

# KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Kirkoswald Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 in Kirkoswald Church Institute at 7.30 PM

**Present** Cllr J Little (Chair), Cllr J Haugh, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr N Jackson, Cllr H Kent, Cllr P Morgan, Cllr R Raine, Cllr W Smith, Cllr J Tea

**Also Present:** N Phillips Clerk/RFO, Westmorland and Furness Cllr Robinson

### 111.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

received apologies and approve reasons for absence from Cllrs Henderson and Quinn

### 112.MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on 11 November 2023 and 5 December 2023

authorised the chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 11 November and 5 December.

### 113.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
- b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature Cllr Little declared an interest in item 118 and 124, Cllr Morgan declared an interest in 124.
- c. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting for the relevant items)
- d. To make any requests for dispensation

### 114.Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To decide whether there are any items of business which require exclusion of the press and public none

115.**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – 2 members of public attended to talk about difficulties with parking in Kirkoswald and the issues that they face.

116.**Westmorland and Furness COUNCILLOR REPORTS**–received the following items for information: Planning, officers are working on a new system for applications which is bedding in. Frustration was expressed with comments from W&F about being a new council and budget issues.

117.**POLICE MATTERS** – **resolved** not to submit any matters to the Local Focus Hub.

Received the following information, more officers have been recruited. However, there is a very large area to cover.

### 118.FINANCE

a. **Payments- authorised** schedule of payments totalling £2787.37 (VN 53-63)

VN	Inv. Date	PAYEE	REF	Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT £	VAT INCLUDED £	NET AMOUNT £
58	10/01/2024	Nick Phillips	Salary	Salary	552.40	0.00	552.40
59	10/01/2024	HMRC	PAYE	HMRC - tax	63.80	0.00	63.80

60	10/01/2024	Nick Phillips	expenses	Clerk's Expenses	24.39	0.00	24.39
61	10/01/2024	Hayton Parish Council	INV7	Clerk's Expenses	15.98	0.00	15.98
63	10/01/2024	Jonathan Little	VN63 KO XMAS tree	Christmas Tree	50.00	0.00	50.00
NB payments below already paid and for information only.							
53	16/11/2023	London Hearts	Donation no 25923	Defibrillator grant	750.00	0.00	750.00
54	22/11/2023	London Hearts	Donation 26183	Defibrillator grant	750.00	0.00	750.00
55	13/12/2023	D&G Electrical Services North West Ltd	INV328	Defibrillator Installation	325.00	65.00	390.00
56	13/12/2023	D&G Electrical Services North West Ltd	INV329	Defibrillator Installation	150.00	30.00	180.00
57	21/11/2023	HSBC	Bank Charges	Bank Charges	5.80	0.00	5.80
62	21/12/2023	HSBC	Bank Charges	Bank Charges	5.00	0.00	5.00

**b. Monthly reconciliation (November 2023) –**

**received and noted** the reconciliation and balances checked by Cllr Smith.

**c. Monthly budget update- received and noted**

119. **HIGHWAY MATTERS:** received the following for the Clerk to report: numerous potholes and issues with sign posts reported. Some had been repaired very recently and others will be reported. Curb stones sticking up at various locations to be reported.

120. Benches – The following benches were identified being worthy of replacement: Railings at The Square/War Memorial and it was resolved to replace the one at the Square/War Memorial and use the repaired bench and one other in new locations. Clerk to seek permissions.

121. Speed limit application – resolved not to apply for a reduction in speed limit to 20mph at this stage.

122. Polling station for Renwick 2024- resolved to suggest Renwick Reading Room as an alternative polling station location for Renwick for 2024.

123. Christmas Tree – Discussed issues with the tree in 2023 and resolved to take the following action in the future, an item will be on the October meeting agenda.

124. Grant application from Kirkoswald Church Institute – resolved to agree a grant of £1500 to be paid in January 2024.

125. Precept 2024-25 – to resolve to increase the precept to £18000.

**126. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

LED Street lighting

**127. Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council** will take place on Tuesday 13 February 2024 in Kirkoswald Church Institute at 7.30 PM.

Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on Thursday 1 February 2024.

**Meeting closed 21.10**