



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

22nd March 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllr E Greasley (in the chair), Mrs J Borer, Mr I Telford, MsS Lilley, Magda Khan, Allan Winrow, Mike Stafford. District Councillor Andrew Jarvis. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Kevin Ross, Cumbria Police. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
290.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Leith Hallatsch, Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ross McMillan, Grania Nicholson, Ms K Atkinson, Sue Bloy, Adrian Legge, John Saunders. District Cllrs Ben Berry, Dyan Jones & County Councillor Steve Rooke. Absence (no apologies): Cllr Peter Jewell.</p>
291.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd February 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
292.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
293.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
294.	<p>Police Update Sergeant Kevin Ross explained that calls for service have been slightly increased over the last month, there have been 2 burglaries but little in the way of serious crime. The Speed Indication device cannot be used for Rayrigg Road and Lake Road, as it is not set up for speed limits of 40MPH and over. However, Sergeant Ross has spoken to the crime reduction group about the issues in these areas and Highways have agreed to monitor the situation on those roads carefully. The winning poster for prevention of dog fouling was shown and deemed to be very good. Councillors were thanked for providing the prize for the competition. Leaflets to prevent domestic "scamming" were provided to councillors.</p>
295.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
296.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: Cllr Greasley: Gave a photographic presentation of recent exhibitions at Abbot Hall and Blackwell, to which Town Council were invited. Both exhibitions had been fascinating. Also showed photographs of the work being done at Ellerthwaite Square. Councillors agreed that they are happy with this work, particularly the walling. There is a "meet the author" event in Windermere library on 11 April at 2pm (Ian McFadyen) and Cumbria County Council are to put some resources into local libraries to try and encourage more community events. Cllr Greasley, as agreed, had inspected the trees at St Mary's Park. All looked to be ok. The War Memorial gardens, are, once again, looking lovely and attracting a lot of praise. It would be good to consider signage which denotes this area as being managed by the Town Council and</p>

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	<p>the Clerk agreed to put this on a future agenda. Finally, Cllr Greasley aired her disappointment that the recent article about Elleray Woods in the Westmorland Gazette had failed to make any mention of the work of the Town Council. It was agreed that all opportunities should be taken to put this right.</p> <p><u>Cllr Stafford</u>: Continues to review the state of Hammarbank, where some basic repairs have been done. There is the possibility of a complete re-surfacing in the near future and it was agreed that this is needed. Also keeping an eye on the ongoing work at the Glebe.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u>: Attended the recent meeting of the Lakes Line User Group on behalf of the Council and testified to the great work that is done by this group. The knowledge and commitment of the volunteers and the range of activities they get involved with is staggering. The group have agreed to plant up the tubs outside the train station for the summer and the Clerk will seek to organize the watering contractor to include these on his rounds.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u>: Attended the recent Lake Management Strategy working group, which is finalizing the latest 5 year strategy (2017-22). The aim is to focus the strategy more directly on the Lake, rather than peripheral issues and it will be sent out for consultation in the near future.</p>
<p>297.</p>	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis reported on a recent presentation by South Lakes Housing which sets out the challenges of affordable housing in the area. Given that the 20% reduction in this area does not really constitute affordable, coupled with the lack of support for social housing, the challenges are indeed great. SLDC have been granted £2.1m of funds aimed at local authorities with large proportions of second homes.</p> <p>He also reported on behalf of Cllr Steve Rooke, who has been in discussions with County Council officers and confirmed that new lining for disabled bays on Crescent Road and for Phoenix way are planned in the work programme but no definitive dates as yet.</p>
<p>298.</p>	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk updated Members verbally on the following:</p> <p><u>Project Work:</u></p> <p><u>Ellerthwaite Square</u> is nearing phase 1 completion and the wall looks very good. Arrangements are in progress to get the electricity box and cable removed. This has to be done by Electricity Northwest and the quotation is £1,084.91. The Clerk asked that this be approved. It is still unlikely that the project will exceed the budget set, due to the fact that full tarmac resurfacing will no longer be needed.</p> <p>Town Steward report: most work has been focused on Elleray Woods, re-shaping of Yew Trees, extension of the brash hurdle, repairs to boundary walling. Tarmac repairs to approach road. Litter picking around Windermere & Bowness.</p> <p>Confirmation has been received from the Pension regulator that WTC has complied with the Pensions Act.</p> <p>Troutbeck Bridge - confirmation that work by the Environment Agency should be completed in July this year. Bus shelters will be ordered after this.</p> <p><u>Dates/Meetings:</u></p> <p>29th March at 2.30pm - the Clerk is meeting SLDC surveyors at the Longlands Playground site</p>

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to assess future maintenance requirements if WTC agree to take this land over. Any councilors who wish to come along will be welcome.

w/c 27th March - Clean for the Queen - lots of local groups will be out and about litter picking. Thanks to BWCCT who have managed this process.

Wednesday 12th April: Small ceremony to officially "open" the Carriage Drive at Ellerway Wood - starting at 4.30pm at the start of the new path.

LA23 NeT: 5th April: An audience with Simon Lawson (world no 2 for disability classes and Paralympian athlete).

Correspondence:

Agenda for the next Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership on 27th March (minutes from last meeting on 12 December).

United Utilities: update on A592 work for w/c 20th March.

Possibility of elections for Windermere Town Council next year, due to the ward changes made by the boundary commission last year. SLDC are to confirm this when the parliamentary order is received.

Press release from SLDC - Glebe improvement work to be started on shingle beach and promenade. It will include crown lifting of the lime trees, new surface works for footways and parts of the promenade, new street furniture and planting. Traffic will be unaffected. Funding is from the Local Enterprise Partnership and SLDC (£300k contribution).

Stuart Burton, Music Lounge - return of the Shop Front Improvement grant due to closure of shop.

Risk Assessment and Inspection report for Langrigge Play area - all areas are low risk.

Windermere Youth Project:

The Clerk read out a message from Cllr Sue Bloy, which confirmed that the Windermere Youth Project has been taken under the wing of the BWCCT from 1 March 2017. It will remain a charity in its own right. It will be based at the Phoenix Centre with its main activities on Thursday nights. It will continue to be managed by the Youth Engagement Service. Approx 50 young people attend. The Youth Project steering group will meet regularly each term and the representative from WTC will be invited (representatives are currently Cllrs P Jewell and Mike Stafford).

Both the Youth Project and BWCCT are seeking additional trustees/directors/helpers to spread the work wider and any additional support would be greatly appreciated. Contact Sue Bloy.

Documents have been received for anyone wishing to be nominated for a position on the Lake District National Park, representing parish councils in the southern distinctive area. The clerk has emailed these to councilors.

Filming for a new Peter Rabbit production will be taking place in Crescent Road on 4th April between 9am and 6pm.

Annual Parish Meeting:

Reminder that this will be held at 6.30pm at the Marchesi Centre, Cecil Reed room, followed by a full Town Council meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.

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299.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a)Councillors approved payment of the invoices listed on the agenda, with the addition of the following items: Town Steward - payment for February work (£952.00) Will Hicks Tree Specialist: £72.00 for removal of saplings along A591. CALC: £35.00 for Good Councillor training for Magda Khan. Treble 3: £21.60 for Updates and changes to the Council website. Roadsafe: £468.00 for delivery, design and installation of safety features at Ellerthwaite Square. Cumbria Clock Company: £132.00 for annual servicing of Baddeley Clock. Jewson: £82.43 for town steward materials. Horton Landscaping: £1,078.50 for new half tubs and brackets for Windermere in Bloom. Cumbria in Bloom: £50 donation in lieu of participation in competition (agreed by Council in February 2017). Councillors also approved the payment to Electricity Northwest for removal of the meter at Ellerthwaite Square (£1,084.91).</p>
300.	<p>BWCCT: Toilets Sub-Committee: Minutes from the meeting held on 21st February 2017:</p> <p>Councillors noted the minutes. It was also noted that these are draft minutes, still awaiting approval from BWCCT. Cllr Greasley asked that the Council's representative on the BWCCT sub-committee (Cllr Legge) be asked to present council and public concerns with the exterior presentation of Baddeley Clock toilets and ask if there are any plans to improve this.</p>
301.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>a)7/2017/5097: 32, Thornthwaite Road, Windermere: Change of use from a single dwelling house to two dwelling houses. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THIS IS AN ENHANCEMENT AND THE COUNCIL SUPPORTS LOCAL OCCUPANCY.</p> <p>b)7/2017/5095: 1 to 15, Windward Way, The Marina, Bowness: Raising of houses 1 to 15 to 1.2m to be above the flood levels. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THIS IS A NECESSITY.</p> <p>c)7/2017/5071: Folly's End, Oldfield Road, Windermere: Transfer of existing property into a local needs dwelling house with construction of a new detached dwelling within the curtilage of the garden. NO COMMENT. THE COUNCIL HAS MADE PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS TO REJECT THIS DEVELOPMENT.</p> <p>d)7/2017/5091: 28 Thornthwaite Road, Windermere: Application to create a separate one bedroomed dwelling with a local occupancy clause - <u>retrospective</u>. NO COMMENT. THE COUNCIL REFUSES TO COMMENT ON RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS.</p> <p>e)7/2017/5032: Applethwaite Quarry, Troutbeck, Windermere: Installation of EE telecommunications apparatus, ancillary equipment cabinets, fenced compound and access track. RECOMMEND APPROVAL DUE TO NECESSITY.</p> <p>f)7/2017/5081: 1 Hilltop, Old Hall Road, Troutbeck Bridge, Windermere: Local needs dwelling house. RECOMMEND APPROVAL, AS THIS IS AN IMRPVOVEMETN THAT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE LOCAL AREA.</p>

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302.	<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. a)T/2017/0032: Glebe Road, Bowness: Conduct piling works in root protection area of Lime Trees. The following applications are covered by an existing TPO: a)T/2017/0031: Filter House, Storrs Park, Bowness: Crown reduce (by 25%) a mature Beech Tree. b)T/2017/0040: The Laurels, Beemire Lane, Birthwaite Road, Windermere: Ash - remove lower limb, remove dead wood, prune damaged limbs, Oak - crown raise. Install protection matting to roots and overdress with gravel.</p>
303.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates & times were noted. Wednesday 12th April 2017: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, starting at 6.30pm, immediately followed by Full Council. To be held at the Marchesi Centre (Cecil Reed Room). Wednesday 26th April 2017: Full Council Wednesday 10th May 2017: Council Annual Meeting (AGM).</p>
	<p>The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.</p>

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