



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.00pm, The Marchesi Centre, Holly Road, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Cllrs Mr John Saunders (Deputy Mayor), Ms Kathleen Atkinson, Mrs Jennifer Borer, Ms Sandra Lilley, Mr M Stafford, Mr A Legge, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr Ian Telford, Mrs Magda Khan, Mr Peter Hamilton.</p> <p>Also present: Mrs J Hartley (Town Clerk), District Cllrs David Williams, Andrew Jarvis, Dyan Jones &amp; County Cllrs Ben Berry &amp; Jim Bland. SLDC officers Deborah Clarke &amp; Nicola Metcalfe, Helen Moriarty (Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward), Cllr John Farmer (LDNPA), Liam McAleese (LDNPA) and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 6.00pm.</p>
	<p><b>Apologies &amp; Absence:</b> Cllrs Ms Grania Nicholson &amp; Ms Sandra Britton.</p>
1.	<p><b>Welcome from the Mayor</b> Mayor Hallatsch started by welcoming everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 April 2017</b> These were adopted as a true and accurate record.</p>
3.	<p><b>Annual Report: 2017-18</b> The Clerk to the Council presented the Annual Report and Accounts. Copies were distributed to all present and will be made available in the Library and on the Council's website. It had been a good year for the Town Council's work in the community and highlights included the restoration of Ellerthwaite Square and the Car Parking review. For the coming year, key projects include the planting and improvement of the Baddeley Clock Millennium garden area, the visit of the Mayor of Diessen to celebrate 20 years of town twinning and the potential transfer of the Longlands land to the Town Council (nb this is still under consideration). The Council continues to be in a stable financial position and the accounts are set out in the Annual Report. The Clerk had brought along some of the lovely handwritten deeds, for land and property owned by the Town Council. These are historic documents and will be shortly sent back to storage at the solicitors. Councillors were encouraged to view them during the refreshments break. There were no specific questions on the Annual report. The Mayor thanked the Clerk for such a clear and interesting report.</p>
4.	<p><b>Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward:</b> There was a short presentation from Helen Moriarty, who is responsible for developing this relatively new local organization and works part-time on the project, funded by SLDC. She introduced the work of the organization and the Board</p>

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	<p>membership. One of her first aims is to recruit further local businesses to the Board, which meets quarterly. She will also be responsible for putting together an action plan of local deliverables. This has not yet been finalized or agreed, but some suggestions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shop frontage improvements/pop-up shops/welcoming training.</li><li>• “Grot-spot” surveys.</li><li>• Driving forward findings and recommendations from the Windermere Town Council Car Parks survey.</li><li>• Possibility of a visitor trail/map/leaflet.</li><li>• An “Ambassador” scheme to welcome visitors to Windermere &amp; Bowness.</li><li>• A series of events using the Glebe Bandstand and the Green Glebe (for example PromArt).</li></ul> <p>The ultimate aim is to develop the organization to deliver projects locally. There were numerous questions to Helen, which covered funding, clarification of actions that can be taken on “grot-spots” and the role of businesses on the Board. Helen was thanked for coming along, taking part and providing a very interesting briefing. The Council look forward to working with her in the forthcoming year.</p>
5.	<p><b>Parks &amp; Open Spaces:</b></p> <p>Officers from SLDC (Deborah Clarke and Nicola Metcalfe) presented the plans for some wide-ranging improvements to the public realm in Windermere &amp; Bowness this year including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The final approved plans for the first phase of the Millerground scheme which will start this year, by re-formulating the pathways.</li><li>• Baddeley Clock gardens, where there has been a wholesale cutting back of trees and shrubs, a cleaning up of paths and improvements to drainage. Local schools have joined in to help plant a huge number of flowering bulbs.</li><li>• Bowness Bay planting (beds outside Belsfield) - the scheme here will move away from expensive annual planting and will include sustainable perennial planting that reflects both the seasons (interest in all seasons of the year) and the locality. Examples of the planting schemes were shown.</li><li>• Biskey Howe, where cutting back vegetation and tree felling has re-opened the beautiful view.</li><li>• School Knott: improvements to drainage of the fields, with work done by horses in the traditional way.</li></ul> <p>Councillors were very appreciative of the presentation and the Mayor gave formal thanks. There were many questions of detail and agreement about the positive direction of these developments. The Clerk, on behalf of the BWCCT, who manage the toilets locally, underlined the importance of improved drainage in the Baddeley</p>

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	Clock gardens and it was agreed that this would be double-checked.
6.	<p><b>Representations from the Public:</b></p> <p>On behalf of the Council as a whole, Cllr Mike Stafford gave condolences on the recent death of Thomas Bland, who had served the Windermere community so well over many years.</p> <p>On behalf of the Council, Cllr Greasley wished to thank SLDC for the work that has been carried out in Library Gardens, which are much improved.</p> <p>On behalf of the Windermere/Diessen Town Twinning group, Cllr Borer drew attention to the programme of events that will take place this year to celebrate 20 years of twinning, with the highlight being the visit from the Burgermeister of Diessen over the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>There were no further representations from the public.</p>
7.	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b></p> <p>The Mayor closed the meeting at 7.10pm, thanked everyone for their attendance and invited those present to partake in refreshments.</p>

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