



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

25th April 2018 at 7pm, Langstone House, Broad Street, 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 (arrived 7.30pm), Ms Magda Khan, Ms Kathleen Atkinson, Mr Mike Stafford, Mr Adrian Legge, Ms Grania Nicholson, Ms Sandra Britton, Mr Peter Hamilton. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC Cllr David Williams (until 7.45pm) PCSO Sarah Blacow & 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
290.	<p>Apologies and absence: District/CCC Councillors Andrew Jarvis, Dyan Jones, Ben Berry.</p>
291.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th April 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record, with one minor amendment made on the face of the signed minutes.</p>
292.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
293.	<p>Requests for Dispensation: NONE</p>
294.	<p>Public Toilets Service Agreement & Longlands: Councillors approved taking these two items in private session at the end of the meeting, due to the commercial in confidence nature of the contents.</p>
295.	<p>Police Update: PCSO Sarah Blacow updated Council on the following community policing issues: Working in partnership with CCC parking enforcement team, focusing on Ellerthwaite Square taxi ranks and double yellow lines. The work has been useful and enables the teams to become more proactive. Councillors raised a number of issues, including the dangers of coach parking (especially outside Lamplighter). The work and its outcomes very much reflect the findings in the Town Council's car parking review. PCSOs have been involved in setting up a "mini-police team" in St Mary's and St Martin's School. 28 children are involved in disseminating briefings throughout the school, to raise issues early of crime and prevention. Park Life will take place on 1st June in Queens Park, between 2 & 4pm. There will be a fundraiser for the Phoenix Youth Clubs on the Glebe on 29th May.</p>
296.	<p>Public Input: Mr Kevin Raper, a local resident, addressed the Council on the issue of a forthcoming planning application for a new-build house on Rayrigg Rise, Bowness. There will be neighbourhood objections, as this site is considered locally to be over-developed and there is the danger of losing much needed amenity space in such a busy area. Also, local people are concerned about setting a precedent, which could result in further development. It is felt</p>

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	<p>that any application will result in proposals that are over-bearing, intrusive to neighbours and will contribute negatively to significant problems already experienced with drainage and parking. Councillors were urged to take a look at the site in advance of considering their recommendations on the application when it comes forward.</p>
297.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Legge</u> updated on a number of meetings, including: A joint partners meeting organized by Bowness & Windermere Forward to progress the Town Council's Car Parking report recommendations. Overall it was a positive meeting, attended by all key partners (SLDC, CCC, LDNPA, National Trust and Friends of the Lake District). It was agreed that Bowness & Windermere Forward will take the lead in organizing further actions and meetings (quarterly). Town Council will take action on signage to the under-used car parks. Meet the planners event in Keswick, also attended by Cllrs Khan, Hamilton, Greasley and Britton. It was a very useful event and well-attended and there was praise for the way in which the Town Council handles its planning application responses. There were lots of opportunities to question and speak to the planners and it was clear that the LDNPA take small councils' comments and recommendations very seriously. Given the consultation starts on 8th May on the Local Plan (until 29th June), it was agreed that it may be worthwhile for the LDNPA to come to a Town Council meeting and the Clerk agreed to request this. Meeting with the LDNPA Rangers for the area - Dave Switzer and Marion Jones on Orrest Head to discuss phase 2 plans for the Carriage Drive. There are delays with the paperwork and permissions and the Clerk has agreed to write to SLDC to try to progress. Also discussed possible future improvements to the ground on the summit - a very positive meeting. Any detailed proposals will be brought to Town Council for consultation. Orrest Head & Elleray Woods Advisory Group immediately prior to Town Council, where discussions focused on Flood Repair work, pond flooding, new Forestry Commission license, bench in walled garden, leaflets, signs and salt bins. Minutes will be presented to the next Town Council meeting. <u>Cllr Greasley</u> added some detail to the Elleray Woods meeting and the Meet the Planners event and drew attention to the Mountain Goat residents week. Attended first aid and health and safety training and the 597 bus AGM, where it was reported that there are now 100 users per week. <u>Cllrs Lilley and Atkinson</u> had also attended the 597 bus AGM and further reported on the good ideas brought forward on advertising and getting more residents and visitors involved. <u>Cllr Borer</u>: attended Lakes Admin Meeting (with Cllrs Atkinson and Hallatsch) on 13th April. It was a short and straight forward meeting. A letter has been received setting out the improvements to Windermere Ferry and was passed to the Clerk to circulate to Councillors. <u>Cllr Britton</u>: reported on Local Plan consultation and events to be held on 24th May at Low Wood and 16th May in Staveley, between 3pm and 7pm. Also briefed on the progress with reporting blocked drains via the CCC website. So far, responses have been poor, but will persevere. <u>Cllr Hamilton</u>: underlined how important it is for the Town Council to engage fully with the</p>

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	<p>Local Plan process and work together with the LDNPA. This would be helped if the LDNPA were to clarify where there are disagreements with Town Council planning recommendations and the Clerk agreed to write to the LDNPA to request this. Cllr Hamilton agreed to put together some statistics showing the percentage of planning decisions by the LDNPA which disagree with Town Council recommendations.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch</u>: reported on an excellent Lakes Administration meeting and the much improved processes put in place by SLDC. Had attended the Mayor Making event in Kendal, which was a good event and well supported locally. Will be attending the annual British Legion lunch this week.</p>
298.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports: None (Cllr Williams left prior to this item).</p>
299.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk updated Councillors verbally as follows: Response received from Cumbria County Council about the tree felling at Crag Brow and a copy of the arboricultural report is available; Arboricultural report sent by resident of Spooner Vale; Invitation to autonomous pod demonstration event at Brockhole by LDNPA on Friday 27th April at 10am. RSVPs need to be sent as soon as possible. Air Quality report for Windermere - positive. Update on LDNPA enforcement action re canopy at Fizzy Tarte/Baha. Well Being Meeting confirmed by Cllr Lilley as 10th May 6.30 to 8pm. Cyber Awareness Training (free of charge) in Windermere at Marchesi Centre on Tuesday 5th June 9.30 to 12pm at Marchesi Centre or Ambleside Library 2 - 5pm in afternoon. NB Councillors on email have already received this correspondence. Clerk has been working on closedown of accounts, allotments water supply, data protection action plan and attended the joint partners car parking meeting on Monday 23rd April. Clerk handed out the forms needed for the AGM, asking Councillors for nominations on outside bodies. Also forms for voting on the LDNPA local parish member, with 3 candidates.</p>
300.	<p>Finance: The following invoices were approved for payment: Marchesi Centre - hire of Cecil Reed room for Annual Parish Meeting + refreshments: £44.00. CALC: Annual subscription for 2018/19: £644.00. Windermere Youth Project: Grant 2018/19 (agreed at meeting on 11th April): £2,000.00 Councillors also approved the quotation for grounds maintenance at Langrigge Play area of £1,500 + £300 VAT.</p>
301.	<p>BWCCT Toilets sub-committee: The minutes of the BWCCT Toilets sub-committee held on 13th February 2018 were noted. Cllr Britton agreed to attend the meeting with Mayor Hallatsch, as Cllr Greasley had given apologies.</p>
302.	<p>Town Twinning with Diessen: 20th Anniversary: Cllr Borer updated Town Council with the plans to put in place a commemorative plaque on</p>

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	<p>the newly improved Glebe waterfront, to name the area after Diessen. The proposed wording for the plaque was read out and agreed. There will be a ceremony unveiling the plaque during the Diessen twinnig visit in May. The Burgermeister has confirmed his attendance.</p> <p>Town Council formally approved its consent to the plaque.</p>
303.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed: a)7/2018/5206: Dove Wood, Storrs Park, Bowness: Erection of a purpose built security hut and gardener's/quad bike store. <u>Recommend Approval. This is an improvement and is not seen by neighbours.</u> b)7/2018/5205: The Magic Roundabout, 8 Queen's Square, Bowness: 2 new awnings with logo. <u>No objection to the awnings, but the Town Council still has serious concerns about the roundabout sign on the gable end of the building and the potential safety issues. We have raised this with both the LDNPA and also CCC.</u> c)7/2018/5162: Mountain Goat Garage, Chestnut Road, Windermere: Demolition of the existing garage and reconstruction of new garage. <u>Recommend Approval. This is a good and significant improvement.</u> d)7/2018/5224: Oakland, Carriage Drive, Windermere: Demolition of garage & erection of 2 storey detached dwelling. Creation of 2 parking spaces for The Croft not in accordance with condition no 5 of planning permission (7/2015/5507) which required removal of hedging during construction. <u>Recommend Approval.</u> e)7/2018/5128: Alice Howe Farm, Kendal Rd, Windermere: Erection of a new barn. <u>Recommend Approval. Improvement.</u></p>
304.	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree application was noted: a)T/2018/0042: Fallbarrow Park, Windermere: Reduce maple by 1-2metres</p>
305.	<p>Planning Decisions: The planning decisions made recently by the LDNPA as listed on the agenda were noted.</p>
305.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 9th May 2018: Council Annual General Meeting Wednesday 23rd May 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 20th June 2018: Full Council Meeting</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the public section of the meeting and moved into private session for the following item.</p>
306.	<p>Toilets Service Agreement: The Clerk had circulated a set of proposed improvements and amendments to the Service Agreement between Windermere Town Council and BWCCT, agreed in 2011. The revised draft agreement had already been approved and recommended by Policy & Finance Advisory Group. The revised Service agreement was agreed, with some detailed amendments, particularly from Cllr Borer. It was agreed that the Clerk will make all necessary revisions</p>

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	and that Cllr Saunders will progress discussions with BWCCT, as Chair of Policy & Finance Advisory Group.
307.	Longlands Land: Councillors considered a report setting out the proposals that have been negotiated with SLDC and would govern the agreement of any transfer of the land to the trusteeship of the Town Council. These proposals are the result of a number of meetings held between SLDC Director and Legal Advisor and representatives from Town Council (Mayor Hallatsch, Deputy Mayor Saunders and the Town Clerk). After discussion and a number of questions and observations, Council agreed that the transfer of land should be progressed and that the contents of the proposals are acceptable. The Clerk will inform SLDC and make arrangements to appoint a solicitor to act on behalf of the Town Council.
	The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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