



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

10th February 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mrs Lisa Greasley (in the Chair), Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Mr W F Smith, Mr P Jewell, Mrs S Lilley, Ms K Atkinson. Mr Mike Stafford Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Cllr Jim Bland, CCC, Cllr David Williams, SLDC, Trevor Avery (Director Another Space) and 5 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
250.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs L Hallatsch, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms S Bloy, Ms G Nicholson, Mr A Legge, Mrs J Borer, Mr Allan Winrow. Cllr Ben Berry, SLDC.</p>
251.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th January be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
252.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bill Smith in item 14 as the licensee is a client. It was agreed that, because Cllr Smith's relationship to the licensee is not a familial or close one and that he has information to contribute to the debate, he should remain in the chamber and take part in the discussion.</p>
253.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE The Chair announced that the planning application at 15 (c) will be considered at the Council meeting on 24th February, to enable local residents to attend the meeting. The Town Council will still be able to meet the deadline set by the LDNPA on this application.</p>
254.	<p>Public Input: Mrs Margaret Rayner wished to address the Council on the subject of the new facilities opening on Ash Street Bowness - the Purple Octopus and the Fizzy Tarte. They have been licensed to play live and recorded music until 2.30am and seem to be a very different proposition to the current restaurant. There has undoubtedly been confusion locally, as the development has been subject to a number of planning applications to the LDNPA and then also the licence application to SLDC. Local residents have concerns that, although the correct legal processes have been followed, there hasn't been a full consultation or understanding of the development in its entirety and the posting of notices on what has been, in effect, a building site, has not had the clarity that would have been desired. Mrs Rayner voiced local concern about noise levels and disturbance to the community and asked the owner of the facility, Mr Stephen Hargreaves, to clarify some points of concern, which included the opening hours and the management of noise and disturbance. Mr Stephen Hargreaves then spoke to address concerns aired by Mrs Rayner and other residents in attendance. He started by underlining that the facility is not a night-club and has never been referred to as such in the various applications for licence, change of use and building applications. The site will continue as a restaurant and bar, with extended opening hours. He has encountered lots of support locally and has over 1,000 people signed up the the new VIP scheme (mainly people in their 30s and above). There are lots of positive</p>

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	<p>aspects of the new development, which he believes will enhance and improve the offer in Bowness, with an up-market mix of champagne, patisserie, bar and food. There will be no dance-floor and there will be doorman control on entry and exit. All sound regulations will be adhered to. Kay Harrison, who is the MD and license-holder also spoke to put minds at rest about the license. Kay herself has a huge amount of experience of being a licensee (over 30 years) and will ensure that the premises are run in an orderly fashion. Questions were asked about the outside space and it was confirmed that the courtyard will be used but vacated at midnight.</p>
255.	<p>The Library Project: Update from Trevor Avery, Director of Another Space & Lake District Holocaust Project:</p> <p>Trevor began by providing a short history of the project and how it developed into the story of a community from Calgarth to Droomer (1939 to 2014). The success of the project is undeniable, with up to 15,000 visitors to the exhibition in the library each year. The challenge ahead is to secure the legacy in memories once those who survived the second world war are no longer here. There is interest and commitment to this at the national level, including the prime minister. Another Space have been asked to contribute to that aim. A vision has been formulated of developing an Education Centre, which would include a gallery and be a dynamic commemoration, not simply a traditional exhibition. Community involvement is key and there is already a good positive dialogue with the Lakes School. There is the potential for a very exciting development project in Windermere, which would contribute and enhance the cultural experience on offer. The first key part of making this vision a reality is to identify a location and a feasibility study will be undertaken to compare options. Windermere Library will be part of this study, looking at how current problems with the building could be overcome and the library itself protected and enabled to grow as part of the Education Centre. Trevor urged the Town Council to get involved in the feasibility study and encourage the community of Windermere to air their views and ideas. The Deputy Mayor thanked Trevor for making time to come along and keep the Council up to date on what it is hoped will be a positive and exciting development for Windermere. The Town Council looks forward to becoming involved in the feasibility study.</p>
256.	<p>Local Police Issues:</p> <p>There was no-one from the local police to attend the meeting, but Sgt Bill Nolan sent the following written update:</p> <p>Over the last month, there have been 109 calls for service. 9 were incidents of anti-social behavior ranging from youth nuisance to mental health issues. 6 were crimes of theft (2 from hotels, 3 shoplifting). There were 4 domestic incidents and 3 reports of damage. 1 sexual offence and 10 assaults, ranging from fights at school to drunken brawls. 2 break-ins to the same restaurant on same night, but nothing taken.</p> <p>A meeting has been held with the National Farmers Union and the police will be doing some work with tourists to raise the profile of rural issues such as sheep worrying in the near future. Police desk at Booths continues to take place on Tuesdays.</p> <p>Councillors did not raise any specific issues to take back to the Police but were pleased to see that the budget has, for now, been protected and that there is recruitment taking place.</p>

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257.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Greasley)</u> attended the memorial service on 5 February at the War Memorial which saw the bench plaque unveiled to commemorate those solidiers, not from Windermere, who lost their lives in training operations on Windermere Lake during the second world war. The event was organized by the British Legion and also attended by the Mayor (Cllr L Hallatsch) and Cllr Kath Atkinson.</p> <p>Cllr Greasley also informed the meeting about a music festival being organized by Rotary for the Glebe on June 18th, as a fund raiser for flood relief. It is hoped that some big name bands will play.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Attended the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade (with Cllrs Greasley and Hallatsch). There was a presentation from Capita providing some ideas for a vision of the Glebe in phase 2 of its development. Capita are, at this stage, simply seeking views, ideas and discussion. They have asked to come to a Town Council meeting and the Clerk will chase this up. Also attended CALC on 5 February, where there was a presentation on developing a Health & Well Being system in South Lakeland by the Public Health Manager from CCC. The report and slides are available. Some interesting facts emerged - one of which was that those aged 65 and over will represent more than 50% of the population in the next 10 years. It is envisaged that parish councils will play an important role in such a system, when it is developed. There was a Millerground working party on Thursday 4th February and local schools were involved. Good results were achieved on clearing ground and debris. NCL have announced that they intend to expand and hold the Swimsafe event at Millerground this year. Dates for a 5 week period in July & August were given out - NCL expect more than 1,000 children to participate and learn how to swim and operate safely in open water. The sessions will be free of charge. The Clerk will advertise the dates on the website and obtain posters nearer the time for parish noticeboards.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Attended the transport Corridor meeting, organized by CCC. Minutes will be distributed once they are issued. There were presentations from a number of transport providers and it is impressive how links are being made between them and the success of those links, in particular the link-up between lake cruises and the Haverthwaite railway. Cllr Lilley also did a presentation to Sight Advice that day on what it is like to be a Town Councillor. It seemed to go down well and there was a degree of surprise at how much the Town Council is involved in.</p> <p><u>Cllr Telford</u> announced that the planned closures of the fire stations have now been cancelled.</p> <p><u>Cllr Smith</u> wished to under-line how important it is that the Town Council acquire Langstone House, to provide much needed office accommodation for community enterprises if the Library Project is to go ahead.</p>
258.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Williams</u> wished to underline his interest in being involved in discussions re Langstone House and will assist in any way possible. Also appealed for custody visitors for the Police. SLDC have now agreed a 1.8% increase in Council Tax for 2016/17.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Bland: Explained how flood recovery has and continues to be the priority for CCC Highways and it is good to see Victoria Bridge now re-opened. The scheme for the Glebe is still to go ahead and dates have been provided. Also wished to highlight the LED replacement programme for street lighting which is continuing to be very successful.</p>
259.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report, as written was noted. Several items were added - the Clerk has been in touch with the Winter Lights committee, who have confirmed that the final strands of lights will be taken down on 21 February. Next year, they will aim for the end of January. The Accounts for the Winter Lights AGM are almost complete and will be sent to the Clerk for briefing the Council. The Youth Project have sent a nice thank-you card in recognition of their funding this year. The Clerk will put this up on the Library Notice-Board and also try to find time to update photographs etc. A reminder of the road closure on High Street which will continue up to the weekend. The latest agenda and minutes have been received from the Lakes Line User Group and finally, the Clerk wished to canvass councillors about the suitability of CALC running a training course in Windermere council chamber (same as last year), or were Councillors content to book courses to fit around their own diary. It was decided to postpone discussion on this item until the May AGM, when there may be new councillors.</p>
260.	<p>Finance: The invoices as listed in the agenda were approved for payment. The quotation for the gardening work in the War Memorial Gardens (from Berry Garden Services) was approved.</p>
261.	<p>20MPH Speed Limit consultation: Cllr John Saunders fed back results of the recent consultation. The total number of replies received was 95. Out of an adult population of approx. 7,000, this represents a 1.36% response. The total number for was 52 (55% of respondents). The total number against was 43 (45% of respondents). At only 0.13% of the adult population in favour, it was recommended by Cllr Saunders that the Council proceeds no further. This was agreed. The Clerk will include the results in her column for Windermere Now and an article will also be included in the Hub.</p>
262.	<p>Grant Application: The Clerk had met with Lyn Richardson, from South Lakes Housing, at Helm Close, to discuss the allotments project there. The Clerk had verbally briefed the previous Council meeting on the project, which involves installing 8 raised beds, for which there is already confirmed interest from residents. The costs of the raised beds and paths will total approx. £5,000, based on one quotation received. Given the Town Council's commitment to growing food and encouraging good gardening, it was agreed to provide a grant of £750.</p>
263.	<p>Purple Octopus Development in Ash Street, Bowness: Councillors had listened to the views expressed by members of the public in the open part of the agenda. The Clerk provided some background and reassurance that correct procedures had been followed. Although not a typical agenda item for the Town Council, there was a</p>

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	general feeling that the discussion had been worthwhile and support for the development being run responsibly and well. If this is the case, the area will be enhanced with no detriment to the residential neighbourhood.
264.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>a) 7/2016/5049: Homewood, Greenstiles Park, Windermere: Single storey extension. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>b) 7/2016/5010: Oakfield, Meadowcroft Lane, Bowness: Single storey extension to lounge. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>c)7/2016/5014: Grassings, Middle Entrance Drive, Bowness: Conversion of existing storeroom above garage into studio. POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>d)7/2016/5062: 1 - 4 Cannon Close, Storrs Park, Bowness: Installation of sewage treatment plan on the west side of main house. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL but ask that consideration is given to the proximity of this treatment plant to the Lake Shore and that appropriate action is taken to mitigate any risk of seepage.</p> <p>e)7/2015/5701: Bellman Ground Farmhouse, Bellman Ground, Bowness: Replacement of existing windows to painted timber fixed light or vertical sashes. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.</p>
265.	<p>Tree Works: The following applications were noted:</p> <p>a)T/2016/0012: Windermere Library: Crown reduce 1 holly and remove 1 hazel</p> <p>b)T/2016/0011: Carver Church: Fell 1 sycamore, 1 ash and 1 oak.</p>
266.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 24th February 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 9th March 2016: Full Council Wednesday 23rd March 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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