

Kendal Town Council

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12 April 2022

To Members of the Mayoralty and Arts Committee

Cllr J Brook	Cllr C Hogg
Cllr G Cook	Cllr D Rathbone (Chair)
Cllr J Dunlop (Vice Chair)	Cllr R Sutton
Cllr A Finch	Cllr K Teasdale
Cllr P Gibson	Cllr G Tirvengadam

You are summoned to a meeting Kendal Town Council Mayoralty and Arts Committee on **Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 7.30pm**, at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal (Please note date).

Distributed to other members of the Council for information only.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CB' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Public Participation

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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 from the Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 21 February 2022, and affirm them as a true record.

5. Twinning Matters

To consider any issues relating to the town's Twinning arrangements with Killarney and Rinteln.

6. Town Council Collection

To receive a brief update on the care of the Council's collection of art and historic artefacts.

7. Mayor's Insignia

To receive a brief update on the repairs to the Mayor's Insignia.

8. Roll of Honour

To consider issues relating to the Council's role in maintaining the town's Roll of Honour.

9. Review of Spend against Budget

See report attached.

10. Newsletter

To consider items for the Summer Newsletter.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Mayoralty and Arts Committee held on Monday, 21 February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Kendal.

Cllr J Brook	Present	Cllr C Hogg	Present
Cllr G Cook	Present	Cllr D Rathbone (Chair)	Present
Cllr J Dunlop (Vice Chair)	Present	Cllr R Sutton	Present
Cllr A Finch	Apologies	Cllr K Teasdale	Present
Cllr P Gibson	Apologies	Cllr G Tirvengadam	Present

In attendance: Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk) and Simon Unsworth (Project Officer)
Also present: Cllr S Evans (Chair of Festivals & Christmas Lighting Committee), Cllr A Blackman (Chair of Kendal-Rinteln Association)

MA12/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs P Gibson and A Finch

MA13/21/22 Declarations of Interest

None

MA14/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

MA15/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021. It was noted that was inaccurate to imply that there was only one representative on the Kendal-Rinteln Association. The Clerk amended MA5/21/22 accordingly.

Resolved: With this amendment to accept them as a true record.

MA16/21/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Christmas Lights and Festivals Committee on the plans for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The focus of the celebration would be Thursday 2 June 2022, when there was a timetable of events from 2pm onwards including a special cry, for the Town Crier, a piece of pipe music, a bugle piece, and then a song to accompany the lighting of a beacon at the castle at 9.45pm. There would also be a Jubilee trail, involving QR codes, bunting for Highgate and elsewhere, and a flower bed on Aynam Road would be made over in the nominated colours of silver and purple. Help would be offered to those interested in holding street parties, and linkages had been made with the Lions, Rotary and Civic Society, so far. A proposal to rename the new Gooseholme Bridge after the Platinum Jubilee had also been taken forward with colleagues at Cumbria County Council.

Welcoming the proposals, the Committee also suggested that Kendal BID were kept on board with plans, and that the views from Cumbria and South Lakeland council were also sought. Cllr Brook, who also serves as Leader of South Lakeland Council, confirmed that

inquiries should be put to the Chair and Chief Executive of that council for guidance and support.

The Chair thanked Cllr Evans for her report and assured her that the M&A committee was wholly supportive.

Resolved: To note the report.

MA17/21/22 Twinning Issues - Killarney

The Committee considered the current state of the relationship with Killarney, now the Irish town no longer had its own Town Council. The Clerk observed that he did receive informal communications from Killarney on various matters – such as football, and that there seemed to be enthusiasm for forging links, albeit informally.

Resolved: That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk give some consideration to how the relationship with Killarney might be developed going forward.

MA18/21/22 Twinning Issues - Rinteln

The Committee heard that the Mayor had received a letter from the German Consul General in Edinburgh congratulating the town on its 30 years of twinning with Rinteln and offering modest financial support for the town's celebrations to mark this. It was suggested that the best gift the Council could deliver would be a revitalised Twinning relationship. Cllr Blackman, who now chairs the Kendal-Rinteln Association reported that the association was planning a meeting of 'veteran twinners' to collect their memories. Councillors noted that strong links had been made with choirs, schools and disabled groups in previous years, but that Covid had put a significant break on matters. It was further noted that mayoral visits from Kendal often coincided with the Altstadt festival in August, or the Christmas Markets in December. Lakes Gospel Choir was currently planning a visit in October.

It was suggested that the Town Council needed to be urgently proactive in reinvigorating the Twinning relationships, especially if the 30-year anniversary was to be celebrated appropriately. It was noted that any actions might happen through the elections, but this ought not to tie the Committee's hands with respect to making plans.

Resolved: To form a Task and Finish group, with Cllrs Tirvengadam, Dunlop, Rathbone, Blackman and Sutton, to be convened by the Clerk at a suitable time in the near future, to consolidate ideas from the Council's perspective which may be projected through the Twinning Association, or through other appropriate channels.

MA19/21/22 Exhibition 2022

The Clerk reported that circumstances were unfavourable for the effective promotion of an exhibition from the Council's collection at this time, but was optimistic that the current review of the Collection would lead to a more robust and agile capacity in the future, as we emerged from the pandemic and Town Hall renovations. He suggested the Committee may vire the existing budget allocated for the current financial year to another appropriate budget line.

Resolved: To vire the £1,500 Exhibitions budget to the conservation reserve.

MA20/21/22 Mayor's Insignia

The Committee heard that the unicorn on the Mayoral chain would cost in the region of £2,000 to replace and the process had begun to discuss the loss with the Council's insurers. The Clerk reported that he would be reviewing and recording the Mayoral insignia and regalia more effectively as a part of the review of the Council's assets and the way in which they were maintained, including how the insignia were stored and carried by Mayors when not being worn.

Resolved: To note the report.

MA21/21/22 Mace Bearers and Civic Attendants

The Clerk confirmed that he now had the uniform and other items returned from the former Town Crier. He suggested the Council was presented with an opportunity to develop a 21st century role for the Town Crier, and that the terms of reference should be reviewed to ensure they were representing good employment practice. The Mayor's Attendant confirmed that he would be able to cover a number of the upcoming Crier duties as an interim measure.

Resolved: To note the report.

MA22/21/22 Newsletter

The Committee offered the following items as articles for the forthcoming newsletter.

- 30 years Twinning with Rinteln
- Flood relief scheme developments
- Mayor's Parlour
- Unity Festival
- Queen's Jubilee

MA22/21/22 Review of Spend against Budget

The committee reviewed a statement of their current budget.

Resolved: To note the report.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Kendal Town Council 2021-22 Budget

	Budget and Additional Funding	Actual Exp April - Mar	Remaining Budget	Projected Yr. Exp
<u>MAYORALTY & ARTS</u>				
Mayoral (Mayor & Deputy Mayor) Allowance	£5,150	£5,000	£150	£5,000
Mayoral Travel	£800	£38	£762	£100
Mayoral Functions	£6,700		£1,569	£6,700
Mayor Making		£481		
Donations from Mayor Making		-£40		
Torchlight		£5,336		
50% Refund		-£2,040		
Remembrance Sunday		£384		
Donations From Torchlight		-£169		
Pictures & Other		£8		
Regalia & Uniforms		£66		
Misc. Functions & Exp		£1,104		
Twinning	£2,500		£2,500	£2,500
Exhibitions	£1,500		£1,500	£1,500
Museum	£2,000		£2,000	£2,000
<u>Total Mayoralty & Arts</u>	£18,650	£10,168	£8,482	£17,800