



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

26th October 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllr Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr J Saunders, Mr W F Smith, Ms K Atkinson, Mrs J Borer, Ms Sue Bloy, Mr Ross McMillan, Mr A Legge, Mr A Winrow, Mr I Telford, Grania Nicholson, Magda Khan. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), District Cllrs Ben Berry and Andrew Jarvis, County Cllr Jim Bland, PCSO Sarah Blacow and 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
177.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mike Stafford, C Hallatsch, S Lilley, P Jewell, District Cllr David Williams.</p>
178.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th October be signed as a true and accurate record, with one amendment to correct the title "Bowness & Windermere Forward".</p>
179.	<p>Declarations of Interest: The following declarations were made: Cllr Sue Bloy in planning item (h) - her partner is the architect. Also in item 189 (grant application from Youth Project), being a trustee of the BWCCT, who work in partnership with the Youth Project. Cllr Ian Telford in planning item (f), as they are friends. Cllr Jenny Borer in item 189 - grant payment to Town Twinning Association, due to being the Chairman of the Association. Cllr Bill Smith in item 187, being the editor of the Hub and item 189 (grant application from Youth Project), being chair of BWCCT, who work in partnership with the Youth Project. The councillors remained in the chamber during the debate and did not participate in discussion (unless asked) and did not vote on the motion.</p>
180.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
181.	<p>Police Input After giving apologies for the new Inspector Grant Kelso, who had been called away to a major incident, PCSO Sarah Blacow addressed the Council on the following issues: Preparations are being made for the Halloween weekend and increased patrols have been organised. An anti-fraud project has been launched, working with businesses, after the introduction of the new £5. Shop-lifting patrols have been increased during the busy half-term period. Councillors asked questions about the Christmas Lights/Christmas market and were assured that there will be Police cover.</p>
182.	<p>Public Input: The Clerk summarized issues raised by residents of North Terrace, in a letter to the Council, on planning application no 7/2016/5580 (The Workshop) - amended plans. The amended</p>

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	<p>plans now show the access in full and, in particular, the garages. Residents wish to highlight the difficulty and risks involved in such narrow access and the impact of the additional parking and car requirements on their area, which is already over-subscribed.</p> <p>Cllr Bloy alerted Council to the Matson Ground farm walk on Sunday 30th, 12 to 3pm. Leaflets were handed out. If people wish to go, they will need to book, as food is provided.</p>
183.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Mayor:</u> Attended the CALC Executive on Saturday 23rd October. A variety of topics were covered of interest to parishes and the minutes will be distributed in due course.</p>
184.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports: <u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u> introduced himself as the new South Lakeland District Councillor for Windermere and gave a brief resume of his life and experience to date. He is very keen to work positively for the community. Andrew was welcomed by Town Council and it is hoped he will be able to attend meetings and keep the link with the local community. <u>Cllr Jim Bland</u> reported on an accident on the A590. Also, that work on the Glebe is now under-way and the intention is to complete the improvement works before next Easter. <u>Cllr Ben Berry</u> updated on the recent elections, in which Steve Rook was also elected as County Councillor. The Clear the Drains campaign is going well in some areas, not in others, mainly due to some drain geography complexities. Christmas is going to be good in Windermere, with Lights Switch on Saturday 3rd Dec, Jingle Jog on Sunday 4th and Market on 10th/11th. Also reported on a meeting of the SLDC income generation group, where a lot of ideas focus on generating income from the Windermere area. Also took part in the Walk to Freedom in Windermere.</p>
185.	<p>Windermere Christmas Market Cllr Ben Berry updated the Council on arrangements for the market, which is being organised in partnership Mountain Goat. The following key issues were raised: There will be a road closure on Victoria St (Booths to Queens) and High St. A diversion will be in place via Grey Walls. Consultation is ongoing and it will take effect 6am to 8pm Saturday & Sunday. There has been a lot of communication with residents and businesses and leaflets have been distributed. There will be 40 stalls, covering a good mix of food, drink and crafts. There are quite a few local Windermere or Cumbrian based stalls. Could have had many more as enquiries are still coming in. Councillors asked questions about parking plans and it was confirmed that a park and bus service has been put in place from Bowness to try and manage the parking over-spill. There were also questions and concerns about traffic issues in general and it was felt that the group had done everything they could prior to the event and it will be necessary to learn afterwards. It is impossible to get something like this right first time. Councillors are very supportive and will do what they can to assist. Given that this is a German Market, there was a request from Cllr Borer to display some town twinning information and Cllr Berry agreed to follow this up.</p>

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186.	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk verbally reported the following issues:</p> <p>Launch of the Cumbria County Council budget consultation. A key headline is the proposal to increase Council Tax by 3.99%, which includes a 2% increase to assist with funding increased social care costs. The consultation is available on-line and the Clerk has put this on the agenda for the Council meeting on December, for Councillors to decide whether to respond.</p> <p>Planning - the application for change of use for Poppi Red has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Invitation to Cumbria in Bloom 31st Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Boundary Commission results for Windermere. Windermere will become a 3 councillor SLDC ward. Applethwaite remains with Windermere, to the current Troutbeck Bridge boundary, but Bowness South will form part of the new Bowness & Levens ward.</p> <p>Inspection report for Langrigge Playground. All low risks apart from the climbing frame, which will be replaced in December. The order is now placed with Playdale.</p> <p>Lakes Line User Group. Agenda for the meeting on Friday 21st October and minutes from 12 September.</p> <p>Road closure and diversion on the A592 14th November to 19th December, to enable the United Utility works to take place.</p> <p>Clerk's letter to SLDC to request key information about the proposal to transfer Longlands land to the Town Council. SLDC have committed to responding quickly to these requests. Once received, the Clerk will prepare a paper for consideration by Council, most likely the January meeting.</p> <p>LA23 meeting (organized by Windermere Rotary) on 3 November.</p> <p>Ellerthwaite Square project - problems have been encountered with the Highways authority permission and Clerk is in discussion with CCC. It is still hoped that the project can go ahead ready for Spring next year.</p> <p>Forthcoming meetings - Elleray Woods Advisory Group and Windermere in Bloom "post mortem" meeting - to be held on 9th November.</p> <p>Budget and Precept 2017/18 is in preparation for consideration at November meeting.</p> <p>Note: Clerk on leave next week, 1 November to 8 November inclusive.</p> <p>Councillors made requests for hard copy information and asked questions of clarity. The report was noted.</p>
187.	<p>The Hub:</p> <p>Councillors had received the report from Cllr Bill Smith, which, due to the challenges attracting advertising, the presence of Windermere Now and the rising costs, proposes that the Hub is not produced during 2017 and takes a break to consider the future. Cllr Smith also added that the production of the Hub takes up a large amount of his own time, which is not chargeable, and that he currently needs to free up time for other activities.</p> <p>Cllr Legge proposed that the report and its recommendation are accepted and that thanks is given to Cllr Smith for the work he has put into what has been an excellent production over the years. This was seconded by Cllr Sue Bloy and was agreed unanimously by Council.</p> <p>Cllr Smith proposed that the Clerk contact Windermere Now and establish if a Town Council full page can be guaranteed. This was agreed. The Windermere Now reporter, present at the</p>

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	meeting provided some background which will prove useful in discussions with the editor.
188.	<p>BT Telephony: Councillors noted the letter from BT, which informs that the telephone kiosk next to the Tourist Information Centre on the Glebe will be removed, due to lack of use. Town Council, although understanding the dynamics, believe there could be a missed opportunity in such a prime location and instructed the Clerk to contact BT about the possibility of utilising the cabinet for a Town WiFi hub. District Cllr Ben Berry also pointed the Clerk to recent listings produced by SLDC, which point to a larger number of kiosks being closed in Windermere than the one mentioned in the BT letter. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.</p>
189.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Cllr Greasley presented the minutes of the Advisory Group held on 20th October. Councillors noted the minutes and the following recommendations were approved: Funding of £3,000 to be made available from reserves to fund the two bus-stops at Troutbeck Bridge. Grant applications were approved as follows: Leonard Cheshire Home (artistic equipment) £600 Winter Lights: £2,000 Huddlestons Butchers: £250 (Shop Front Improvement Grant) Youth Project: £2,000 Town Twinning Association: £500</p>
190.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made: a) 7/2016/5650: Broadgate, Storrs Park, Windermere: extension and alteration to existing dwelling, including alterations to existing window openings, conversion of existing garage to provide a self-contained annexe with live-in carer's accommodation. NO OBJECTION OR COMMENT. b) 7/2016/5649: Hoo Cottage, Hoo Lane, Ambleside Road, Windermere: Single storey extension on the north elevation and extension of decking. New windows and doors on existing elevations. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL, AS BEING AN ENHANCEMENT TO THE HOUSING PROVISION ON OFFER. c) 7/2016/5660: Biskey Rise, Helm Road, Bowness: Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed extension and increase in garage roof height. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS THIS IMPROVES THE DESIGN AND APPEARANCE OF THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE. d) 7/2016/5667: High Borrans Farm, Windermere: To roof over the midden in the cow yard. RECOMMEND APPROVAL ON GROUNDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT. e) 7/2016/5669: Cragg View, Middle Entrance Drive, Bowness: Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of replacement extension. Alterations to the roof profile to create additional living accommodation at 2nd floor level. Alterations to existing windows and external doors. RECOMMEND REFUSAL. TOWN COUNCIL HAS NO ISSUES WITH THE SIZE OR LAYOUT OF THE PLANNED EXTENSION, BUT IS CONCERNED THAT THE DESIGN LEADS TO THE LOSS OF ATTRACTIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS DETAIL ON THE CURRENT BUILDING AND THE WINDOWS ARE OUT OF KEEPING WITH THIS DETAIL.</p>

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	<p>f) 7/2016/5555:39 Broad Street, Windermere: Change of use from garage/storage building to 1 bedroom flat, maintaining 2 ground floor garages. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS THIS IS A VISUAL IMPROVEMENT AND PROVIDES ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION.</p> <p>g) 7/2016/5688:Firgarth Hotel, Ambleside Road, Windermere: Change of use to House in Multiple Occupations (C4) to be occupied by staff employed at Linthwaite House Hotel. RECOMMEND APPROVAL, BUT COUNCIL DOES HAVE CONCERNS IN GENERAL ABOUT HMOs WHICH TEND TO BE LESS CARED FOR THAN PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND CAN LOOK SHABBY FROM THE EXTERIOR. IT ASKS IF THE NATIONAL PARK CAN DO ANYTHING TO ADDRESS THIS IN THE LOCAL PLAN.</p> <p>h) 7/2016/5687: 2 Spinnery Cottage, Brantfell Road, Windermere: Alteration of existing window to pair of French doors and Juliet balcony to ground floor west elevation of flat. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS THIS IMPROVES THE LOOK OF THE BUILDING AND ITS VISUAL ASPECT.</p> <p>i) 7/2016/5686:Jackson & Graham, Lake Road, Windermere: Proposed change of use from accountants office to flat at first floor. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION.</p> <p>j)7/2016/5691:Linthwaite House Hotel, Crook Road, Bowness: Alterations and extensions to hotel and associated works. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS PLANS IMPROVE THE PROPERTY AND THE QUALITY OF SERVICED ACCOMMODATION ON OFFER IN THE AREA. THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT CAN ONLY ENHANCE THE AREA.</p> <p>k)7/2016/5692: Linthwaite House Hotel, Crook Road, Bowness: Erection of spa and associated works. AS FOR J</p> <p>l) 7/2016/5693: Linthwaite House Hotel, Crook Road, Bowness: Erection of ancillary building, amendments to access and car parks and associated works. AS FOR J</p> <p>m) 7/2016/5694: Linthwaite House Hotel, Crook Road, Bowness: Revised scheme for erection of detached suites and associated works. AS FOR J</p> <p>n) 7/2016/5580: The Workshop, North Terrace, Bowness: <u>Amended plans</u> for Demolition of substandard & unsuitable workshop accommodation and erection of two 3 bedroomed local needs houses (previously recommended for approval by WTC on 28 September). TOWN COUNCIL HAD A LONG DISCUSSION BASED ON RESIDENTS' CONCERNS ABOUT ACCESS AND OVER-DEVELOPMENT. CLLRS WINROW AND TELFORD HAD BOTH VISITED THE SITE. COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL ON THIS DEVELOPMENT, AS OFFERING ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION BUT DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE TIGHT ACCESS TO THE GARAGES AND THE OVER-SUBSCRIPTION OF PARKING IN THE AREA. THEY WISH TO MAKE NO COMMENT ON THIS APPLICATION.</p>
191.	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree applications were noted:</p> <p>a)T/2016/0136: Deer Bield, Storrs Park, Bowness: work covered by a TPO: pollard 1 Ash, remove 3 limbs from Silver Birch, Fell 1 Ash and 1 Beech.</p> <p>b) T/2016/0143: Grove House, Biskey Howe Rd: work within Bowness conservation area not covered by TPO: remove 1 small willow, reduce 1 small beech and crown raise trees over drive.</p>

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	c) T/2016/0149: 10 Birch Street, Windermere: work within Windermere Conservation area, not covered by TPO: reduce 3 acers.
192.	Planning Decisions: The decisions made by the LDNPA, as set out on the agenda, were noted.
193.	Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates & times were noted. Wednesday 16 th November (NB changed from 9th November, due to Clerk's holiday) Wednesday 14 th December (Full Council) Wednesday 11 th January 2017 (Full Council) Before the meeting closed, the Mayor read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Bill Smith. After great consideration, Cllr Smith does not feel that he can do justice to this role and to his newly appointed position as Chair of Governors for Lakes School. On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor thanked Bill for his years of dedication and hard work on Windermere Town Council. Bill's individual contribution leaves the Council improved and enhanced and he will be greatly missed. Councillors all rose to give a full bodied round of applause as thanks.
	The meeting closed at 9pm

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