

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Mayoralty & Arts Committee

**Monday 8th February 2021 at 7.00 pm
(Via Zoom)**

PRESENT

Councillors Alvin Finch (Chair & Mayor), Chris Hogg (Vice Chair), Douglas Rathbone (Deputy Mayor), Jonathan Brook, Geoff Cook, Richard Sutton, Julia Dunlop and Guy Tirvengadam

Also in attendance: Jason Rushworth, Newsquest Reporter

APOLOGIES

None

OFFICERS

Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2020

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021. The following items were raised:

Minute 409/20/21 – Budget Underspend Due to Covid

Councillor Brook highlighted an amendment – WASPS should be WOSP (Whinfell Office Skills Project).

He also highlighted reference to a suggestion made to set £5k against the reserve to go back into the General Fund, noting this had not been recorded as a resolution. Councillor C Hogg's recollection in this respect was £5k would be put into the Conservation Reserve. Following a general discussion it was proposed by Councillor C Hogg for funding left over from this year (£5k) to be put into the Conservation Fund to conserve items in the Mayor's Parlour (rather than going into the General Fund). This is remaining money from the Civic Functions Budget. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Dunlop and carried unanimously.

Members discussed whether there would be any effect on the budget agreed by Full Council last week. It was confirmed by the Town Clerk that there should not be any material change.

Mayor's Attendant to check re list of priority items for restoration.

Minute 406/20/21 – Armed Forces Day

The Town Clerk was asked when an update would be available. He advised no response had been received from the Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee and he would follow up.

Twin Towns

Previous discussion regarding the possibility of some form of virtual contact with the twin towns was raised. The Town Clerk is continuing to explore options with the Administrative Assistant in this respect.

Councillor Finch proposed that the minutes of the meeting held 9th November 2020 be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Brook and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

1. That funding left over from this year (£5k) be put into the Conservation Fund to conserve items in the Mayor's Parlour (rather than going into the General Fund).
2. Mayor's Attendant to check re list of priority items for restoration.
3. Town Clerk to follow up a response from the Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee in respect of Armed Forces Day.
4. That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9th November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.

596/20/21**KTC EXHIBITION**

Members considered a paper from Councillor C Hogg regarding recommendations in respect of a KTC Exhibition.

The paper put forward 3 recommendations which were discussed. There was a general feeling among Members that proposal 2 (a small scale exhibition of paintings from the picture store in summer or autumn 2021) was too ambitious, given the refurbishment of the Town Hall and staffing resources.

Recommendation 1 was to continue to explore the possibility of holding an exhibition of the paintings of William Bowness featuring recordings of his dialect poetry. This would be delayed until 2022 at the earliest. Members expressed their wish to return to this idea when looking ahead to 2022.

A proposal was put forward by Councillor C Hogg to proceed with recommendation 3 in the paper to rerun the Cuthbert Rigby exhibition from 2008 in collaboration with Space2Create, beginning in July and ending in August 2021. This would be subject to Covid restrictions at the time. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Brook and carried.

RESOLVED

To rerun the Cuthbert Rigby exhibition from 2008 in collaboration with Space2Create, beginning in July and ending in August 2021

597/20/21**DIGITAL IMAGES PERMISSIONS**

The Mayor's Attendant presented a paper which proposed a process for borrowing the use of digital images of artwork from KTC. Whilst there is a clear process for borrowing physical artwork, there is currently no such process in the case of digital. The proposal is for the Town Clerk to consider requests received. The borrower will be asked to use the picture credit 'By Kind Permission of Kendal Town

Council, Cumbria, England'. The usage permission will be reported to Committee and a central record retained by the Mayor's Attendant.

There was a suggestion that requests be considered by the Town Clerk plus one other Councillor (possibly the Mayor or Deputy Mayor). The Town Clerk advised there would be a consultation with the most appropriate person.

Councillor C Hogg proposed that the process be approved. This was seconded by Councillor D Rathbone and carried.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk consider requests to use digital images from KTC and borrowers be asked to use a standard credit. Committee to be informed and Mayor's Attendant to retain a central record.

598/20/21**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

It was reported that the spring edition is about to go to print. There is likely to be a full page covering flood defences work in the summer edition. Cuthbert Rigby exhibition to be featured also.

The Mayor's Attendant is assisting the Project Manager with production of the newsletter and asked to be kept informed of requests for articles etc.

599/20/21**WAINWRIGHT AWARD**

It was noted that in normal years there has been a publicity campaign in the autumn, following by Full Council voting on nominations at the January meeting. This last year there was no publicity seeking nominations and no likely candidates have been presented. Members were asked to consider how they would like to proceed.

The fund was given to KTC by Alfred Wainwright in 1989 to allow it to reward an individual or organisation who has done something outstanding for Kendal and its inhabitants. The Award being considered is for 2020.

A general discussion ensued, during which various viewpoints were expressed. Councillor Cook proposed that no award be made, commenting that due to the pandemic most voluntary and community groups have been inactive. There was a suggestion that it be presented to the NHS and all keyworkers, following which Members discussed a more generalised approach for 2020 and the possibility of a tribute/acknowledgement for all work carried out in the voluntary sector. The Town Clerk explained that the legal terms state the award has to be presented to an individual or group of people. Councillor Tirvengadam expressed his view that lots of individuals have gone above and beyond during Covid and it would be nice to give an award.

Since the matter was not an agenda item it was agreed no resolution could be made at tonight's meeting. The Town Clerk will prepare a paper for consideration at the Management Committee meeting on Monday 15th February.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk will prepare a paper on the Wainwright Award for consideration at the Management Committee meeting on Monday 15th February.

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REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2020/21

Members noted the Budgetary Control Statement for the period ended 31st January 2021.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 17TH MAY 2021 AT 7PM

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
595	Minutes of Meeting held 9 th Nov 2020	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That funding left over from this year (£5k) be put into the Conservation Fund to conserve items in the Mayor's Parlour (rather than going into the General Fund). 2. Mayor's Attendant to check re list of priority items for restoration. 3. Town Clerk to follow up a response from the Christmas Lights & Festivals Committee in respect of Armed Forces Day. 4. That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9th November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
596	KTC Exhibition	RES	To rerun the Cuthbert Rigby exhibition from 2008 in collaboration with Space2Create, beginning in July and ending in August 2021
597	Digital Images Permissions	RES	That the Town Clerk consider requests to use digital images from KTC and borrowers be asked to use a standard credit. Committee to be informed and Mayor's Attendant to retain a central record.
599	Wainwright Award	RES	That the Town Clerk will prepare a paper on the Wainwright Award for consideration at the Management Committee meeting on Monday 15 th February.