



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b>            Cllr Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Mr W F Smith, Mr P Jewell, Mrs S Lilley, Ms K Atkinson, Ms Sue Bloy, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms G Nicholson, Mr A Legge, Mrs J Borer, Mr Allan Winrow.            Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Jim Maguire, SLDC, Mike Blackledge &amp; Paul Smith, Windermere Rotary, Amanda Davies, Gillian Saunders, Civic Society and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
317.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b>            Apologies: Cllrs Mr Mike Stafford, Mrs Lisa Greasley, SLDC Cllr Ben Berry.</p>
318.	<p><b>Minutes:</b>            It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meetings held on 23 March &amp; 12 April 2016 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
319.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b>            Cllr Sue Bloy in item 15 (f) on the agenda (planning), due to her pecuniary interest in the property.            Councillors who declare an interest are allowed to remain in the room during discussion of the item, but do not participate in the debate or vote.</p>
320.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b>            NONE</p>
321.	<p><b>Charity Event on the Glebe in June 2016:</b>            Jim Maguire, SLDC, and Mike Blackledge, Rotary Club of Windermere gave a full update on the "Rock on Windermere" event, which is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The objectives in Rotary organizing such an event are to support the campaign and message that Cumbria is open for business, to assist the hospitality and retail businesses in their recovery from the floods and to raise money for Cumbria flood relief, local flood relief and other charities supported by Rotary. It will be a 3 day event and hours are: Friday (19.00 to 23.00), Saturday (15.00 to 23.00) and Sunday (13.00 to 20.00 tbc). They are expecting up to 5,000 visitors to be attracted to the area over 3 days. Friday will be devoted to good tribute bands, Saturday will be the main event, with Status Quo and Toploader, Jagged Edge and Shaun Webster. Rotary are still in discussions about the Sunday headline act. Mike showed the site plan of the area of the Glebe that will be used. This has been drawn up using expert advice, national and local, and includes a ViP area, entrances, exits, circulation and disabled areas. The supporting Event Management Plan has lots of additional detail if required. So far, there has been a good deal of support from local businesses, especially in assisting to meet the substantial up-front costs. There have also been donations of support in kind, such as the fencing and the use of a local ticket agency. Ticket sales are, so far, making good progress, with approx. one third being sold locally, especially to Windermere &amp; Kendal and two thirds outside the area and nationally.            Councillors asked questions and for clarification on a number of matters, including:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The demographics of the tickets sales - assurance was made that publicity is reaching well outside Cumbria;</li><li>• Security issues, especially the control of those non-ticket holders who will accumulate on the site - this has been taken into account and measures are included in the security plan for the event.</li><li>• Amount of funds expected to be raised - up to £50,000. The main allocation will be via the Cumbria Community Foundation.</li><li>• The consultation and dialogue that is taking place with businesses who are potentially negatively affected by the event. Assurance was given that both Windermere Lake Cruises and the Pump House have been approached and listened to and there are discussions as to how to minimize the impact on their businesses and hopefully help promote them.</li><li>• Siting of the stage and noise control - Environmental Health are fully involved with this.</li><li>• Parking and the need to keep access open to residential properties throughout the whole of the 3 days. This is especially important for those who live on Glebe Road.</li></ul> <p>Councillors made the point that the briefing, although very welcome, is late in the day and that, given the Town Council's pivotal role in the community, should have happened before now. This was understood and noted.</p> <p>Jim Maguire, Community &amp; Leisure Manager SLDC then spoke to explain that the event is being used as a "blueprint" to assess the impact and potential for big events on the Glebe. He has requested an economic impact assessment and, once this is available, will return to Town Council to update members on this.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Mike and Jim for attending and for giving such a full and open update.</p>
322.	<p><b>Public Input:</b></p> <p><b>a) Parking in Windermere (Amanda Davies, owner Brambles Café)</b></p> <p>Amanda wished to update members on issues that she will be shortly taking to a meeting with the County Council. The situation on Main Road has now become so bad that there is a real risk and threat to life. There is a clear dearth of Traffic Wardens and it appears that enforcement has become non-existent. Vehicles are being parked for a whole day, a week, and in some cases, for a month or more. This has created a chaotic free for all, with buses not being able to get through and three incidents involving pedestrians since January this year. Given that Windermere has a large population of older people and lots of visitors with visual impairment, this situation cannot be allowed to continue. The request that will be made to the County Council is that the area must be patrolled adequately and parking restrictions enforced. Amanda requested Town Council support her campaign.</p> <p>Town Council gave their full support to Amanda and also to the proposal to have disk parking introduced in Windermere, as in Ambleside, where it works successfully. The Clerk was asked</p>

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	<p>to email CCC and underline this.</p> <p><b>b) Land Ownership in the Millerground area (Gillian Saunders, Windermere &amp; Bowness Civic Society &amp; Millerground Enhancement Group)</b></p> <p>Gillian explained that she set about her research on this area, due to the large amount of rumour and verbal assertion but lack of any definitive documentation in one place about the land ownership of this area. Copies of original deeds and covenants have been obtained, discussions had with local residents, so that the results of this research include oral history but are founded on contents of the original documentation.</p> <p>Gillian's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and she took Councillors through the main findings. The parcels of land are divided into 4. Plot one is the area north of the car park to the cottage and stream, which includes Adelaide Hill. This area has been in the ownership of the National Trust, who purchased it in 1913. It seems that Low Millerground Cottage has never been a ferryman's cottage and there is nothing in any document to indicate that a public ferry crossing existed at this point on the lake. There are various suggestions as to how it has come to acquire this description. Plot two is the area of the car park, north of the recreation field and running to the public jetties on the lake. This area was gifted by GH Pattinson to the Windermere Urban District Council in 1919, for the purpose of parks and recreation, guaranteeing open public access. It was transferred to SLDC under local government reorganization in 1974. Plots 3 &amp; 4 were purchased by the Windermere Urban District Council from GH Pattinson to commemorate the coronation of George VI in 1937, with funds raised by public subscription. Plot three, the strip of land by the lake south of the public jetties was then immediately gifted to the National Trust. Plot four is the land known locally as Coronation Field and includes the recreation field and grazing field. This land also transferred to the SLDC on local government reorganization in 1974. This land has clear covenants which are set out in the deeds: there are to be no buildings except shelters or other buildings conducive to the better enjoyment of the land by the public; no games to annoy residents, no advertising boards, no camping or temporary structures except for the purposes of agricultural shows or public entertainments. SLDC have registered this land as the Rayrigg Meadow Trust with the Charity Commission, agreed by Windermere Town Council. The charitable purpose is that the land be retained for public use and should benefit the town of Windermere and the general public. The original covenants still apply. The ownership of the land has been offered to the Town Council on several occasions and always refused, due to the running costs of maintaining the land. Town Councillors thanked Gillian for her presentation, which was both illuminating and of great interest. The documentation will be copied to the Town Council archive.</p>
323.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Smith:</u> reported on the recent thefts from the toilets coin machines. There has not been a large amount of cash taken, as the units are emptied every night, however, the cost of repairs and time taken to deal with them is the real cost of this blight.</p> <p><u>Cllrs Borer &amp; Saunders:</u> attended the LDNPA local plan consultation held at Crook Memorial Hall. Issues raised included affordable housing, the local economic model, travel and car</p>

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	<p>use, the lack of adequate parking, growing lack of viewpoints of the lakes, the economic situation. It was a good open meeting and worthwhile attending, but nothing will happen overnight, as this consultation is part of the LDNPA's longer range thinking.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer:</u> added that the issue of planning enforcement limitations had been raised in connection with the flood-lighting of Café Italia and it will be worthwhile to re-question the LDNPA on this matter. The clerk agreed to write to the enforcement team.</p> <p><u>Cllr Atkinson:</u> Had attended the briefing held by United Utilities to set out the latest plans on improving sewage disposal in our area with the ultimate objective of substantially reducing phosphates in the Lake. There will be public consultation this summer.</p> <p><u>Cllr Hallatsch:</u> Attended the British Legion dinner at the Hydro, which was very worthwhile and also the UU briefing on disposal of sewage and ground water.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge:</u> Reported back on the beacon lighting on the Glebe to celebrate HM the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was a wonderful event and over 200 people attended. The Air Cadets band accompanied the singing and, as usual, were a very welcome and effective addition to the ceremony. Thank-you letters have been sent to the Air Cadets and to Steve Hicks.</p>
324.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b> None in attendance</p>
325.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> The Clerk's report, as written was noted. Several items were added - Updates on planning issues: The Pig in Crescent Road, Café Italia, 15 Quarry Brow. Update on progress with the CCC's plans for the Glebe. Update on North Cumbria Healthcare Trust (see press release) on, hopefully, emerging from special measures.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported that, just prior to the meeting, she had had discussions with Cumbria Highways about the Troutbeck Rings. It has become clear, through the period of flooding, that the rings are a hazard and do nothing to contribute to flood defences. They have become damaged and no longer have the same visual impact. The request of the residents of Troutbeck Bridge flood action group and Cumbria Highways is that they are removed. The Highways team are prepared to remove them at no cost to the Town Council. Members agreed unanimously to this proposal.</p>
326.	<p><b>Finance:</b> The invoices as listed in the agenda were approved for payment, with three additions - Horton Landscaping for new hanging baskets (approved at meeting on 12 April for £1,671.00), Payment to Gary Hancox for purchase of plants, £250 and refund for benches paint for £4.99. These payments were approved.</p>
327.	<p><b>Geese on the Glebe:</b> Cllr Adrian Legge gave an update on the situation, which is seeing the Glebe environment worsening, as there is now almost no grass left on the foreshore. Cllr Legge explained that there is a group, called the Windermere Geese Management Group, which meets on an annual basis to discuss the issue and agree action. It is comprised of landowners, managers, local businesses and local environmental and biological organizations. Very little seems to be coming out of the group. There is some oiling of eggs going on, but this is accepted as a longer-term solution and it would appear that the ultrasonic bird scarer is no longer in use. It</p>

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	<p>was noted that SLDC very rarely attend these meetings, which is crucial as they are the key land-owner on the foreshore. Cllr Legge agreed to contact the Windermere Geese Management Group and air town council's worries, including the lack of action and meetings only taking place once per year and that Town Council be involved in future meetings. He will report back in due course.</p>
328.	<p><b>Proposal from Age UK South Lakeland</b> Councillors had read the report received from Lakes Parish Council which proposes to joint fund an additional case worker for the South Lakes area at a cost of £11,000 per council for a fixed period of one year. A pre-meeting had been held with representatives from Windermere Town Council, Lakes Parish Council and Age UK SL, to explore the issues in more depth. The discussion on this item focused on councillors' concerns about potentially funding a national charity (Age UK) and they wished to explore in more depth the relationship between Age UK and Age UK, South Lakeland. There were also concerns raised about the amount of funds being requested, the large percentage that this represents of the Town Council precept and the fact that such a project is not part of the Council's community plan. As approval of this project may represent a departure from Council policies and have a substantive financial impact, it was agreed that it should be reviewed by Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group, who will report back to Full Council as soon as possible. The clerk agreed to arrange a Policy &amp; Finance meeting as soon as possible.</p>
329.	<p><b>Orrest Drive Allotments AGM:</b> The Clerk presented the report from the AGM, held on 16 March 2016. The report was accepted and the work-plan for the year ahead agreed. It was also agreed to retain the site rents at the same level as previously. The clerk will now issue invoices for the 2016 year.</p>
330	<p><b>War Memorial:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Members approved the quotation of £900 from Steve Hicks Ironmongery, to erect a new black coated iron fence on the boundary between the Memorial and the Olde Bath House. The fence will be attractive but functional and in keeping with the other fencing at the War Memorial. The Clerk confirmed that the British Legion has been consulted and are in agreement with the proposal. The Clerk will now meet the owners of Ye Olde Bath House to agree exact positioning, with reference to the title deeds. Once this has been agreed, an order will be placed for the fence.</li><li>b) Members discussed the proposal from a member of the public (in attendance) to approach County Council to erect brown direction signs to the War Memorial. Councillors expressed some concern about the general proliferation of signage in the area and were unconvinced that brown signage is the right way forward. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Cumbria County Council to find out more about the rules over brown signage and the options that may be available for the war memorial. This issue will be revisited at a future town council meeting.</li></ul>

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331.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b>  The following recommendations were made:  <b>a)7/2016/5052: 1 Brantfield, Brantfell Road, Bowness:</b> Add a dormer to roof of residential home. Recommend REJECT. This proposal is out of keep and character of the area.  <b>b)7/2016/5212: Orrest Howe, Elleray, Windermere:</b> Construction of a dwelling in the grounds of Orrest Howe. Recommend REJECT on the grounds that this development is out of scale and out of keeping with the surrounding area.  <b>c)7/2016/5215: Meadow Close, Middle Entrance Drive, Bowness:</b> Proposed conservatory to rear of family dwelling. Recommend for Approval.  <b>d)7/2016/5182: 3 &amp; 6 Applerigg, Windermere:</b> External works for the additional protection of external walls. Recommend for Approval.  <b>e)7/2016/5224: Lindeth Dock Boathouse, Bowness:</b> Demolition of existing boathouse with extant planning permission (2008/5585) and erection of new boathouse. Recommend for approval.  <b>f)7/2016/5221: The Loft, Alexandra Road, Bowness:</b> Alteration of single Juliet balcony and opening of 2 separate Juliet balconies from lengthening existing windows to doors and linking railings (amendment to 2015/5645). Recommend for Approval.  <b>g)7/2016/5235: Blackwell Arts &amp; Craft House, Newby Bridge Rd, Windermere:</b> Repairs to roof gables, including temporary removal of slate roof coverings and ridge tiles. Lifting of sandstone coping stones and re-bedding on lead DPC. Replacement of decayed roof timbers at the gable abutments and replacing lead lined secret gutters with new lead. Recommend for Approval.</p>
332.	<p><b>Tree Works:</b>  Members noted the following:  <b>a)T/2016/0028: Apartment 12, Mountain Ash Court, Spooner Vale, Windermere:</b> Fell tree (6 weeks consultation period on whether tree should be subject to a TPO).  <b>b)T/2016/0040: Storrs Hall Hotel:</b> Fell 5 oak, 1 Ash and 1 Beech.  <b>c)T/2016/0041: LouperWier, Newby Bridge Road:</b> Remove 1 twin stemmed sycamore, 1 small sycamore and 1 Ash. Reduce height of 1 holly.  <b>d)T/2016/0045: Rocklands, Queens Drive, Windermere:</b> Fell 1 Laurel due to damage to boundary wall, Fell 2 small prunus (poor amenity value), Fell group of mixed trees including prunus and holly (poor amenity value).  <b>e)T/2016/0046: Hawksmoor Guest House, Lake Road, Windermere:</b> Removal of 10 Leylandi trees from the border of the Guest House and neighbouring Coach House.</p>
333.	<p><b>Planning Decisions:</b>  Members noted the planning decisions as listed on the agenda, approved by the LDNPA.</p>
334.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b>  Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016: Annual General Meeting of the Council  Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016: Full Council  Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.45pm.</b></p>

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