

10 May 2022, Kirkby Stephen Town Council

Electors' Meeting (Town Meeting)

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Starting after the Annual Meeting meeting of the Town Council at Upper Eden Rugby Club.

Attending. Cllrs. P Richardson (Chairman), A Birtles (Vice Chairman), S Lancaster (EDC), M Walker, D Thornton, J Murray (W&FCC), C Lynch, P Dew (CCC/EDC/KSTC), C Barnes (Clerk).

1 member of the public.

22/014 **Welcome & Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wren (Work Commitments)

22/015 **Chairman's Report.**

Thank you for electing me to the chair of Kirkby Stephen Town Council.

My annual report is going to be upbeat and positive, apart from the first item.

MASCG have made one of their worst decisions by moving Appleby Horse Fair to later in June rather than earlier.

Coming out of the Covid Lockdown has been slow and tentative but... Cumbria Easter rally was back after a 2-year gap and going by feedback it was a huge success. 2023 will happen.

More events are coming back to the town this year:

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations (2nd to 5th June).
- The Yomp (12 June).
- Westmorland Dales Day (31 July)...

Normality is slowly returning.

Kirkby Stephen will benefit from the ongoing improvements at Jubilee Park (thanks to Maria Luczac's Management Plan) together with the Scouts, Gardeners of Eden and Rotary amongst other volunteers.

Edensyde and Stenkrith will be getting new and improved access.

Plans for improvements at Silver Street Gardens are progressing well. Once the necessary arrangements have been put in place. A memorial dedicated to our former Chairman Joan Johnstone will be sited at Silver Street Gardens and the garden will grow.

A charity has been formed and now the former Evergreen Building on Redmayne Road will become a Youth Centre.

Our thanks are due to Eden District Council for transferring the Visitor Centre to the Town Council together with the funds to help contribute to a backlog of repairs. The building will receive a much-needed facelift later in the year.

Thank you to our two new town councillors Phil Dew and John Murray and congratulations to both of you on your recent elections to the new Westmorland and Furness County Council.

I'd like to thank Sandy Lancaster for her contribution as a Councillor at Eden District Council and for her support to the Town Council in that role.

Lastly thanks for all the hard work of our staff.

Let's hope the future is bright.

22/016 **Public Participation.**

The Council received a detailed presentation from a scout seeking a contribution to support his participation in the 25th World Scout Jamboree to be held in South Korea. At SaeManGeum in 2023. The slogan for the Jamboree was: 'Think Big, Dream Wild, Act Together'. The Jamboree would involve Scouts from all over the world congregating in one place and learning about each other's cultures. The chance for his participation came at the end of a lengthy selection process in Cumbria resulting in 18 scouts being selected.

As a group local scouts / scout groups needed to raise £80k to fund their participation in the Jamboree. He had been seeking funds by letter writing, working, fundraising activities and working at odd jobs and a paper round. He had also established a go fundme site (<https://gofund.me/2e2064a0>). As a group they had so far raised £20k of the amount needed overall. The cost of this scout's participation was £4,000 with £2,000 achieved so far.

The scout was congratulated on his excellent presentation and the progress he had already made with his campaign and he left the meeting.

Councillors agreed that this initiative would be ideal for the Brittleton Bursary. The bursary had recently made small grants to individuals to travel in connection with sporting opportunities of £150. It was proposed that a contribution of this amount in two successive years should be included in the bursary report for approval in due course.

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Chairman's Initials