Brief update under the three main aims of the Project:

### **1. Celebrate and raise awareness of the value of Dark Skies and impacts of light**

**pollution** – The online Dark Skies Festival was a huge success, no major glitches, great diversity of presenters attracting over 3,000 attendees - local, national and few from overseas, and great feedback and spin-off activity. I did a talk to the Kendal and wider Quaker areas on 20 January, with 44 people attending. Please also see the latest research Blog on Bird Migration Impacts:

<https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/news/bird-migration-affected-by-intense-artificial-light-sources>

**2. Preventing more light pollution** – Lorayne our Planning Officer and I are responding to a diversity of planning applications in Kendal (and across Cumbria), offering constructive changes as opposed to objecting. Several are Town centre ones that seem to want completely unnecessary and wasteful uplifter wall lights when their signs and doorways are being lit anyway (eg. Duke of Cumberland, Redevelopment of Longpool Porsche site with Retirement Flats and The Clock Tower Inn). Hopefully, the Architects will soon get the message! Two others we have recommended changes/re-assessment are the Ski Slope & Lodge and JT Atkinsons (retrospective) Applications. I am also working with the Cumbria CC Highways Officers to try to get the best Dark Skies and Wildlife friendly road lighting into the new housing developments expanding the Town limits into greenfield locations.

**3. Reducing existing levels of light pollution** – Cundall Light4 Lighting Consultants have begun their audit of the three pilot communities. They visited Kendal-Oxenholme overnight Wednesday 10 February (a good weather & moon cycle window) and captured lots of lighting readings. They will visit again in March (between 4-16th) and I will be in touch when the audit work is written up and we development the Action Plan part.

The Cliff Terrace pilot scheme is on track to be installed by Cumbria CC (as a good will gesture as they are not on an adopted highway) in April. Three restored cast iron posts will replace the current unsafe and unsympathetic metal ones. Heritage-style modern lanterns will be fitted that cast light downwards onto the path, as opposed across to the Castle/into the sky or into the windows of the terrace residents. They will have a warm colour temperature of 2,200 Kelvins that are friendly to wildlife, including Bats that roost in the eaves of the Terrace. This will be a positive pilot scheme, the first genuine Dark Sky and Wildlife friendly Heritage Lights in Kendal (and probably Cumbria), which we should collective celebrate and share the message!

4. In addition to this some wider activity, includes:

- Coordinating guidance for avoiding light pollution with all relevant professional bodies and exploring a British Standard for lighting products to be Dark Skies compliant.

- Promoted the CPRE Star Count which took place 6-14 February – results at County level will be published during International Dark Skies Week 5-12 April 2021.
- Piloting a 'Big Switch Off' in Ambleside 10 April (9.30-11.30pm) with the climate-sustainability group, and others such as the University, school, etc.
- FLD and LDNPA Volunteers are (restrictions permitting) taking Sky Quality Light Meter readings across Cumbria to build up a database of evidence. My colleague Kate has also done a comparative analysis of VIIRS Light Pollution Satellite Data across Cumbria 2013-2019. Although it doesn't pick up LED blue-white light spectrum well, it does show, for example, where light pollution growth has occurred and the benefit from Cumbria CC's LED road light replacement programme. I'll be sharing this with the Local Planning Authorities in due course.

Jack Ellerby, Dark Skies Cumbria Project Officer

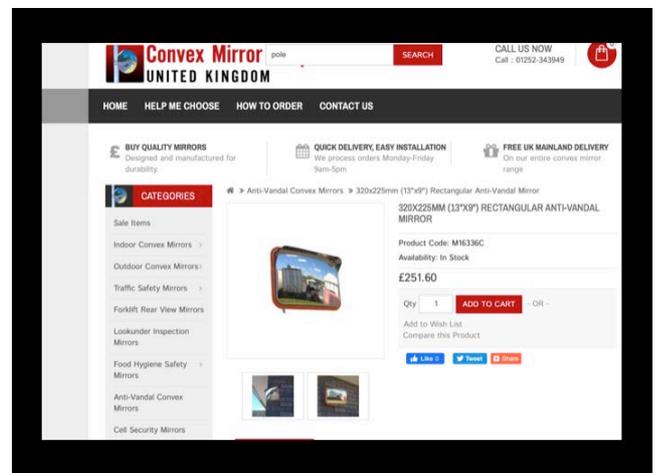
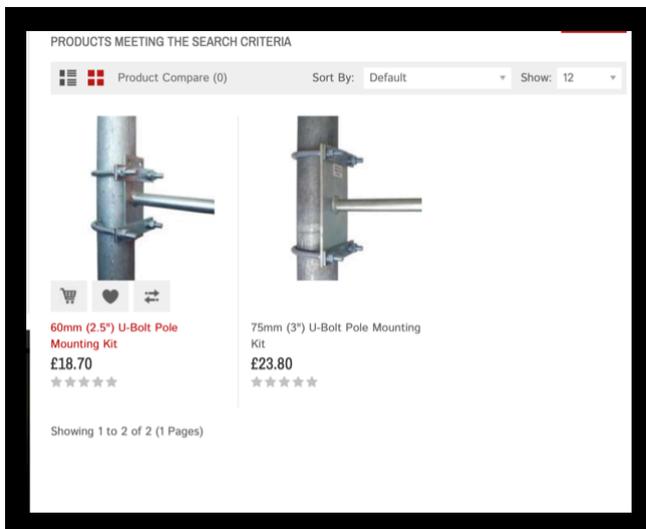
## Aikrigg Avenue Mirror

### Background

Residents have requested a mirror to improve current visibility issues. Cllr Jon Owen and Cllr Chris Rowley have detailed local knowledge.

### Proposal

To install a mirror utilising a budget of £600 from the New Infrastructure budget to include purchase, fitting and potentially a new post for installation.



## **Speed Indicator Device**

### **Background**

The following dates highlight the history of KTC's Speed Indicator Device (SID).

- 2012 - KTC purchased a portable SID and arranged for CCC to rotate it across seven locations;
  - Burton Road
  - Milnthorpe Road
  - Aynham Road
  - Sedburgh Road
  - Appleby Road
  - Burneside Road
- 2014 - CCC stopped rotating the SID on KTC's behalf. KTC began to rotate the SID initially across all seven locations and then more recently focused on Sedburgh Road, Burton Road and Milnthorpe Road.
- 2017 - KTC purchased a speed radar gun
- 2018 - CCC installed a permanent SID on Windermere Road

The KTC SID broke in 2020. The manufacturers cannot fix it due its age and software incompatibility. KTC have no evidence of an accident or vandalism and therefore will struggle to claim insurance as its likely to have broken due to age and usage.

### **Proposal**

Councillors to decide the following:

- Does KTC want to buy a new one?
- Which locations would it serve?

### **Funding**

There is currently no funding allocated to purchase a new SID.

The Environment & Highways committee could utilise the New Infrastructure budget of £3,500 available from April.

## KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT &amp; HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

## BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT: EXPENDITURE TO 31 JANUARY 2021

2020/21 Approved Budget	Heading	Actual to date	Commitments	Total to date	Budget Remaining
£		£	£	£	£
	<b>Environment:</b>				
22,610	1 Staffing	18,842	3,768	22,610	0
500	2 Somervell Garden Maintenance			0	500
23,110	<b>Sub-Total:</b>	18,842	3,768	22,610	500
	<b>Highways &amp; Infrastructure:</b>				
2,700	3 Infrastructure Maintenance	2,320		2,320	380
2,500	4 Litter Bin Emptying	1,560		1,560	940
3,500	5 New Infrastructure	3,500		3,500	0
2,680	6 Lighting - running costs	2,680		2,680	(0)
	Overspend (re agreement to accrue from previous yr)	721	1,650	2,371	(2,371)
				0	0
11,380	<b>Sub-Total:</b>	10,781	1,650	12,431	(1,051)
<b>34,490</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Highways Total:</b>	<b>29,623</b>	<b>5,418</b>	<b>35,041</b>	<b>(551)</b>
	<b>Action Plan Projects Overseen by E&amp;H:</b>				
13,266	7 Green Wall Project			0	13,266
1,680	8 Signage Improvements	1,230		1,230	450
5,000	9 Woolpack Yard Signage	524		524	4,476
5,000	10 Kendal Castle Directional Signage	2,185		2,185	2,815
2,000	11 Fletcher Park Enhancements	500		500	1,500
3,000	12 New Gates Hallgarth Play Area - SLDC led	3,000		3,000	0
5,000	13 Nobles Rest Entrance Improvements (Civic Soc led)			0	5,000
4,000	14 Planter Cladding	3,840		3,840	160
7,000	15 Kendal Leaflet Series	2,656		2,656	4,344
12,000	16 Support 20's Plenty Project	7,703		7,703	4,297
6,600	17 To Support Biodiversity	1,000	4,700	5,700	900
9,500	Gooseholme Cameras	757	8,765	9,522	(22)
<b>74,046</b>		<b>23,394</b>	<b>13,465</b>	<b>36,859</b>	<b>37,187</b>
19,820	18 Kendal Climate Change Jury	14,885	4,955	19,840	(20)
4,000	Carbon Neutrality - Film + Printing	2,053		2,053	1,947
					<b>1,927</b>
143	<b>Environment Reserve (Parks, Gardens &amp; Open Spaces):</b>			0	143
<b>143</b>					