

04 May 2021, Kirkby Stephen Town Council

Electors' Meeting

Kirkby Stephen Town Council, Local Links, Vicarage Lane, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, CA17 4QX

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Starting at 6.45 pm at Local Links

Attending: Cllrs. P Richardson, A Birtles, M Walker, D Thornton, C Lynch, C Barnes (Clerk), Z Bromfield (Minutes Secretary)

Cllr P Dew (CCC/EDC) & PC A Mckirdy

21/001 **Welcome & Apologies.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllrs Lancaster and Wren.

21/002 **Chairman's report.**

The Chairman noted that the year had been dominated by Covid, which had also led to the tragic death of our previous Chairman, Joan Johnstone.

Covid had led to the cancellation of many planned local events including the Easter Rally and Westmorland Dales Day.

The commission and unveiling of Lady Anne's Way by Sculptor Diane Lawrenson had not been able to proceed until the Autumn. The Chairman recognised that the Town is growing, with several large residential developments currently ongoing.

Plans for a management plan for Jubilee Park are progressing and it was hoped to establish a 'Friends of Jubilee Park' group, to support the Park going forward.

Edensyde has benefitted from some recent management works and improvements to access are being considered.

The Chairman wished to thank Wendy Hamilton for her service as manager of the Council & Community Centre (until her resignation in the Summer), Christian Barnes and Zeld Bromfield for keeping the Centre running.

He thanked Rachel Girvan for her service as a Councillor, and the volunteers who put up the Christmas Lights for all their efforts.

The research of first-time registration of the Market Square & Cloisters is still ongoing, as is the transfer and development of the Evergreen building and the establishment of Kirkby Stephen Youth Centre.

The devolution of services from Eden District Council has recently been suspended and is subject to a scrutiny review.

Future projects include looking at more electric charging points in the town, the development of the Local Links Centre and investigating the possibility of creating a Town Hall.

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21/003 **Public Participation.**

Any Elector to raise a matter of concern to the Parish/Town. None reported

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