



# KIRKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025, 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILL STREET, KIRKHAM

### ATTENDEES:

Chris Hopkinson	Councillor (Cllr.) and Chair
Neil Byers	Cllr.
James Cameron	Cllr.
Diane Ireland	Cllr.
Stewart Jones	Cllr.
Tony Wellings	Cllr.
Elizabeth Squires - Minutes	Town Clerk

25/01/01

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*To accept apologies for absence.*

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Maggie Ledger, Shaun Patchett, Peter Sutcliffe and Michelle Welch.

25/01/02

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

*To receive any declarations of interest in an Agenda item. Members are reminded that in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the Council's Standing Orders, any direct or pecuniary or other interest should be declared.*

No declarations were made.

25/01/03

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

*To accept as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10 December 2024.*

The minutes were proposed and seconded by Cllrs. who had attended and they voted to accept as a true record.

Voting: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

25/01/04

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Matters brought to the Town Council by residents. The Chair may limit a member of the public to 3 minutes of speaking in order to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. Overall, this section will typically be limited to 20 minutes, although the Chair may, at their discretion, extend this.*

There was one member of the public in attendance who thanked the Council for the work undertaken at the St. George's Park wood.

25/01/05

**LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY – POLICING MATTERS**

No attendance.

Cllrs. discussed antisocial behaviour in Wrangway Wood, the police have requested that a tree base be filled with concrete.

**ACTION: The Town Clerk to request the work in Wrangway Wood to be undertaken by Fylde Council.**

25/01/06

**MATTERS ARISING**

Matters arising from the previous meeting were addressed as part of the agenda, except for:

**(i) Mill Street Lighting**

The lighting has been replaced. There remains one lighting column that requires an LED light.

**ACTION: The Town Clerk to arrange for the lighting column to be replaced with LED light.**

**(ii) Kirkham Grammar School Field**

Options for flooding issues on Kirkham Grammar School field are being discussed.

**(iii) Morecambe and Morgan Wind Farms**

Provision for Morecambe and Morgan Wind Farms will be included within the precept for 2025/26.

**(iv) Eagles Court Car Park**

The reinstatement of Eagles Court car park has been undertaken and line marked. A sign to identify this area a short stay to be procured. This to be for short stay parking.

**ACTION: Town Clerk to raise an order for a sign.**

25/01/07

**MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(i) Events Attended**

The Mayor attended the Blessing of the Crib during December 2024. Lighting on the Market Square to be changed.

**ACTION: Cllr. Byers to change the lighting at the Market Square.**

**(ii) Essential Work Barnfield**

The work to install a water supply at the Pavillion has been undertaken. (iii)

**Boiler, Community Centre**

A meeting is scheduled with the supplier of the boiler. (iv) **Highways Reporting** Deferred.



(v) **Bowling Green**

The Chair provided an update on the Bowling Club. Fylde Council will re-connect water and electricity to the club.

Voting: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

25/01/08

**LPAOS**

(i) **Feedback of LPAOS Issues**

The Town Clerk reported discussions had with the Fylde Council contractors in respect of the 2025/26 contract.

Investigative work is required for the water leak on Memorial Park (previously identified as a natural spring).

**ACTION: Town Clerk to liaise with the contractor to obtain a quote for investigative work.**

Cllrs. discussed the loom on Station Road.

**ACTION: Town Clerk to liaise with the contractor to obtain a quote for refurbishment.**

The Beacon (for VE Day) has been ordered. Other issues relating to the VE Day event were discussed.

The Town Clerk reported that essential work on the allotments has been undertaken.

25/01/09

**PLANNING**

Fylde Council planning details are added to the Kirkham Town Council meeting agenda. These continue to be forwarded to the Cllrs. when they are received by the Town Clerk.

(i) **Applications**

Applications were presented and discussed. The applications were proposed and seconded with no objections raised.

(ii) **Decisions**

Decisions were noted.

Cllrs. voted on all planning applications and decisions: Voting:

6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The Chair informed the meeting about a request to support a pedestrian crossing at the Grammar School.

25/01/10

**FINANCES**

(i) **Ratification of the Payment of Invoices**

Cllr. Byers presented the invoices paid during December 2024. The payment of invoices was ratified, proposed, and seconded. Cllrs. voted:

Voting: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.



(ii) **Presentation of Bank Balance(s) 9 January 2025**

Cllrs. noted the bank balance(s) 9 January 2025. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an additional amount had been transferred from the Business Reserve, pending the quarter 3 VAT return reimbursement.

(iii) **Precept 2025/26**

The meeting to discuss the 2025/26 precept has been arranged, ratification of the decision will be made at the 11 February 2025 Town Council meeting.

25/01/11

**BOOKINGS**

(i) **General Update**

There continue to be additional bookings at the William Segar Hodgson Pavillion. The Chair informed the Cllrs. that a meeting has been arranged to discuss a venue for a temporary banking hub until the permanent site is available.

PART 2

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DISCUSSION (IN COMMITTEE) *The proposal is for:***

*Exclusion of Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.*

***Councillors are asked to agree this action and this will be minuted.***


Councillors agreed exclusion of the members of the public (no attendees), and no press were present.

No issues discussed.

25/01/12

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 @ 7.00 pm.

Signed   
Cllr. Hopkinson, Mayor and Chair

  
Elizabeth Squires, Town Clerk