



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

12th April 2017 at 7.20pm, The Cecil Reed Room, Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Cllrs E Greasley (Deputy Mayor), Mr I Telford, Ms S Lilley, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Allan Winrow, Mr Mike Stafford, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ross McMillan, Ms Grania Nicholson, Ms K Atkinson, Ms Sue Bloy, Mr Adrian Legge, Peter Jewell. District Cllrs David Williams, Andrew Jarvis, County Cllrs Steve Rooke & James Bland. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk). The meeting opened at 7.20pm.</p>
304.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mr John Saunders & Mrs Jennifer Borer. District Cllr Ben Berry.</p>
305.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd March 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record, with one amendment to the Police item, where Sergeant Bill Nolan's name be amended.</p>
306.	<p>Declarations of Interest: The Clerk in item 18 (Clerk's salary). It was agreed that the clerk would leave the room during discussion of this item. Cllr Lilley in item 11 (applicant) and Cllr Sue Bloy in Policy & Finance recommendation (d), as a trustee of BWCCT.</p>
307.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
308.	<p>Request to consider item 18 on the agenda (Clerk's Salary) in private session: This was agreed, due to the personal information contained in this agenda item.</p>
309.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
310.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr L Greasley</u> - had attended and enjoyed the Bowness Blues weekend, organized by Windermere Rotary. It was well supported both locally and from visitors and raised a good total of funds for charitable causes. Also attended the Julian Cooper preview at Abbot Hall. It was the best attended preview in memory, with over 300 people there. Windermere Endowed Schools Foundation has agreed its latest allocations of support to local schools - all good causes. Cllr Greasley also read out a letter from Fred Atkinson, a local resident who carries out lots of local litter picking. The Council expressed thanks to Mr Atkinson and the Clerk was asked to write to him. <u>Cllr A Legge</u>: Had received a communication from HM Pageant Master about the centenary of the end of the First World War on 11 November 2018. Windermere will be hosting a beacon and over 800 beacons have been confirmed so far. Attended the site visit of Elleray Woods, followed by a small celebration of the Carriage Drive restoration, which is superb. The woods themselves are in a good state and well looked after. Key challenges are parking at the bottom of the path and vehicles accessing the woods. New signage is needed and the Clerk will be progressing this quickly.</p>

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	<p><u>Cllr S Bloy</u>: Attended the AGM of the Civic Society, which was very good. An award has been made to the Windermere Town Steward for his contribution to community pride. Also attended the AGM of the Windermere Youth Project, which is now managed by BWCCT. This was well supported and a good Annual report was presented. It is pleasing to note that numbers attending are on the increase and it was confirmed that board meetings will be held quarterly and the 2 representatives from Windermere Town Council will be invited. The next meeting will be on Monday 17th July at 6pm at the Phoenix Centre. Finally, Cllr Bloy confirmed that Quarry Rigg toilets will be re-opening in time for the Easter weekend and there will be a formal opening in due course.</p> <p><u>Cllr K Atkinson</u>: attended the Lake Administration Group along with Cllrs Peter Jewell and Jenny Borer. A very good Annual Report was presented. There is nothing of note to report, apart from the confirmation that Ferry Nab will be finalized and up and running for the Easter weekend.</p> <p><u>Cllr S Lilley</u>: Attended the 597 Bus meeting, where it was reported that all is going well for the time being. Also reported on the completion of works at Ladyholme Centre, where the tree has been removed and gardening work started, which should result in a more attractive aspect.</p> <p><u>Cllr A Winrow</u>: Attended the Chamber of Trade. Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Cllr Magda Khan</u>: Attended the Guides Awards evening, which went well, but Cllr Khan raised the lack of profile and difficulty obtaining information about local guides groups. Also wished to raise the significant problems with parking on Brook Road. The Clerk agreed to report this to the Police.</p> <p><u>Cllr Mike Stafford</u>: Has complained to CCC about the parked cars outside Tesco and the potential accident risk. No response as yet.</p> <p><u>Mayor Leith Hallatsch</u>: Attended a very enjoyable dance and song afternoon at St Cuthberts school. A song written by the children will be played on Lakeland radio and is a marvelous piece of work. Also enjoyed the Elleray Woods celebration that afternoon.</p>
311.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Rooke</u> reported that the Disabled Bays in Windermere and Phoenix Way lining are now complete. College Road will be re-surfaced in the next quarter. He has had many complaints about parking which is now clearly a major issue and would welcome contributing to the Town Council's Advisory Group when it is established. Cllr Telford asked a question about the speeding device on Rayrigg Road, which is mis-located, as the problems are further towards Bowness. No-one knew who is responsible for the device, so the Clerk agreed to contact the local PCSO and establish what can be done.</p> <p><u>Cllr Williams</u>: No specific report. The main work in his ward is the ongoing improvements to the Glebe.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bland</u>: Confirmed that the work on Ash Street is now complete.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis</u>: Expressed his support for the Town Council prioritising Car Parking as a local issue, as it is becoming a very large problem.</p>
312.	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk's written report was noted and the following items added verbally:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Older Persons Housing Strategy: SLDC are renewing this strategy and inviting comments via a multiple choice questionnaire online by 8th May 2017. Address is: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/69HLLTB• Representations are invited from communities who have suffered recent flooding to a meeting in Kendal Town Council on 20th April at 7pm. The aims are to share experiences and develop community networks. The Troutbeck Flood Action Group are attending, but representation from Town Council would also be welcome.• It has been in the news recently that CCC have re-introduced payments on board the Windermere Ferry, but for card payments only. The ticket machines are still in place and potentially this could create confusion. There are significant local concerns. Town Councillors are free to sign the local petition asking for the removal of the machines. It was agreed that the Clerk should also write to CCC asking for reassurance that local opinion will be taken into account.• Town Councillors discussed the issues raised by Amanda Davies in the Annual Parish Meeting which immediately preceded this meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact both CCC and the LDNPA about the overall impact of obstructions in the Town Centre.
313.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Councillors approved payment of the invoices listed on the agenda, with the addition of the following items:</p> <p>SLDC: Council Chamber rental: £331.00 Continental Landscapes Ltd: Grounds Maintenance (6 months) for Langrigge Play Area: £900.00. Treble 3: Updates to website: £42.00 Gary Hancox: Town Steward payment for March 2017: £884.00. Marchesi Centre: APM room hire and refreshments: £40.00.</p>
314.	<p>Lake District National Park Authority:</p> <p>Councillors approved the nomination of Cllr Sandra Lilley for the forthcoming elections to the Authority, to represent the southern and central distinctive area.</p>
315.	<p>Policy & Finance: 30th March 2017:</p> <p>Councillors approved the minutes of this meeting and specifically the following recommendations:</p> <p>a) The establishment of a new Council Advisory Group to review and make recommendations on all issues associated with car parking in Windermere & Bowness. Membership will be determined at the Council AGM on 10th May but Cllr Saunders was recommended as Chairman of the group.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) The Clerk to obtain quotations for the siting of a flagpole at the War Memorial and a sign naming the War Memorial and Windermere Town Council. c) The Clerk to draw up a policy on public benches for approval at the Council AGM on 10th May 2017 to cover the issues identified in the minutes. d) Town Council representatives on the public toilets sub-committee to formally request options from BWCCT which would result in a reduction in the Council's subsidy of £25,000 pa from April 2018. e) Approval to the Grant Application for £3,000 for the South Lakes CAB. f) Approval to the Grant Application for £520 for the Cumbria Children's Dyslexia Project.
316	<p>Armed Forces Day: Councillors discussed the grant application and felt they needed more information before making a decision. The Clerk was asked to write to the applicant and invite them to a forthcoming town council meeting.</p>
317.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a)7/2017/5131: 4 & 5 Applerigg, Windermere: Recladding of existing properties. No comment (beyond deadline) b)7/2017/5055:Harold Preston Group, Windermere Business Centre, Oldfield Court: Proposed porch. Replacement of existing profiled sheet roofing with insulated sandwich panel profile sheet roofing and incorporating patent roof glazing. Replacement concrete stairs from external loading bay. No Comment (beyond deadline) c)7/2017/5130:Cleabarrow Cottage, Windermere: Alterations and extension to original dwellinghouse and replacement annexe. Recommend approval, as this is an improvement to the area. d)7/2017/5140: Field Head, Troutbeck Bridge: New 3 bedroom dwelling with integral garage. No objections. Recommend approval. e)7/2017/5160: Brantfield Cottage, Brantfell Road, Windermere: Single storey extension at 1st Floor level (re-submission of 7/2016/5726). No Comment (beyond deadline). f)7/2017/5126: 1 Wynlass Park, Windermere: Extension and detached garage. Recommend approval. No objections. g)7/2017/5180: 4 Victoria Street, Windermere: Change of use of building from mixed use (A3 sale of food on premises + flat) to A1 or A2 (extension of retail potential).Recommend that this application be rejected in its current form, but would support the extension of retail opportunities on ground floor, as long as the flat on 1st floor is maintained to contribute to local housing stock. h)7/2017/5174: High Longlands, Longlands Rd, Windermere: Extension to a dwelling to provide an additional 2 bedrooms, 2 ensuite bathrooms, games room, double garage and utility. Recommend approval as this is an improvement to the area.

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	<p>i)7/2017/5200:Elleray Cottage, Elleray, Windermere: Variation of conditions no 2 & 7 of planning approval 7/2014/5199 to allow a site curtilage wall to be built adjacent to the footpath. Recommend rejection of this application until it can be established without doubt that there is no encroachment onto the footpath and the land owned by the Town Council.</p> <p>j)7/2017/5172:Claife, Longtail Hill, Bowness: Demolition of flat roofed detached garage and erection of 2 single storey extensions. Recommend approval. No objections.</p>
318.	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree applications were noted: The following application is within the Conservation Area and is not currently covered by a TPO. T/2017/0050: Filter House, Storrs Park, Bowness: Fell 1 Ash, 5 Beech & 1 Cherry, Crown reduce 2 Beech. The following applications are covered by an existing TPO: a)T/2017/0051: Nab Wood, Ferry Nab, Bowness: Fell 2 Douglas Fir b)T/2017/0049: 1 Goodly Dale, Windermere: Remove branches on 3 Sycamores, Pollard large Oak. Fell small diameter Sycamore covered in ivy. Remove limb on Oak. Crown clean and remove limbs from Oak. Removal of all Laurel from the woodland adjacent to the Car Park. Thin out selected trees in the woodland. Crown lift and remove lowest branches of a number of trees at the end of the drive/path.</p>
319	<p>Planning Decisions: The planning decisions, as set out on the agenda, were noted.</p>
320.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates & times were noted. Wednesday 26th April 2017: Full Council Wednesday 10th May 2017: Council Annual Meeting (AGM).</p>
	<p>The meeting in public concluded at 9pm. The Clerk left the room for the discussion on the following item.</p>
321.	<p>Clerk's Salary: The proposals contained in the report were approved unanimously.</p>
	<p>The meeting concluded at 9.05pm.</p>

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