



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

24th 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, MsGrania Nicholson, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Ms Kathleen Atkinson, Mike Stafford. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC Cllr Andrew Jarvis, Liam McAleese (LDNPA Head of Strategy & Partnerships) & 5 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.05pm.</p>
223.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mr Adrian Legge. SLDC Cllrs Dyan Jones, Ben Berry & David Williams. Police Sergeant Bill Nolan. Absence - no apologies: Cllr Peter Jewell.</p>
224.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th January 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
225.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr John Saunders in planning item (e) - neighbour. Cllrs Grania Nicholson & Ross McMillan in planning item c - applicants are friends.</p>
226.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
227.	<p>Presentation from Lake District National Park (LDNPA): Council agreed that this presentation could be delivered in private session at the close of the meeting.</p>
228.	<p>Police Report: Sergeant Nolan was unable to attend. The Clerk read out the crime statistics for Windermere Parish that were sent through. Cllrs agreed that it would be more useful in future to be able to understand the context of these statistics and the Clerk agreed to ask Sergeant Nolan if it would be possible to have sight of comparative (month on month or year on year) statistics.</p>
229.	<p>Public Input: Mr Tony Hills from Damson Design addressed the Town Council about planning application (d) Calgarth Boathouse. He made the following points and asked the Council to take them into account in making their recommendations later in the meeting: The boathouse design has been substantively changed from the previous very modern design, that the Town Council recommended for refusal. The new design takes into account the Arts and Craft heritage of the building. The boathouse does need to be rebuilt, as the flooding last year has undermined the whole structure. The increase in height (to 6ft) has been necessary to provide flood resilience to the structure. Mr Broadhead (local resident) also addressed the Town Council about planning application (d), Calgarth Boathouse and asked that the following be taken into account when making recommendations to the LDNPA:</p>

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	<p>Mr Broadhead wished to challenge the notion that the current boathouse should be demolished and pointed to the importance of the structure as an important heritage asset, due to its Arts & Crafts features and design by a celebrated Arts & Craft architect. He asked that it only be considered for demolition if all other possibilities have been explored and found to not be feasible.</p> <p>If the boathouse does need to be rebuilt, Mr Broadhead raised a number of concerns with the proposed design, namely the much larger area and particularly much larger living area, which would appear to be a pretext for superior holiday letting accommodation. He also raised doubts about the increased size being needed solely for flood prevention.</p> <p>A local Bowness resident updated the Town Council on the area of Ash Street. He put forward views that there has been no reduction in anti social behaviour in the area of the Baha Bar and that there continues to be an unsatisfactory response from the public authorities. He believes that the problems will only get worse if Ash Street is pedestrianised for longer periods (as discussed at item 236). Councillors sympathised with the situation and made useful suggestions as to the evidence that needs to be gathered for action to be taken by the Police or licencing.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders addressed the Council about Millerground, following on from the briefing made at the December 2017 meeting. The costs for the pathway have now been compiled and leave a smaller balance than was expected for investment in the play area (only £25,000. Costs will be significantly in excess of this). The group are very actively fundraising, with bids to various funders, including the Local Important Projects fund (SLDC). Another potential funding source could be the proceeds from the SLDC sale of the Glebe toilet block to United Utilities and Town Council were asked if they would support this, if SLDC are able to passport the funds. Town Council confirmed their support.</p>
230.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Britton:</u> had attended the Windermere Park for All meeting on 12th January. Attendees included SLDC officers, Cllrs Ben Berry and Dyan Jones and representatives of the community. The minutes will be circulated to Town Council once they are received. Overall, it was a very upbeat initial meeting. There will be more substantial issues to report once the Architect plan is presented. Also attended the LA23 NET, which was a good event. Cllr Britton gave an update on the results of reporting drains in need of clearance on the Highways website. This seems to have resulted in action.</p> <p><u>Cllr Stafford:</u> was pleased to report that the pointing has now been done on the dangerous pavement areas in Crescent road.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer:</u> Updated Council on arrangements for celebration of 20 years of Town Twinning with Diessen in May this year. The Burgermeister of Diessen has now confirmed his attendance and there is a lot of work to be done to create a memorable programme. Cllr Borer raised the possibility of creating a Diessen sign for the Glebe Promenade improvements. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with SLDC.</p> <p><u>Cllr Khan:</u> reminded Council that the signs for St Martin's Parade have not been put in place (as agreed with Cumbria County Council). The Clerk agreed to follow this up.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> reported on the Cumbria in Bloom meeting.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Saunders updated that Windermere & Bowness Forward have now appointed an officer to administer the group and take issues forward. This should help with momentum. Also reported on the informal meeting that had taken place with SLDC (Cllrs Archibald and Vincent) attended by Cllr Saunders and the Mayor to have an initial discussion about the car parking review. The initial response of SLDC is very positive and there are opportunities to put some recommendations to put some actions into action relatively quickly. Cllr Saunders wished to thank the district councilors who have assisted with this and expressed the hope that the Town Council's ideas can be developed into realistic proposals.</p>
231.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports: Cllr Jarvis reported on a series of meetings attended, including car parking and playgrounds.</p>
232.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk updated Council verbally on the following issues: 2 updates received from United Utilities (15th January and 23rd January) about the works along the A592. All currently appears to be going to plan and UU are in regular contact with residents affected. (emailed) The Environment Agency are holding a Flood Risk Management meeting for invited representatives only (which includes Town Council) on Tuesday 6th March, 1 to 2pm at the Marchesi Centre. The Mayor and Cllrs Stafford, Britton, Khan and Borer confirmed they will attend. The meeting will deal with flooding at Troutbeck Bridge and Windermere Town. It will be followed by a public drop in session from 2pm onwards. (emailed) St Cuthberts School parents group have contacted Town Council to let us know that the £100 grant made last year, towards the costs of the St Nicholas Event, was not, in the end, needed, as the school met the expenses. Town Council decided that, given the small amount and the wide range of activities at the school, that the funds should be retained by the school. SLDC draft Housing Strategy has been sent to Town Council for consultation and emailed to Councillors to respond individually on the priorities and proposed key actions and targets. The Clerk was asked to contact SLDC confirming Town Council's general support for the document, but asking for the detail as to how SLDC and Eden DC intend to work with the LDNPA as the planning authority for our area. SLDC: Inspection report for Langrigge Play area. All areas are low risk. Town Steward has attended a meeting with neighbours about the flooding of the footpath at the side of St Marys's Church (running to Birthwaite Road). This path is not adopted, so is not the responsibility of SLDC or CCC and the drainage has silted up badly. It is proposed that the Town Steward use half a day of his time, when the weather dries, to locate the drain and clear it. If this works to alleviate flooding, it will need doing twice a year. Town Council confirmed that they are happy for the Town Steward to do this work. Financial Issues: Quotation received for War Memorial maintenance and planting for 2018 from Berry's Garden Services: £1,633.64 (no VAT). Cost is kept same as last year. This was approved. Approval of the invoice to refund the Clerk, who had to pay iTek to re-build the lap-top, after data was wiped during a routine Windows 10 update. £180 + £36 VAT = £216.</p>

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233.	Parish Remuneration report: Councillors noted the contents of the report and decided not to adopt payment of allowances to Town Councillors (Mayor aside) but to adopt the travel allowance rates for payment to Councillors who claim them.
234.	United Utilities Extraction Licence Workshop: It was agreed that Cllr John Saunders will represent the Council at this workshop to be held in March or April 2018. The Clerk will request the dates and notify.
235.	Windermere Ferry: The Town Council discussed the report from Cumbria County Council and agreed to feed back the following: Firstly, the Town Council passed on its thanks to those Councillors at CCC and SLDC who fought hard over the past year to achieve this re-think of what were very impractical arrangements. They do, however, wish to express their concerns over the resulting cost of not getting the changes right in the first place, in additional expenditure and staff time. It is fair to say that many of the recommendations in this report are quite obvious and sensible to those who are familiar with the operation of the ferry and it is hoped that CCC will learn from this and consult at a local level in future. There is much to be gained. Answers to the specific questions asked in the consultation area as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The on-shore ticket machines should be retained, to provide that facility to foot and cycle passengers, of which there are many.• There is general support for the proposals for vehicle, cycle and foot passengers, but the Town Council underlined the need for staff training in this system, as currently there is no consistency of customer service on the Ferry and it very much depends on which member of staff is on duty.• As most pre-purchased tickets will be bought by local people, is there scope to offer a discount to locals, to ensure a higher take up of this option?• The Town Council are very supportive of the re-instatement of the Windermere Ferry Advisory Group, as a method of obtaining local input into the operation of the Ferry.
236.	Ash Street - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order: The Town Council noted the contents of the draft order and agreed to feed back the following to SLDC: Although the Town Council is generally positive about pedestrian zones, there are specific issues with Ash Street, which has substantial problems with recent increases anti-social behaviour. There have been many complaints to the Police and to SLDC as licensing and noise pollution regulator. The Town Council has concerns that increasing the outdoor seating will exacerbate the problems with anti social behaviour and further reduce the life quality of local residents. They would be interested to know what the proposals are to oversee/assess the introduction and ensure that current problems are not increased. As Ash Street is a residential area, in addition to café businesses, the Town Council would be interested in proposals to ensure that residents have vehicle access to the street, for loading or unloading shopping, for instance.

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	<p>The Royal Mail pick up on Ash Street at 4pm and this is a major pick up, with lots of bags of post. Will there be arrangements made for Royal Mail and, indeed, Bin Men to have access? Given the concerns above, the Town Council is currently in opposition to the proposed TRO, which they do not feel has been thoroughly thought through. Councillors did make the observation that a trial period with an end date may be preferable to introducing this measure outright. This would allow some time to assess the impact on anti-social behaviour.</p>
237.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <p>a)7/2017/5814: Fallbarrow Caravan Site, Bowness: Replace 3 timber jetties and mooring piles with 2 jetties re-oriented. <u>Recommend Approval. Necessary work.</u></p> <p>b)7/2017/5750: Calm Waters, Newby Bridge Rd, Windermere: Extensions & alterations to boat houses. <u>Recommend Approval. Improvement.</u></p> <p>c)7/2017/5809: 7 Birkfield Rd, Windermere: Erection of a detached garage. <u>No objections.</u></p> <p>d)7/2017/5850: Calgarth Boathouse, Old Hall Rd, Troutbeck Bridge: Demolition of existing 2 berth boathouse, jetties and 3 bed apartment. Construction of new 2 berth boathouse, jetties, slipway and 3 bed apartment and associated site works (resubmission). <u>No comment - Town Council heard various opinions on the proposed development and were unable to resolve a clear recommendation.</u></p> <p>e)7/2017/5808: Rayside, Birthwaite Rd, Windermere: New double garage with store over and glazed verandah to rear of existing house. <u>No objections.</u></p> <p>f)7/2017/5871: The Portico, Heathwaite Manor, Lickbarrow Rd, Windermere: Conversion of apartments The Portico and Deer Point into one dwelling. Removal of external staircase and addition/alteration of doors and windows. <u>Recommend approval. Better use of site and no impact on neighbours.</u></p> <p>g)7/2017/5876: Storrs Haven, Storrs Park, Bowness: Amend condition 2 on approval (7/2015/5051) to allow for design alterations. <u>No objections - minor changes.</u></p> <p>h)7/2017/5874: Linthwaite House Hotel, Crook Rd, Bowness: Alterations and extensions to hotel and associated works. This is not in accordance with condition 2 of planning approval (7/2017/5066) and is an amended design. <u>Recommend approval. Changes appear sensible and Town Council has previously supported this development.</u></p> <p>i)7/2017/5873: Beatrix Potter Nursery Shop, 1A Chestnut Tree House, Lake Rd, Bowness: Minor alterations to the SW elevation at lower ground floor level. <u>No objections.</u></p> <p>j)7/2017/5875: Brunton, Storrs Park, Bowness: 2 storey extension and alterations to dwelling. Demolition of existing garage and shed, erection of detached garage with accommodation over. <u>Recommend approval. Improvement to property.</u></p> <p>k)7/2017/5844: 3 Old Belfield, Bowness: Water and electricity supply for static caravan, septic tank, drainage field, hard standing, access track and turning T (retrospective). <u>Town Council doesn't make comment on retrospective applications and is frustrated when these are received.</u></p> <p>l)7/2017/5729: The Laurels, Beemire Lane, Birthwaite Rd, Windermere: Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of single storey extension (garage & study).</p>

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	<p>Recommend approval. Property improvement. m)7/2017/5670: Land adjacent to Treetops, Storrs Park, Bowness: Proposed Stable Block. No objections. n)7/2017/5813: Above the Bay, 5 Brackenfield, Bowness: Erection of dormer to front elevation, velux window on front elevation, partial extension of existing 1st floor balcony to the rear elevation, installation of condensers to side elevation balcony. No comment.</p>
238.	<p>Tree Applications: The following items was noted: a)T/2018/002: Lake Road, Windermere: Weeping beech - prune back branches growing towards church to give 2m clearance from building.</p>
239.	<p>Planning Decisions: The planning decisions made by the LDNPA were noted, as listed on the agenda.</p>
240.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 14th February 2018: Full Council Wednesday 28th February 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 14th March 2018: Full Council</p>
	<p>The Mayor concluded the public session of the meeting at 8.40pm</p>
241.	<p>Presentation from LDNPA (Liam McAleese, Head of Strategy & Partnerships) Town Councillors were updated on specific proposals, which are at an early stage of development and may feature in the draft Local Plan, which will go out to public consultation in May this year. The briefing included the Windermere Showcase and Windermere Railway Station. There is a lot more work to be done on both proposals and it is hoped that a further briefing will be delivered to Town Council in April this year. The Mayor thanked Mr McAleese for the informative and positive briefing and Town Council looks forward to hearing further information later this year.</p>
	<p>After a formal thank-you and presentation to outgoing Councillor Ross McMillan, the meeting closed at 9.40pm</p>

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