



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Cllrs Mr J Saunders (Deputy Mayor), Ms G Nicholson, Ms S Lilley, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Ross McMillan, Mrs JS Borer, Mr Mike Stafford, Ms K Atkinson, Mr I Telford. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry &amp; David Williams and 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
50.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Cllrs Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Ms Sue Bloy, SLDC Cllr Andrew Jarvis Absence (no apologies): Cllr Peter Jewell</p>
51.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
52.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Mike Stafford in planning item 7/2017/5417, as a member of Windermere Rugby Club.</p>
53.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
54.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> Mr Adrian Mather of Stockghyll Cottage, Rayrigg Road addressed the Council about the planning application no: 7/2017/5400 (Steamboat Museum request for extension to complete landscaping of 2 years, taking the deadline to Easter 2020). Mr Mather's business overlooks the site and he explained that he has patiently put up with the ugly outlook for a long time. This has an impact on his business. Mr Mather's letter to the National Park had been copied to Town Councillors and a couple of photographs were also displayed, showing piles of rubble and tyres on the site. Mr Mather asked that the Town Council consider recommending rejection of this application, there being no clear reason why the landscaping cannot be completed to the original timescale and ask that the LDNPA force the company to grass and rectify this area as soon as possible.</p>
55.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b> <u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Had attended a very encouraging meeting of the Friends of the 597 Bus and it appears that the service can continue to operate for the rest of this year at least. The Ladyholme Centre is in good shape and bookings continue to be on the increase. <u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Attended the Millerground Committee Meeting. A landscape architect will be appointed very shortly and is a local firm. They will develop the landscaping and pathways to the Lake. It is hoped that the play area will be developed by next summer. Also chaired the Car Parking Advisory Group earlier in the evening. Ward by ward reviews of the current car parking situation are being carried out and will provide useful and detailed information for the rest of the review. Once completed, it is planned to produce an initial report for Town Council, which will provide initial impressions and some possible solutions.</p>

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	<p>The next piece of work will be to conduct a review of how spaces are used in the 8 chargeable car parks in Windermere &amp; Bowness. The work to complete this will be very intensive and it would be very difficult for councillors to find sufficient time. It was decided to employ a local student to do this and to send suggested names to the Clerk.</p> <p><u>Cllr Mike Stafford</u>: Reported on a major traffic incident on Newby Bridge Road.</p> <p>Mayor and several councillors had thoroughly enjoyed the Armed Forces Day on Saturday, held at Goodly Dale. The Town Council were thanked for their help with funding.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch</u>: Had attended the Environment Agency briefing on long term plans for alleviation of flooding in the area. The report is available for any councillor to review. Had also represented Windermere, with Cllr Christine Hallatsch, at the Appleby Gala. It was a very nice day and they were well looked after.</p>
56.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Ben Berry</u> updated on Windermere Ferry. The County Council are now reviewing the whole operation and hopefully solutions will be forthcoming to deal with the problems experienced with the charging situation. It was also confirmed (in response to question from Cllr Borer) that disabled drivers can use the ferry free of charge but, at present, must use the machine, which will issue a free ticket. It was agreed that this is not well advertised. Also, there have been a lot of complaints this year about street traders on the Glebe. A sign will be erected, but its effectiveness will be down to enforcement.</p> <p><u>Cllr David Williams</u> had no report as such but voiced his worries about the damage that the Geese may do to the new planting on the Glebe.</p>
57.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk's written report had been circulated with the agenda. The following points were highlighted:</p> <p>Ellerthwaite Square building work is complete and planting will take place by the Town Steward in mid July.</p> <p>Dog fouling bag dispensers - the dispensers have been delivered (containing both the Town Council and the Oakhill Vets logos). Clerk is meeting the PCSO and Oakhill Vets next week to agree on location and arrangements for replenishing the bags.</p> <p>The following items were added:</p> <p>Invitation to the Merz Barn VIP reception Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 12/12.30. Welcome to the Federal Republic of Germany Vice Consul. Mayor will be attending and making an address on the Diessen twinning. All councillors are invited if they wish to attend. The Clerk must supply numbers by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>An additional Town Council meeting is proposed for 6<sup>th</sup> December. This way, all heavy business can be completed (budget and precept, planning etc) and the 13<sup>th</sup> December date held for a more social gathering of Town Council, with buffet and Diessen slide-show. Any urgent business will also be dealt with on this date. Councillors agreed this.</p> <p>Tim Farron Q&amp;A event at Carver United Church at 7pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Only 50 places so, if councillors are interested in attending need to contact Tim's office in Kendal asap.</p> <p>Agenda and minutes of the Lakes Line User group had been received and were available for inspection.</p>

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58.	<p><b>Finance:</b> The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following payment was added and approved: Horton Landscaping Ltd: Watering of hanging baskets in June: £1,268.40 (net of VAT)</p>
59.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b> The following recommendations were agreed:  <b>a)7/2017/5327: The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge:</b> Erection of security fencing. COUNCILLORS HAD RESERVATIONS AND SADNESS BUT AGREED THAT IT IS NEEDED AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL.  <b>b)7/2017/5400:Windermere Steamboat Museum, Rayrigg Road:</b> Variation to planning approval, extending timescale for completion of landscaping by 24months from the occupation or substantial completion of the building. RECOMMEND REJECTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS SITE HAS BEEN UNSIGHTLY FOR A LONG TIME ALREADY AND IS NOW UMNEIGBOURLY. THERE ARE NO CLEAR REASONS WHY THIS EXTENSION IS NEEDED. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE EYESORE IS DEALT WITH BY THE COMPANY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THEY ARE MADE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORIGINAL TIMESCALE. THE POINT WAS ALSO MADE THAT WORLD HERITAGE STATUS GIVES ADDED WEIGHT TO THE NEED TO CARRY OUT DEVELOPMENTS ON TIME AND IN A WAY THAT IS SENSITIVE TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SURROUNDING BUSINESSES.  <b>c)7/2017/5383:Hazel End, Spooner Vale, Windermere:</b> Erection of a single storey garage for one vehicle on existing hard standing. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NO OBJECTIONS.  <b>d)7/2017/5417:Windermere Rugby Club, Longlands Road, Bowness:</b> Proposed extension to the existing club house, including an external covered verandah (re-submission of 7/2016/5248). RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THIS IS A GOOD IMPROVEMENT.  <b>e)7/2017/5379:Post Office, 21 Crescent Road, Windermere:</b> Replace existing windows. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ENHANCEMENT TO THE BUILDING.</p>
60.	<p>The following tree works applications were noted.  <b>a)T/2017/0094: Firtrees Guest House, Lake Road, Windermere:</b> Fell 2 Holly, 1 Beech, 2 Fir, 1 Ash and several unknown tree varieties. Cllr Lilley has concerns and will follow up with the LDNPA.  <b>b)T/2017/0095: Firtrees Guest House, Lake Road, Windermere:</b> Lift and prune Cypress.  <b>c)T/2017/0097:Hodgehowe Wood, Ambleside Road, Windermere:</b> Fell 1 Oak and 1 Lawson Cypress.</p>
61.	<p><b>Planning Decisions:</b> The decisions of the LDNPA, as set out on the agenda, were noted.</p>
62.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b>          Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Full Council (Lighter agenda)          Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August: Full Council          Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.55pm.</p>

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