



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the interests of the communities of Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge

Minutes of the Meeting

20th May 2015 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mr A Winrow (in the Chair for 1st item), Mr L Hallatsch, Mrs JS Borer, Mr W F Smith, Mr A Legge, Ms S Lilley, Miss G Nicholson, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr M Stafford, Mr P Jewell. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p> <p>Before the meeting opened, all Councillors present signed their Acceptance of Office, in the presence of the Clerk.</p>
1.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Miss K Atkinson, Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, District Cllrs D Williams & Ben Berry.</p>
2.	<p>Election of Town Mayor: Cllr Alan Winrow, as the outgoing Mayor, wished to thank the Council for an interesting and often exciting 3 years. He had been blessed with good and supportive councillors. A lot of progress had been made in that time, including the development of the Council's website. The personal high point was meeting the Queen at Bowness Pier, in celebration of her Jubilee. All Councillors gave their thanks in return to Alan, for the excellent job done over the last three years and his contribution both to the Council and to Windermere & Bowness.</p> <p>Cllr Leith Hallatsch was proposed as the new Mayor (by Cllr John Saunders in writing prior to the meeting) and seconded by Cllr Sandra Lilley. He was duly elected by a unanimous vote and signed the Acceptance of Office. Cllr Hallatsch then chaired the remainder of the meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Election of Deputy Mayor: Cllr Lisa Greasley was proposed as Deputy Mayor, by Cllr Adrian Legge and seconded by Cllr Mike Stafford. She was duly elected by a unanimous vote.</p>
4.	<p>New Working Group: It was agreed to establish a new working group to comprehensively evaluate the need for any 20mph speed limits in Windermere. The terms of reference were approved and members of the group appointed under item 6.</p>
5.	<p>Appointment of a Council Representative to the Diessen Town Twinning Committee. Historically, the Mayor has represented the Town Council at official functions and Cllr Borer has maintained a link between the twinning committee and the Council. Cllr Borer proposed that communication and liaison be formalized by appointing a specific Councillor to attend Town Twinning meetings. This was agreed and Councillor Peter Jewell was appointed as the Council representative. It was agreed that the Mayor will continue to represent the Council at any Town Twinning official functions.</p>

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6.	<p>Representatives on other organisations and Council committees and groups:</p> <p>The following appointments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) SLDC, Lake Admin Committee, Cllrs Kathleen Atkinson, Jenny Borer, Adrian Legge, John Saunders & Peter Jewell.b) Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Mayor (Cllr Hallatsch), Deputy Mayor (Cllr Greasley), Cllrs John Saunders, Sandra Lilley, Bill Smith, Jenny Borer & Kathleen Atkinson. (NB agreed that membership move from 6 to 7 Councillors).c) Orrest Head & Elleray Wood Advisory Group: Cllrs Adrian Legge, Mike Stafford, Lisa Greasley, Ian Telford, Peter Jewell. (NB agreed that membership move from 4 to 5 councillors).d) Central Lakes Local Area Partnership: No representatives were appointed. It was agreed that the Council would investigate other ways of working together with close neighbours, for example Lakes Parish. This will be included as a forward item for the Policy & Finance Advisory Group to consider.e) Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) - South Lakeland Committee: Cllrs Leith Hallatsch & John Saunders.f) Lakes Line User Group: No representatives were appointed and it was agreed to re-consider this at the next meeting.g) Windermere Youth Project: Cllrs Mike Stafford & Peter Jewell.h) Ladyholme Community Centre: Cllr Sandra Lilley.i) South Lakes Citizen's Advice Bureau: No representatives were proposed (for interview by the CAB) and it was agreed to re-consider this at the next meeting.j) Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust: Cllr Grania Nicholson.k) Bowness & Windermere Chamber of Trade: No representatives were appointed and it was agreed to re-consider this at the next meeting.l) Marchesi Centre: No representatives were appointed and it was agreed to re-consider this at the next meeting.m) The Hub: No representatives were appointed and it was agreed to re-consider this at the next meeting.n) Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership: No representatives were appointed and it was agreed to re-consider this at the next meeting.o) St Mary's Surgery Patient Group: Cllr Jenny Borer. It was also agreed that the Clerk will contact Goodly Dale surgery to enquire about council representation.p) Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust, toilets sub-committee (invited): No representatives were appointed and it was agreed to re-consider this at the next meeting.
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	<p>q) Windermere Marine Aviation Group: Cllr Legge advised that this group can now be disbanded as it was set up some time ago for a specific purpose and events have moved on, with the Waterbird project about which the Council is kept informed. This was agreed.</p> <p>r) Advisory Group on 20mph speed limits in Windermere: Cllrs John Saunders, Ian Telford & Lisa Greasley.</p> <p>Membership of the Goodly Dale cottage homes and Windermere Endowed School Foundation does not need review until the terms end in 2016 and 2018 respectively. Membership was noted. Also, the Lead Councillor for Windermere in Bloom had been appointed in December 2014 by the Council and this was noted as Cllr Sandra Lilley.</p>
7.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th April 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
8.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
9.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
10.	<p>Forms declaring Councillors personal & financial interests: Councillors were reminded that these need to be completed in full and returned to SLDC. Forms are available from the Clerk.</p>
11.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
12.	<p>Police: NONE</p>
13.	<p>Resolution: Proposed by Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded by Cllr Bill Smith. It was agreed to exclude the public and press during discussion of agenda item 16, Langstone House Business Plan, as it contains material that could be deemed to be commercially sensitive.</p>
14.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Mayor:</u> Cllr Hallatsch briefed Council on the upcoming official visit to the Italian Lakes Festival, where he will represent Windermere at no cost to the public purse. <u>Cllr Mike Stafford:</u> Updated the Council on plans to fix the Fire Service Boundary wall, which has collapsed. <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> Had represented the Town Council at the planning site meeting for the Glebe Improvement Scheme. Key items of concern from the Town Council had been agreed and taken on board, including echelon parking, no sharp corners on parking bays, retention of the civic society view-finder, concrete columns to demarcate road and footway will be replaced with wooden ones. Cllr Legge had also made the points that more disabled parking bays were needed and more motorcycle bays than are in the plan. These points were</p>

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	<p>supported and Cllr Legge's proposal of a 20min waiting zone (4 bays) near the Tourist Information Centre was taken away for consideration. Cllr Legge made the point strongly that no path is needed around the rocky area on the Glebe foreshore but there was no resolution on this point.</p> <p><u>Cllr Sandra Lilley:</u> Had represented the Council at the lighting of the beacon on Orrest Head to mark 70 years since VE day. The Air Cadets had done a great job and the beacon was successfully lit, despite a very strong wind. Although cold and wind-swept, the event was enjoyed by all. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Air Cadets.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bill Smith:</u> Briefed Council on the appointment of Simone Backhouse (ex Cumbria Police) as a part-time administrator for the BWCCT. It is hoped that Simone will pick up some of the community projects which have been left since her departure. Cllr Smith has been appointed as a Governor of Lakes School.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer:</u> Reported on the recent visit by 13 members of the Diessen Twinning Group from Diessen (8 of them new members). They had thoroughly enjoyed the scenery and the area and had received good hospitality locally. Nine members from Windermere are going out to Diessen at the end of this month and will attend a series of musical events. The school exchange with Lakes school takes place in July and more than 40 students will travel to Diessen. A social event will be held on 20th June - the annual garden party, at Fairfield Hotel, between 2 and 4pm. Finally, Jenny drew attention to the imminent opening of the Choices Health Club at Lakes School. The information on the leaflets shows a good range of activities on offer and the refurbishment looks, at this stage, to have gone very well.</p>
15.	<p>District & County Councillors reports: None in attendance.</p>
16.	<p>Annual Return for Year ended 31 March 2015: The Clerk introduced the annual accounts, as contained in the annual report and took Members through the Annual Governance statement questions: The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Annual Return was approved.b) The Annual Governance statement was approved.
17.	<p>Orrest Head & Elleray Woods Advisory Group: The notes of the meeting held on 30th April 2015 were noted and the following actions agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The £1,000 set aside in reserves to be used during 2015 to continue the tree felling programme;b) A sign be commissioned and erected at the pond to prevent the deliberate plugging up of the drain;c) A sign be commissioned and erected at the bottom of the access road, making it clear that this is a private road and that there is no public parking of any kind.

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18.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk provided a written report of recent correspondence and meetings. This was accepted and additional items which had arrived recently were added. There was a discussion about item 5 - the CCC decision to allow the additional chairs and tables to be erected outside Café Italia, close to the pedestrian crossings. It was felt that this was a poor decision.</p>
19.	<p>Finance: The payments, as set out on the agenda were authorized, with the following addition: Let's Talk Shop: Summer Edition of the Hub: £966.70.</p>
20.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 7/2015/5222: Regal House, 3A, Belsfield Terrace, Bowness: Proposed rear extension & window alterations. <u>Agreed in principle to the extension but substantial objections to the design, which is not in keeping with local area.</u> b) 7/2015/5229: 13, Crescent Rd, Windermere: Change of use from Chinese restaurant to restaurant and bar including internal alterations of the following - removal of some walls, new toilets (inc disabled), new bar server and new windows and door to ground floor. New drinks cellar and kitchen to basement. <u>As this is a retrospective planning application and the work has already taken place, the Town Council had no comment, other than to urge the LDNPA to clamp down on retrospective applications.</u> c) 7/2015/5237: 3, Langrigge Court, Bowness: Replacement sun room, veranda, alterations to windows and internal alterations with staircase to cellar. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> d) 7/2015/5258: Caffe Riva, St Martin's Place, Bowness: New awning with logo over exterior seating area. <u>Recommend for approval.</u> e) 7/2015/5256: West End Buildings, West End, Windermere: Demolition of 2 chimneys. <u>Recommend for approval.</u> f) 7/2015/High Lindeth, Lindeth, Windermere: Proposed demolition and rebuild of the single storey bedroom wall (south west elevation) and installation of 4 timber supporting posts to the gallery (south east elevation). <u>Recommend for approval.</u>
21.	<p>The following tree works applications were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) T/2015/0055: Faraway, Annisgarth, Windermere. Fell 1 oak and 3 saplings. b) T/2015/0051: Howbeck Hotel, Windermere: Pollard 1 Goat Willow.
22.	<p>The Mayor ended the public session of the meeting and moved to the business in private. Langstone House: Business Plan The Clerk explained that SLDC had required the Town Council to put together a formal business plan, demonstrating how they propose to manage Langstone House, if it is put into their ownership, either via purchase or long lease. Town Councillors had received a copy of</p>

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	<p>the plan in full and were given the opportunity to ask questions. It was proposed by Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded by Cllr Lisa Greasley, that the business plan be sent to SLDC without amendment, making it clear that the Town Council still has great interest in this proposal, to retain Langstone House as an asset for the community.</p>
23.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 3rd June 2015: Full Council Wednesday 17th June 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.32pm.</p>

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