

# Kendal Town Council

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**Minutes of a meeting of Kendal Town Council held in the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal, on Monday 8 August 2022, at 7pm.**

G Archibald	Apologies	A Blackman	Present
K Blamire	Present	S Blunden	Apologies
J Brook	Present	D Brown	Present
A Campbell	Apologies	S Coleman	Present
J Cornthwaite	Present	J Dunlop (Deputy Mayor)	Present
L Edwards	Apologies	D Evans	Present
A Finch	Present	C Hardy	Apologies
M Helme	Present	L Hendry	Apologies
E Hennessy	Present	H Ladhams	Present*
S Long	Apologies**	D Miles	Apologies
T Perkins	Apologies	D Rathbone (Mayor)	Present
C Russell	Apologies	M Severn	Absent
K Simpson	Apologies	R Sutton	Present
P Thornton	Present	G Tirvengadam	Present

\* arrived after roll call but before consideration of first item

\*\* apologies received after roll call

**In attendance:** Chris Bagshaw, Town Clerk, and Simon Unsworth, Mayor's Attendant.

## Public Participation

No items were brought forward by the public.

There was a short presentation by Karen Evans from **South Lakes Citizens' Advice**.

The organisation continues to offer the working age people of Kendal and South Lakes multi-issue support. In this quarter it has seen 325 clients and addressed 936 separate issues.

- The majority of clients were female;
- 49-51% of the people seen were disabled either physically or had mental health issues;
- The work has led to gaining £97,000 for clients in new benefits, etc;
- Key issues addressed:
  - Benefits/tax credits/universal credit issues
  - Housing issues/evictions;
  - An increase in use of properties as AirBnBs and impact on rental market;
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- The organisation is run by volunteers via telephone, zoom and face-to-face meetings. The building leaves a lot to be desired but the organisation does what it can with what it has;

Going forward, the organisation will continue to offer support. Currently, B&ME communities are not accessing the service and there is an aim to address this issue.

Councillors asked a series of questions relating to details of SLCA's provision, and thanked Karen and her volunteers for their work.

**21/2022 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Archibald, S Blunden, A Campbell, L Edwards, C Hardy, L Hendry, D Miles, T Perkins, C Russell and K Simpson. Cllr S Long's apologies, for circumstances beyond her control, were received after the Roll Call.

**22/2022 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Blackman informed the meeting he is a member of the South Lakes Gospel Choir.

**23/2022 Exclusion Of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

**24/2022 Minutes of Last Meeting**

**Resolved:** To receive and accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 6 June 2022 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record.

**25/2022 Mayor's Communications and Announcements**

The Clerk distributed the latest report from the Mayor's calendar, apologising that this had not been included with the agenda pack. In addition to the appointments listed (which are appended to these minutes), the Mayor is going to Rinteln to help celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Twinning arrangement on Wednesday 9 August. It is hoped that this will re-energise the enthusiasm for twinning.

It was clarified that the Mayor took his own car to York - the mayoral car and driver is only used in very limited and local circumstances.

**Resolved:** to receive the report.

**26/2022. Membership of Committees**

The Council considered a recommendation that Cllr Sutton be confirmed as a member of the Christmas Lights' and Festivals Committee, and that other vacancies be filled by nominations from the floor.

**Resolved:** Cllr Sutton's membership of the Christmas Lights and Festivals Committee is confirmed.

**Resolved:** Cllr Finch is appointed to the Planning Committee.

**27/2022 Minutes from Committees**

The Council was presented with the minutes from recent meetings of the Council's standing committees.

- a) Allotments Committee on 18 July 2022
- b) Christmas Lights and Festivals Committee on 27 June 2022
- c) Environment and Highways Committee on 13 June 2022
- d) Management Committee on 30 May and 4 July 2022
- e) Mayoralty and Arts Committee on 11 July 2022
- f) Planning Committee on 6 June, 20 June, 4 July and 18 July 2022

The following comments were made:

Allotments: the amount referenced in A6/2022 should be £30,000.

Mayoralty and Arts: MA5/2022, 1) should read '...to support residents of Kendal who want to participate in the coach trip to Rinteln...'

The following questions and points were made:

- Allotments Committee – it was clarified that there had been a specific incident of aggression by an allotment holder but that it was not part of a sustained pattern. The situation will be monitored and action taken in the future if required.
- Environment and Highways Committee – it was reported that the County Council had made a proposal re 20MPH zones but that it was confidential (ie not yet in the public domain). Cllrs can view it in the KTC office. This will be discussed on 18 August, comments should be fed back to E&H by 14 August for inclusion.
- Environment and Highways Committee: it was queried as to why E&H sends representatives to the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership as KTC already has representatives on the group. Clerk to clarify this.
- Planning: the meeting was informed that planning permission has been received to extend the use of glass panels as part of the flood defence along Aynam Rd.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk seek clarification on the Council's representatives to the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership.

**Resolved:** to receive the minutes from the committees, with the with the suggested amendments listed above made to the receiving committees.

## **27/2022 Reports from Representatives**

The Council received the following reports:

- a) Integrated Care Community meeting held on 16 May 2022 (a written report from Cllr R Sutton)
- b) South Lakes Action on Climate Change meeting held on 31 May 2022 (a written report from Cllr M Helme)
- c) South Lakes Dementia Community (a written report from Cllr R Sutton)

Two further reports were submitted too late for inclusion, but would be circulated following the meeting and included at the next meeting.

**Resolved:** To accept the reports.

**28/2022 Subscriptions**

The Council considered to renewing the following subscriptions

a) Open Spaces Society - £45

There was some discussion about the benefit of being a corporate member of this organisation, and about the origins of the Council's membership, which appeared obscure. It was noted that there was opportunity, should the Council wish, to be involved in the governance of the Society, and the issues it campaigns on are issue about which the Town Council may concerns in the future, given the nature and status of Kendal's open spaces and path network.

b) Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) - £294

The Clerk gave a number of recent examples of when he was able to apply SLCC advice – from Local Government Reorganisation, to the delicate issue of royal succession.

**Resolved:** To renew both subscriptions.

**29/2022 Schedule of Payments**

The Council received the Schedule of Payments for the period to 30 June 2022.

**Resolved:** to accept the schedule of payments.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.