

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Mayoralty & Arts Committee

**Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.00 pm
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Paul Bramham (Vice Chair), Jonathan Brook, Chris Hogg, Richard Sutton, Julia Dunlop and Rachael Hogg
- APOLOGIES** Councillors Finch, Gibson and Tirvengadam.
- OFFICERS** Liz Richardson (Town Clerk) and Amy Robinson (Interim Council Secretary)
- 550/18/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- Tony Wrathall (Kendal Civic Society agenda item 6)
Jon Robinson (Kendal Civic Society agenda item 6)
- 551/18/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- None declared
Councillor C. Hogg noted potential conflict if discussion on item 7 related to land owned by SLDC.
- 552/18/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2018**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2018, which had been approved by full Council on 6th August 2018.
- Councillor Brook proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Sutton and carried by three votes with three abstentions.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25th June be accepted as a correct record.
- 553/18/19 MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**
None
- 554/18/19 WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION – KENDAL CIVIC SOCIETY**
The Chair asked for approval to bring forward item 6 as members of the Kendal Civic Society were present. This was unanimously agreed by members.
- Tony Wrathall from Kendal Civic Society discussed a proposal from a member of the public and potential donor (wishing to remain anonymous) relating to possible restoration of Kendal War Memorial.
- The Civic Society wished to bring to KTC attention concern that the fallen soldiers names on the memorial are not easy to read, especially in the dark. They wished to propose that the text could

be picked out in gold lettering or be cleaned and that they would be happy to cover the costs via the anonymous donor.

The Town Clerk noted that separately a complaint about the lettering on the monument had recently been received from a veteran asking KTC to clean the plaques.

Councillors discussed the matter noting previous discussions as well as concern not to alter the character of the memorial, which a number of Councillors felt gold lettering may do. The characteristic aging of copper and the green patina that develops over time was noted as important. Councillor Brook noted lighting had been discussed previously but not taken forward. It was suggested that better illumination at night may be one solution. The Town Clerk noted that the existing light source would be on County Council land.

It was agreed that Historic England could be approached for their advice as to the appropriate maintenance / restoration of the memorial. As expert advice would cost money it was posed whether the donor would be prepared to pay for that advice.

Councillor C Hogg proposed that in the first instance Kendal Civic Society ascertain whether the donor would be willing to cover the cost of expert advice possibly by or via Historic England. This was seconded by Councillor Brook and carried unanimously.

The Committee asked the Civic Society to thank the donor for their interest in the town and the War Memorial.

Tony Wrathall, Kendal Civic Society, requested that the minutes on this part be sent to him.

RESOLVED

The Town Clerk to send a copy of minutes on this item to Tony Wrathall and await a response on whether the donor would be prepared to pay for specialist advice.

555/18/19

GRANTING OF THE FREEDOM OF KENDAL TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS – OPTIONS PAPER (REF MINUTE 313/18/19) AND PRESENTATION OF A FREEDOM SCROLL TO THE DUKE OF LANCS REGIMENT

The Town Clerk presented the previously circulated options paper produced by the Mayor's Attendant. The various options were discussed including issues arising from trying to regularise the award if a wider group of youth organisations were included.

It was agreed that the Freedom of Kendal be considered a high honour. Councillor Bramham commented that as the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment was the local regiment for the Kendal area it would be fitting to formerly award the Freedom of Kendal to the regiment.

Councillor Brook proposed that the Freedom of Kendal be formally awarded to the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. This was seconded by Councillor R Hogg and carried unanimously.

Councillor Braham asked that the Town Clerk write to the 1127 (Kendal) Squadron Air Training Corp, thanking them for their important local contribution and informing them of the committee's decision.

The Committee also thanked the Mayor's Attendant for compiling the options paper.

RECOMMENDATION that the Freedom of Kendal be formally awarded to the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk will pass on thanks and the decision to the Air Training Corp.

556/18/19

SUGGESTION FOR A JOHN DALTON/ARTHUR EDDINGTON MEMORIAL

The Town Clerk explained that a member of the public had written to Councillor Archibald asking KTC for our views on a John Dalton / Arthur Eddington memorial.

Councillors agreed the idea was worthy of merit however it was suggested that the member of the public be encouraged to first approach relevant scientific societies for support. Assuming this support, they would be welcome to bring it back to KTC for further discussion. It was also discussed that they be directed to Kendal Civic Society who may be able to organise plaques.

RESOLVED The Town Clerk to reply as above including thanks for bringing the idea to the attention of Kendal Town Council.

557/18/19

FUTURE EXHIBITION – PAST MAYORS OF KENDAL (REF MINUTE 310/18/19)

Councillors discussed the potential for local interest and merit in an exhibition relating to the history of previous Kendal Mayors. It was noted that while there are many photographs and paintings there is little in terms of information and that researching and compiling further information would be time-intensive and therefore costly.

Councillor Sutton commented that the collection of Mayors could be included as part of the regular presentations to visitors and Councillor Dunlop suggested an online page. Councillor C Hogg stressed the need for any exhibition to be financially viable.

As a decision on this was not needed immediately it was agreed to return to the discussion at a later date including bringing ideas for other exhibitions.

RESOLVED That the item be added to a future agenda for further consideration.

558/18/19

PHOTOGRAPH OF NEW COUNCIL (REF MINUTE 309/18/19)

Councillor Bramham agreed to be the photographer (to save on costs) for a photograph of the newly formed Town Council. It was agreed that this would take place in May 2019 to capitalise on daylight in the Council Chamber.

RESOLVED

The Town Clerk will ensure this is added to the May 2019 full Council meeting. All Councillors will be encouraged to attend.

559/18/19**CENTENARY OF NETHERFIELD/KENDAL TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB – CLLR C HOGG**

Councillor C Hogg explained he had been approached by Kendal Football Club wanting to mark the centenary of the clubs formation.

2019 will mark 100 years of a football club. It was agreed that a small presentation by the Mayor of a certificate or Crest / Shield would be an appropriate recognition of what the club has done for the town. The Town Clerk will look into what might be possible.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk look into a suitable presentation.

560/18/19**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Spring 2019 Edition – The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor has asked for the City of Sanctuary to be added to the newsletter and details of the forthcoming second Kendal Unity Festival. The Freedom Parade would also be included.

561/18/19**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET**

The Town Clerk reported on the remaining budget and spend for the Committee. It was noted that the budget of £1,500 for restoration and exhibitions remains unspent. Councillor C Hogg asked if this could go into the Arts and Heritage reserve for future restoration projects. Councillor Brook proposed that any remaining budget be transferred into the reserve. This was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk request that any unspent funds in the Exhibitions and Restoration budget be transferred to the reserve.

562/18/19**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Dunlop drew the Committees attention to a photograph that had been posted online showing the Piper, sheltering a young child from the rain, during the Remembrance Parade. Councillors wished to acknowledge the Pipers kindness which highlighted the spirit of the day.

RESOLVED

The Town Clerk will extend a note of appreciation from Kendal Town Council to the Piper.

563/18/19

The Town Clerk had received a letter from a member of public offering to donate two large photographs of their Great Grandfather who was Kendal Mayor, 1906-07. The photographs are in carved oak frames with a crest. The Town Clerk noted that KTC did have copies of the photographs being offered but that these were not framed and some may not be in such good condition and

suggested that the Council accepts the offer. It was agreed that this would fit with KTC collection policy and should be accepted.

The Town Clerk was asked to check with the correspondent as to whether the frames were also being offered and arrange to view / collect the photographs.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk enter into correspondence with the donor.

564/18/19

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25th February 2019

Apologies for the meeting were received from Councillor Brook.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

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562/18/19	ANY OTHER BUSINESS REMEMBERANCE PARADE - PIPER	RES	The Town Clerk will extend a note of appreciation from Kendal Town Council to the Piper.
563/18/19	ANY OTHER BUSINESS DONATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS	RES	That the Town Clerk enter into correspondence with the donor.