



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

11th April 2018 at 7pm, The Marchesi Centre, Holly Road, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor J Saunders, Cllrs Mr Ian Telford, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mrs L Greasley, Mrs JS Borer, Ms Sandra Lilly, Ms Magda Khan, Ms Kathleen Atkinson, Mr Mike Stafford, Mr Adrian Legge. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis & David Williams. County Cllr Jim Bland, LDPA officer Liam McAleese, LDNPA Cllr John Farmer and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.30pm.</p>
275.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Ms Grania Nicholson, Ms Sandra Britton. District/CCC Councillors Dyan Jones & Ben Berry.</p>
276.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th March 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
277.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Ian Telford in planning item 12 (d) as a member of the Golf Club management committee.</p>
278.	<p>Requests for Dispensation: NONE</p>
279.	<p>Lake District National Park: Local Plan Town Council approved this item to be taken in private at the end of the meeting, as it contains information of a commercially sensitive nature.</p>
280.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
281.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Stafford:</u> Commented on the staffing levels on the Windermere Ferry and asked the County Councillor to look into it. <u>Cllr Borer:</u> Attended the Civic Society AGM on 10th April and was pleased to report that SLDC had been awarded the Civic prize this year for their work on the Bowness Waterfront. <u>Cllr Legge</u> reported on the Elleray Woods & Orrest Head site visit. There will be minutes presented to Council in due course, but he highlighted the improvements to the lower footpath, carried out by LDNPA and the need to consider a solution in the short to medium term to deal with pond flooding. <u>Cllr Atkinson:</u> Had attended the Marchesi Centre AGM and was pleased to report that one of the public rooms will be re-named for Thomas Bland, who sadly passed away recently. <u>Cllr Hamilton:</u> reported on forthcoming filming in Bowness for a new TV series. <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> had attended judges training for Cumbria in Bloom. Also was able to report that the Aspen tree at Biskey Howe will not be taken down and that the work done by SLDC has opened up the stunning views that have not been seen for a long time. Cllr Greasley also</p>

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	<p>raised the issue of the Albert Square Horse Chestnut tree in Bowness, which has recently been felled by Cumbria County Council. This is after seeking the views of the Town Council in August last year, the Town Council responding that it would wish to see the outcome of more research into options and receiving no reply. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to CCC and ask them why the Town Council had received a response, for the outcomes of the consideration of options, which included a proper health assessment of the tree. Cllr Greasley has also passed on to the Clerk the details of a local tree sculptor who may be able to do something with the stump, depending on the plans of CCC.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders</u>: Attended the Millerground committee meeting, which has finalized and agreed the phase 1 plans for the footpath, as covered in the briefing done by SLDC at the Annual Parish Meeting. It is now hoped that work can start later in the year. Also attended the CALC South Lakeland meeting and was concerned to report that the Cumbria Highways budget will be cut by 15% this year, just at a time when it would appear that more work is needed on the highways not less.</p>
282.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Bland</u>: Underlined the comments made by Cllr Saunders on the Highways budget. Councillor Christine Hallatsch drew attention to a report that she has made on very dangerous potholes outside the Crafty Baa and Cllr Stafford aired his concerns about the very basic resurfacing work done by United Utilities near Ferry Nab. Cllr Bland agreed to follow up both of these issues.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis & Cllr Williams</u> were not able to report anything in detail, due to the requirements of SLDC election purdah.</p>
283.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>Councillors noted the Clerk's written report and the following items were added: Lakes Parish Council - minutes and agenda (previously circulated by email) Town Steward's report for work completed in March.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the following 5 Cllrs will attend the Local Plan briefing at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick: Cllrs Britton, Khan, Greasley, Legge & Hamilton. The Clerk will send their names to the LDNPA for the guest list. Cllr Saunders is unable to attend but asked that the Windermere Councillors make sure that the findings from the Car Parking review are given full weight.</p> <p>The Clerk verbally reported on the situation with Windermere Now. The latest edition will be out on 23rd April, but this is no longer a monthly publication, will not be delivered to each letterbox in Windermere (there will be a bulk drop) and is now called Kendal & Windermere Now. Cllrs expressed their sadness at this state of affairs.</p> <p>The Clerk also updated Councillors on the contents of the General Data Protection Regulation, which comes into force on 20th May 2018 and all parish councils must comply. The Clerk is preparing an action plan which will be considered at a forthcoming Council.</p>
284.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The invoices listed on the agenda were approved for payment with the addition of Town Steward - invoice for March 18: £952.00 John Brockbank: materials needed for bench project: £116.97</p>

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	<p>SLDC: Use of Council Chamber - Annual Bill: £331.00 SLDC: Annual Playground inspection fee: £413.71 (incs VAT of £68.95) Thomas Fattorini Ltd: Updated Mayoral & Deputy Mayoral pendants: £1,642,54 (incs VAT of £273.75) Council also approved the grant of £2,000 to the Windermere Youth Project.</p>
285.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2018 were approved and the following specific recommendations approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a)The Clerk to prepare a plan of action in 2018, to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation and bring to Full Council for approval.b)A draft revised Toilets Service Agreement be presented to Full Council for discussion in May 2018.c)A draft Travel Expenses policy be presented to Full Council for approval in May 2018.d)The Clerk review requirements and, if possible, submit an application for the Foundation Local Government Award.e)The two grant applications be rejected for the Community Interest Company and the Windermere & Bowness Guide, due to the commercial nature of both activities. Cllr Greasley wished it to be recorded that she abstained from voting on the Community Interest Company.
286.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed: Cllr Stafford wished it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on the planning items, as he had not been able to properly review the applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a)7/2018/5116: 1 & 3 Oak Street, Windermere: Change of use to A3 (cafe/restaurant). <u>Recommend Approval.</u>b)7/2018/5142: 5 Calgarth Cottages, Troutbeck: Erection of double car port. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>c)7/2018/5121: Blackwell Folly, Storrs Park, Bowness: Alterations to windows and replacement of a single storey pitched roof with flat glazed roof. <u>No Comment.</u>d)7/2018/5016: Ravensworth Hotel, Ambleside Rd, Windermere: Application of lime render to the SW facing gable wall. <u>Recommend Approval. Good improvement.</u>e)7/2018/5122: Cadet Adventure Training Centre, Park Rd, Windermere: Re-roofing works, provision of free-standing covered storage area, provision of link enclosure and modification to window openings. <u>Recommend Approval. Improvement.</u>f)7/2018/5156: The Windermere Centre, Oldfield Rd, Windermere: Change of use to hotel and alteration to parking area. <u>No objections.</u>g)7/2018/5166: 97 Laurel Bank, Lake Rd, Windermere: Change of use shop to D1 (non-residential institutions). <u>Recommend Approval.</u>h)7/2018/5171: High Applethwaite, Lickbarrow Rd, Windermere: Bedroom, dining room and basement extension. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>i)7/2018/5189: Randers, Old Hall Rd, Troutbeck Bridge: Roof extension. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>

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	<p>j)7/2018/5113: Former National Westminster Bank, Lake Rd, Windermere: Change of use of 1st & 2nd floors from financial services to holiday lets, associated works to erect a rear extension to contain a staircase access and provision of new doors, windows and dormer windows. Alterations to windows and doors at ground floor to enable use of ground floor as retail (permitted development). <u>No comment re increase in holiday lets (this is an issue for the LDNPA), but the site is currently a mess, so assume that this will improve its appearance on the high street.</u></p>
287.	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree application was noted: T/2018/0032: 8-20 Mountain Ash, Spooner Vale, Windermere: Remove large fir/cypress tree and cut back branches on tree overhanging parking space no 10.</p>
288.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 25th April 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 9th May 2018: Council Annual General Meeting Wednesday 23rd May 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the public section of the meeting and moved into private session for the following item.</p>
289.	<p>LDNPA Local Plan: Liam McAleese gave a full briefing on those sections of the forthcoming draft plan for consultation that have a particular impact locally on Windermere & Bowness. Many questions were asked by Councillors and, where possible, responses were provided. It was agreed that it had been a very useful session and the Mayor thanked Mr McAleese & Cllr Farmer for attending and for waiting so patiently until the end of the meeting.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.45pm</p>

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