



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

7th November 2018 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Mrs JS Borer, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Peter Hamilton, Ms Magda Khan, Ms Grania Nicholson, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mrs Kate Tripp and Mr Alan Hands. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Helen Moriarty of the Bowness & Windermere Forward, SLDC & CCC Cllrs Ben Berry, David Williams & Jim Bland and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
123.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Ms Sandra Britton, Ms K Atkinson, Ms Sandra Lilley, Mr Mike Stafford. SLDC Cllrs Dyan Jones & Andrew Jarvis</p>
124.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th October 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
125.	<p>Planning Minutes: It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning sub-committees held on 10th & 24th October.</p>
126.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr John Saunders, as the WTC representative on Bowness & Windermere Forward.</p>
127.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
128.	<p>Town Steward Pay Review: It was agreed to take this item in private after the close of the public part of the meeting, due to the personal data contained.</p>
129.	<p>Bowness & Windermere Forward: Helen Moriarty updated Council on the work of this group and gave the background to bringing the Prom Art event to Bowness this summer, utilizing the Glebe tennis courts. The event was staged 3 times in July, August and September 2018 and it is estimated each event attracted approximately 3,000 people. There were good repeat bookings from stall-holders (at most 35 stalls were on site, which has a capacity for 40). The Town Crier and the live music provided was popular and the event organizers have learned much about layout and practicalities of the site. The group would like to expand and do more with the site, potentially looking at farmers markets as well as Prom Art. Tennis has not been forgotten and it is hoped that by advertising that this facility is available, its use can be increased from the current 5%. Councillors asked a number of questions and gave an overall positive response to expansion and further dates around May and Easter. Topics covered included expansion of sports, particularly basketball which is now being taught in junior school, floodlighting, to extend the season, promotion and use of local artists and made many suggestions for good local contacts.</p>

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	<p>The Mayor thanked Helen for coming along and keeping Council updated and re-iterated the support of the Town Council for the group.</p>
130.	<p>Public Input:</p> <p>David Brooks, a local resident addressed Council about the problems being experienced by the diversion in place from the A592 via the B5360 to enable the United Utilities works to continue through the winter months. He made the point that this road is simply too narrow for this kind of use, including coaches and heavy goods vehicles and worried that it has not been properly thought through. He also highlighted the issue of the 60MPH speed limit, which he deemed to be dangerous for such a narrow country lane. If the situation continues, there is likely to be a big accident on the road and he asked that Town Councillors support him in expressing their worries about the diversion.</p> <p>Cllr Jim Bland was able to update the Council on behalf of Cumbria County Council and he had spoken to the officers involved. He highlighted that this is only a temporary measure for 5 days and that the speed limit, at 60MPH, is the same as all other country roads in the area. Cllr Peter Hamilton had been to the site and taken a look at the road and agreed that this is a dangerous area. Cllr Bland agreed that he will do what he can to bring about a review of the speed limit by CCC, but believes that this is unlikely and re-iterated that this will not happen quickly.</p> <p>Keith Hastie then updated Council on arrangements for this year's Winter Lights. The very popular horse and cart will again be used and this year the tree in Library gardens will be lit. He explained the changes that have been made to the course of the parade which all agreed would be an improvement.</p>
131.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> updated on the Elleray Woods follow up meeting, held immediately prior to Town Council. 1,000 native daffodils have now been planted (funded by the Civic Society) and thanked those Town Councillors and Civic Society members who had turned out on a glorious day to do this. Phase 2 of the Carriage Drive project is still under discussion. She informed Councillors that the Hub is to close in Kendal and also alerted that there will be rail strikes at Christmas. Finally, she advertised the Technology drop-in sessions organized by Age Concern in the library, starting on November 9th 10 to 11 and possibly to continue on a monthly basis.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> helped with the daffodil planting, which was great fun. Very good news about Millerground, where progress is now visible on the ground, with work having started on the new paths. The play area designs have been discussed with local children, who have given their input and ideas. It is rewarding to see the plans coming together to achieve a big improvement in the area.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge</u> updated on Elleray Woods and echoed the comments of Cllr Greasley, in that, although the progress is slow on phase 2 of the Carriage Drive restoration, he remains optimistic that it will happen. He reminded Councillors about the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, including the service and parade from the War Memorial and the lighting of the beacon on Orrest Head. Cllr Christine Hallastch led a vote of thanks to Cllr Legge for his contribution to this event.</p>

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	<p><u>Cllr Hamilton</u>: informed Council about his meeting with SLDC on the subject of litter. The right officers had attended (ie those that can make a difference) and Cllr Hamilton chaired the meeting. It was a very fruitful and optimistic start and the meetings will continue on a monthly basis and be a forum to discuss and solve the problems being experienced, particularly in Bowness. Cllr Dyan Jones has taken a list of initial actions to implement improvements.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u>: advertised the Windermere & Diessen Town Twinning Advent celebration on 2nd December at the Marchesi Centre at 2pm. The Planning sub-committee have some quite complex and potentially planning applications coming up and it is highly likely that some will be referred to Town Council.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u>: updated on the closedown meeting of Windermere in Bloom 2018. There will be a January report to Council.</p> <p><u>Cllr Magda Khan</u>: attended the Chamber of Trade meeting and reported on police initiatives to improve the reporting of theft and a Lancaster University study of Lake water levels.</p>
132.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Ben Berry updated on a couple of issues concerning the Local Plan. He also informed Councillors about arrangements for the Christmas Market and warned that parking meters are again under consideration by the County Council. The Ferry is now in operation and feedback is good.</p>
133.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting and added the following items which had been received in the meantime:</p> <p>A briefing on the development of a County Council partnership which encompasses how they will work together with parish councils who wish to take on work that impacts on their land or highways. This initiative is called Working Together and is in the early stages of development but progress will be reported on the CCC website and the Clerk will keep an eye on this. There do not seem to be any arrangements in place to work together until the initiative is finalized, so any projects that are envisaged will have to wait. This is certainly the case for Bowness, where the Town Council wished to paint the railings at the bottom of Ash Street. Cllr Bland agreed to look into this.</p> <p>A report on the recent meeting of the Lake District National Park Parish Forum. This included a report from Liam McAleese on affordable housing, visitor travel, designated landscapes and geological disposal as well as an update on ceasing paper copies of planning applications. The report is well worth a read and has been emailed to Councillors.</p> <p>Town Steward report: Workload in October has included cutting back of verge overgrowth, clearing fallen leaves, blocking up water escapes in Elleray Woods. He has commenced the reinstatement of a large historic wall which has collapsed near to the first iron gate in compartment 18. Salt bins have been delivered and sited in the woodland and stocked with salt grit so that any winter problems on the access road can be dealt with quickly. He will shortly be starting the Autumn road sign cleaning exercise in the parish.</p> <p>A government announcement, as part of this year's budget, that Business Rates will no longer be charged for public toilet facilities.</p>

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	<p>Elections will be held for Windermere Town Council in May 2018 (6th) so terms of office will end on 2nd May. Cumbria County Council have responded to local feeling and plan to re-plant a tree outside Café Italia in Windermere.</p>
134.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group: The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were noted and action agreed on recommendations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The appointment of Thomas Hayton Winkley as solicitor to act on behalf of the Council re the Longlands Land transfer was approved. b) The policy on Document Retention was approved. c) The policy on Data Protection was approved. d) The grant application of £3,000 contribution to the Christmas Market was approved. e) It was agreed to pay £500 donation to the Great North Air Ambulance. f) The proposal to fund 2 signs for Old Bowness at a cost of £750 was approved. <p>It was noted that the Budget & Precept proposals for 2019/20 will be dealt with at the Council meeting on 5th December.</p>
135.	<p>Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club: The Council agreed support to the proposals to exempt the club from the Windermere Lake speed limit for 3 events in 2019 and 2020 (6 events in all). The Clerk will feed this back.</p>
136.	<p>Council Diary of Meetings 2019: The list proposed by the Clerk and circulated with the agenda was agreed.</p>
137.	<p>Finance - Invoices for Payment: a) The invoices set out on the agenda were approved for payment. The following invoices, received more recently, were also approved: Town Steward pay for work in October: £918 (no VAT) Jewsons: Rock salt for Elleray Woods: £33.36 (inc VAT)</p>
138.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: All meetings will start at 7pm at Langstone House unless otherwise stated. Notification of any agenda items/motions should be sent to the Clerk no later than 7 working days before the meeting. Wednesday 21st November 2018: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 5th December 2018: Full Council Wednesday 19th December 2018: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 9th January 2019: Full Council</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the public session of the meeting at 8.35pm</p>
139	<p>Town Steward Pay Review: The recommendations contained in the report from the Policy & Finance Advisory Group were approved and the new pay arrangements will be put in place with effect from 1st April.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>

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