



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

10th January 2018 at 7pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor J Saunders, Cllrs Mrs L Greasley, Mrs JS Borer, Mr Ian Telford, Mr Ross McMillan, Ms Sandra Lilly, Ms Sandra Britton, Ms Grania Nicholson, Ms Magda Khan. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC/CCC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis, Ben Berry & 5 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
209.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mr Adrian Legge, Christine Hallatsch, Kathleen Atkinson, Mike Stafford, SLDC Cllrs Dyan Jones & David Williams. Absence - no apologies: Cllr Peter Jewell. The Mayor welcomed Kate Tripp who attended the meeting as an observer, to consider applying for co-option to the Town Council.</p>
210.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th December be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
211.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Ian Telford in planning item 12 € Brantholme (friend of applicants).</p>
212.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
213.	<p>Public Input: A local resident addressed the Council about planning application 7/2017/5835 (Brantholme), which has been the subject of previous planning applications. In the opinion of the local residents present, the new application has not materially addressed previous concerns raised with LDNPA and the basis of previous rejections, by the LDNPA (recommended by Town Council). The key reasons for previous rejections remain, in that the development is overbearing on the green space, encroaches on the building line, loss of privacy, as the building still overlooks neighbouring properties and size - the plot is being over-developed and, if approved, will set a precedent for the area and result in irreversible change. The resident, and others present, asked the Town Council to consider refusal on the same basis as previously.</p>
214.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>The Mayor</u> announced that, sadly, he had received a resignation from Cllr Ross McMillan, who is moving out of the parish area. His last meeting will be on 24th January. The Mayor attending the Windermere Christmas Celebration, which was a fantastic local event, grant funded by the Town Council. <u>Cllr Borer:</u> attended the patients' forum at St Mary's Surgery, who seem to be doing very well, with customer satisfaction rates above the national average. Also attended the Lake Admin strategy group, where it was confirmed that the Windermere Lake User Forum will no</p>

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	<p>longer be represented on the group, making it a lot more difficult to take user views into account when developing policy & strategy. Cllr Borer felt this is a great loss and many councilors agreed.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley:</u> attended the Ladyholme board meeting. All seems to be going well there. Also reported good healthy usage of the 597 bus. Reported on the latest developments from the Lakes Line User Group and it was agreed that, in general, the Town Council will support the station adoption scheme, where possible.</p> <p><u>Cllr Telford</u> reported on a recent accident on the Glebe, where the new railings had not supported an elderly man who leaned on them.</p> <p><u>Cllr Britton:</u> raised the issue of repairs needed to Crescent road, which the Clerk has been pursuing with CCC for some time. It was agreed that Cllr Britton would use the new highways reporting system to ascertain if this will help push the issue forward.</p>
215.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Berry reported back on the Windermere Christmas event and gave a huge thank-you to the Town Council for support, without which the event could not have gone ahead. He agreed with Cllr Borer that it is a retrograde step to remove the Windermere Lake Users Forum from the Lakes Administration group. Also reported that there will shortly be proposals from CCC regarding Windermere Ferry and changes to charging mechanisms, which should result in a sensible solution. Cllr Berry went on to clarify the background to the Integrated Care Group. In its statutory responsibility for public health, CCC are aiming to use these newly formed community groups to set some local priorities which will acquire funding. The funding and projects will be modest and small (for example signposting for services available to help those in need in the community), but should make a difference. Cllr Berry chairs the local group and Cllr Magda Khan attends for the Town Council. Funds for Windermere will be administered by the Clerk, via the Town Council's bank account. There was also an update on Queen's Park (Windermere Park for All). This is a group which has been formed in reaction to requests from the community and there is a lot of support for the group, which aims to raise funds and improve the park, transforming it into a modern community facility. The delivery timetable is medium term (18mths to 2 years). Town Council will have a representative on the group and this issue is on today's agenda.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis:</u> Raised the issue of Emergency Planning, which he has discussed with the Clerk. After attending a very interesting seminar on this, Cllr Jarvis felt that there are lots of useful actions that can be taken locally and asked the Town Council to consider providing leadership for this. Several town councilors reminded that Town Council had been involved in the past but abandoned initiatives, as SLDC clarified that they should take the lead. Cllr Jarvis will follow this up with SLDC.</p>
216.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a written report prior to Christmas and added the following issues: A thank-you Christmas Card had been received from Thomas & Mary Bland re the plaque to be attached to a bench at Baddeley Clock. The plaque has been delivered and the Town Steward will put it in position over the next week or so.</p>

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	<p>A thank-you letter for the Town Council's support to the Windermere Christmas Celebration. Town Steward report and timesheets. Key work has concentrated on Elleray woods, cutting back growth and invasive species. Bulk order of tarmac has been made to enable pot hole repairs to be done quicker and easier. New brash hurdle now in place to deter use of the short cut path and prevent further erosion. Spent bedding removed from town centreplanters, making them neat and tidy until Spring. + sighting of Red Squirrel - 2nd of new year.</p> <p>Update received from United Utilities on the A592 work from w/c 2nd January (emailed). Malcolm Wilson rally will take place 3rd March 2018. No direct impact on Windermere, but spectators may pass through parish to watch the event.</p> <p>Steve Hicks: work has started on new fencing at bottom of driveway into Elleray Woods. Lakes Line User group needs volunteers to help with its annual low season passenger count on February 7th. Contact Dick Smith directly if any councillors are interested (emailed). LDNPA letter in response to Civic Society, confirming that enforcement action will be taken on the canopy and decking at the Fizzy Tarte in Ash Street (emailed). Invite from LA23 NET re evening with Tim Farron on Thursday 11th January (emailed). CCC: Proposed Traffic Regulation order for Ash Street, Bowness. Town Council comments are invited. Agreed to put this on next agenda (deadline is 31st January). Agreement for 5 year grant funding of public toilets project has been received and signed by Clerk. SLDC will pay £10k, £8k, £7k, £6k, £5k per annum through to 2021/22 financial year, as agreed. Sums will be paid to Town Council and passed in full to BWCCT.</p>
217.	<p>Finance: Councillors approved the payments on the agenda and the following additions: Town Steward: work in December - £952.00 Jewson: bulk load of tarmac for Elleray Woods pothole repairs: £362.95 + £72.59 VAT. SLDC: Rent of land at Orrest Drive: £126.40 Eon: back-log of Electricity bills for the St Martin's Christmas tree for period 16 Sept 2016 to 20 December 2017: £250.84 + £12.54 VAT. Steve Hicks: £1,500 down payment for Elleray Woods fencing.</p>
218.	<p>Car Parking Advisory Group: As Chair of the Advisory Group, Deputy Mayor Saunders presented the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the in-depth car parking survey. All Town Councillors had received the summary report and had had the opportunity to see the full report, which contains the data and calculations. After a very interesting and lively presentation, Town Council voted unanimously to approve the report and recommendations. It was agreed that the report will now be circulated to key stakeholders (CCC, SLDC, LDNPA, National Trust, Cumbria Tourism) and a meeting be arranged to discuss the contents, prior to any wider public consultation.</p>
219.	<p>Queen's Park Improvement Project: The following Councillors were nominated to represent Town Council on the group; Cllr Sandra Britton (lead) & Cllr Lisa Greasley.</p>
220.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed:</p>

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	<p>a)7/2017/5792: 19 Victoria Street, Windermere: Change of use from residential to cafe and retail. <u>Recommend Approval</u> (bringing back into use neglected building).</p> <p>b)7/2017/5826: 2, St Martin's Parade, Bowness: Retention of an ATM installed to the right hand side of the shop entrance. <u>Recommend Approval</u> (necessary with bank closures)</p> <p>c)7/2017/5827: Orrest Foot, Ambleside Road, Windermere: Demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling and garage. Erection of replacement 2 storey detached dwelling. <u>No objections</u>.</p> <p>d)7/2017/5802:Storrs Hall Hotel, Storrs Park, Bowness: Erection of new staff accommodation. <u>No specific objections</u>, but recommend that tree screening is used to shield the sight of the buildings from the road and maintain semi-rural aspect of area.</p> <p>e)7/2017/5835:Brantholme, Victoria Road, Windermere: Erection of detached dwelling house. <u>Recommend refusal</u>. The application is not significantly changed from those made previously and our objections still stand - it is over-development of the site, un-neighbourly (due to over-looking nearby properties) and imposes on the street line.</p> <p>f)7/2017/5839:Far End, Victoria Road, Windermere: Single Storey extension. <u>No objections</u>.</p> <p>g)7/2017/5815:Storrs Hall Hotel, Storrs Park, Bowness: Erection of 7 new hotel pod suites. <u>Recommend refusal</u>. The design is inappropriate for the area and it has an over-bearing impact on the view from the lake and the historical aspect of the woodland.</p> <p>h)7/2017/5841: Mio Mondo, Lake Road, Windermere: Retrospective application for glass screening. <u>No comment</u> (retrospective application which should be penalised).</p> <p>i)7/2017/5847:The Lighthouse, Acme House, Main Rd, Windermere: Removal of existing canopy. New external balcony at 1st Floor level. Replacement of existing doors & windows. Locating of external equipment for ventilation and extraction. Internal alterations including lowering of the basement floor, heightening of existing ground floor window openings, relocation of kitchen to basement and toilets to 1st floor. <u>Recommend refusal</u>. Councillors feel that the proposed development is still out of character in its prime position in the conservation area. Particular features are felt to be out of keeping and over-bearing on the facade, particularly the balcony, the wall enclosure, the ventilation ducts and the whole proposal is un-neighbourly in a mixed commercial and residential area. If the LDNPA were to give the go ahead to this development in its current form, the Town Council would ask that at least a condition should be imposed to preserve the external historical features of the building - notably the wording (Acme etc) and date.</p>
221.	<p>Planning - for information only.</p> <p>The following items were noted:</p> <p>7/2017/5837: 1-2 Victoria Forge, Victoria St, Windermere: Notification for prior approval to change use from shops to restaurants and cafe (coffee house and wine bar).</p> <p>7/2017/5829: 11, Church Street, Windermere: Notification for prior approval change.</p>
222.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 24th January 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p> <p>Wednesday 14th February 2018: Full Council</p> <p>Wednesday 28th February 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</p>

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