

# Kendal Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of the Mayoralty and Arts Committee held on Tuesday, 19 April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Georgian Room, 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)

### MA12/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from

### 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 21 February 2022.

**Resolved:** Accepted as a true record.

### MA16/21/22 Twinning Issues

It was reported that the group had met and discussed Twinning, focussing mainly on the relationship with Rinteln. The following points were made:

- It is hoped that the next council will be proactive in addressing the Twinning issue;
- There is a need to regain the impetus in a concrete and practical way;
- There is to be an event to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning relationship with Rinteln later in the year which will hopefully generate new interest;
- That the twinning relationship with Rinteln has almost been more focussed on the town-to-town links, whereas with Rinteln it has traditionally been more council-to-council;
- There was a friendship agreement with town in China that could be reinvigorated;
- The Twinning subgroup will continue to meet to address this issue.

**Resolved:** To maintain the subgroup meetings and to commend the Twinning issue to other relevant parts of the council.

### MA17/21/22 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.

#### **MA18/21/22 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.

#### **MA19/21/22 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **MA20/21/22 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

#### **MA21/21/22 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