



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

8th November 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor J Saunders, Cllrs Ms S Lilley, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Ross McMillan, Mrs L Greasley, Mr Mike Stafford, Ms Sue Bloy, Mrs JS Borer, Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms K Atkinson. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Gordon Watson & Meredith Greiling from Lakeland Arts and 4 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
149.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllr Ian Telford, Grania Nicholson. SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry, Dyan Jones & Andrew Jarvis. Absence - no apologies: Cllr Peter Jewell.</p>
150.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th October 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
151.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Sue Bloy in planning item (d) - partner is the architect.</p>
152.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
153.	<p>Public Input: Mr Tony Hills of Damson Design (accompanied by Dan Jackson, conservation advisor and S Lister, owner), addressed the Council about a forthcoming planning re-application for Calgarth Boathouse. The previous application had been withdrawn, as its contemporary design was not sympathetic to the surroundings. The new designs for the boathouse are more traditional and reflect the arts and craft heritage of the building, which was very badly damaged by storms. The new design will also be much more flood resilient, with a ground floor made of stone. The design has a slightly larger building footprint, to enable modern living accommodation to be incorporated, but the exterior will reflect the Arts & Craft vernacular. Councillors asked questions about the accommodation, the type of wood and roofing materials, the glazed balcony and windows. The Mayor thanked the visitors for taking time to come along and explain the new design prior to application.</p>
154.	<p>Windermere Jetty: Gordon Watson & Meredith Greiling of Lakeland Arts Trust, updated the Council on progress and timescales with this project. Gordon started by updating the Council on the work that is being done to engage the local community and provided details on the restoration of the boats, which has been ongoing whilst the building is taking place. Several important and historic boats, including the Osprey, are nearly complete. As far as the building is concerned, the contractor will hand over the site in March 2018 and, after interior fit out, the target is to open in October 2018. The new Museum will have the boats and conservation workshop, exhibition spaces, showing the link with local history and displaying parts and unrestored</p>

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	<p>boats to demonstrate the conservation challenges. There will also be an area for temporary exhibitions, a wet dock, learning centre and cafe and shop. The café will take advantage of the wonderful lake views. Lakeland Arts have had their application to extend the timescale for the project approved by the LDNPA, this will enable the landscaping to be completed. They are still raising funds to complete the project, but the promise to complete the landscaping is not an empty one.</p> <p>Councillors asked a number of questions, covering the reason for the delay (floods and construction challenges), the degree to which the hills of rubble will be lowered during landscaping, to enable views to be restored, the possibility of sharing the site with another charitable trust to share costs and parking. Councillors aired concerns of local residents who have had to live with the ugliness of the site throughout the project and are keen to see the landscaping completed. Meredith Greiling (Curator) gave reassurances that, by October 2018, the site will look much better. The temporary shed which houses the collection, will be taken down, as the building is filled with the exhibits. There were questions about the Modern Boat Club and reassurances that this will be re-provided. Also Council sought reassurance about the financial situation and asked for detail about the current level of shortfall. This is currently £1.5m. There were questions as to what will happen if the shortfall is not closed and what parts of the development will not get done. It was explained that there is confidence that the additional funds will be raised, but, if any plans were to be changed, this would be a matter for the Trust's directors and they are not at that stage. The Mayor thanked Gordon and Meredith for making time to address the Council and for answering questions of local concern.</p>
155.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> announced that the Carer's Association will be meeting at Nine Oaks 10-12 on the first Tuesday of each month. She had attended the Elleray Woods Advisory Group (which will be reported at the 22nd November meeting) and the new exhibition at Abbot Hall, which is very good. Windermere Hotel has a new manager who is keen to continue the good work with the community and will support Windermere in Bloom.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge</u> attended the recent LA23 NET meeting and recommended these meetings as an excellent way to meet local business people. The subject was Cumbria Crystal and it was a fascinating story. Cllr Legge had received complaints from locals about the untidy state of the side area of the Pig on Crescent road and the footway on Crescent Road, which is full of broken slabs and potholes. The Clerk has sent photographs of Crescent Road defects to Cumbria County Council officers and copied to the CCC Councillor (Ben Berry).</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u> attended the Lakes Line User Group AGM and the speaker from the Northern Partnership was very interesting. There is a good chance that the electrification of the Windermere line will be re-considered.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders</u> had chaired the Parking Advisory Group which is going well. The findings are very interesting and the group need to hold another meeting to go through them. It is hoped that a report to Council will be ready in the next few weeks.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch</u> attending the Toilets sub-committee of the BWCCT and raised a number of issues with them, including testing for Legionella. There are still problems with coin</p>

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	collection and there is a new system of financial accounting and the bottom line figures have changed significantly. Mayor Hallatsch will pass the paperwork to the Clerk to review.
156.	District & County Councillors' reports: NONE ATTENDED.
157.	Clerk's Report: The Clerk had circulated a written report prior to the meeting and highlighted the following: Arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday parade and service; Ladyholme noticeboard - back panel replacement; Bowness Bay toilets - new draft lease received from SLDC. She also added the following items that have been received in the last few days: Re-surfacing works A591 Elleray Road to Cooks House starting on Monday 27 th November with a full road closure 18.30 to 0.30 approx Monday to Friday for up to 3 weeks. Diversion is via Lake Road/Crag Brow and along Rayrigg Road. Diversion of traffic order for the Windermere Community Christmas celebration (Victoria St, High St & Cross St) from 4am on Saturday 9 th December to 8pm on Sunday 10 th December. Inspection report Langrigge Play area: all areas are low risk. New sign for Ellerthwaite Square to be put on the wall this week. Full permission now received from CCC for the southbound bus shelter at Troutbeck Bridge and much improved location agreed. We have permission for both shelters but will not be able to place the order until after the works are complete on walling (CCC). Clerk has signed up for two CALC training events - VAT (with NALC VAT adviser) and Data Protection (significant changes to the law in May 2018). Town Steward report - work has been focused on Elleray Woods clearance of leaves and drainage areas. Has started work on the bi-annual cleaning of signage. Phil Ruston of Connecting Cumbria has set a date for the Windermere Digital Inclusion workshop (16 th January) and will print postcards and posters. He will need help in distributing these around Windermere in early January. Cllrs Greasley and Lilley agreed to help. There have been complaints about the new sign on the Magic Wok on Crescent Road, which went up today. The Clerk will refer these to the LDNPA enforcement team. The Police & Crime Commissioner will be consulting on a Council Tax increase of 1.92% for Cumbria Police. This will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.
158.	Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th October had been circulated with the agenda and these were approved. Councillors discussed ideas for applying to SLDC for funds for Locally Important Project and decided to defer this to the next Council meeting where there will be more time to consider this issue. The following recommendations were approved: a) The Service Agreement fee paid to BWCCT for management of public toilets be continued at the current level of £25,000 pa but that Policy & Finance conduct a detailed review of all the issues associated with any changes to current arrangements (July 2018 meeting) prior to

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	<p>making recommendations for the fee level for future years.</p> <p>b) That the grant applications be approved, as set out in the report (Winter Lights £2,000, Great North Air Ambulance £500, Town Twinning Association £1,000).</p> <p>c) That the Clerk's parking permit be funded via her monthly expenses, subject to annual review.</p> <p>d) That the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral pendants be upgraded and improved and the quotation from Thomas Fattorini of £1,368.79 be approved.</p>
159.	<p>Budget & Precept 2018-19:</p> <p>Councillors had received a full budget report and proposals from Policy & Finance as part of their agenda papers and there were no questions about the information contained.</p> <p>The recommendations were approved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An expenditure budget of £125,100 and an income budget of £132,310. b) A precept of £122,200 (an increase of 2.7% to reflect the prices index in September 2017).
160.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Councillors approved the payments listed on the agenda with the following additions:</p> <p>Town Steward: £918.00.</p> <p>Treble 3 (changes to layout of Council website): £79.00 + £15.80 VAT (£94.80 in total)</p> <p>Jewson: Tarmacadam handy bags for Town Steward (in addition to invoice above): £47.28 + £9.46 (£56.74 in total)</p> <p>Will Hicks Tree Specialist: Ongoing management of trees in Elleray Woods and recent tree felling: £1,000 + £200 (£1,200 in total).</p>
161	<p>Consultation on Lake District Paradise Project:</p> <p>Many councillors had attended the recent event at Windermere Library and a briefing was delivered to Councillors by the County Council prior to the previous Town Council meeting. The Paradise Project feasibility study consultants have organized the consultation and have asked for Town Council comments at this early stage. It was agreed that the Clerk will write a draft letter to the Paradise Trust and circulate to Councillors for approval. It should address the following issues</p> <p>The Town Council are supportive of the project and in particular the opportunity to ensure the building is repaired properly and secured for future generations. It does, however, seek reassurance on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the legal ownership of the building will not, at any time, leave the public sector. This includes determination of a lease and how that will be enacted if the museum were to fail. • The legal ownership of the land will not, at any time, leave the public sector and will be maintained as an area of open access. • The intentions for the provision of a Library. The Town council would wish to see

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	<p>accessible ground floor library provision continue.</p> <p>The Town Council also has the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible, the opportunity should be taken to expand the horizons of this project, which the Council feels is very limited. This is a wonderful chance to reflect the wider history and heritage of Windermere in addition to the focus on the short period of time represented by the Windermere Boys. The Heritage Lottery fund is supportive of such civic projects and has recently provided significant funds to the Folkstone Museum, which had produced an excellent civic and public facility. • Given the development of another key historic facility at Windermere Jetty, the Town council would also wish to see the Paradise Project exploring ideas for partnership.
162	<p>Windermere in Bloom report: This update report had been circulated with the agenda and Councillors agreed to note this and approve the following recommendations:</p> <p>a) A date of Thursday 6th September is set for the 2018 Awards ceremony and the Hydro booked as the venue.</p> <p>b) Councillor Christine Hallatsch is appointed as Lead Councillor for the 2018 in Bloom event, with assistance from Cllrs Lilley, Greasley and McMillan.</p> <p>c) Windermere Town Council to re-enter Cumbria in Bloom in 2018 and to pay the entrance fee and donation of £50.</p> <p>d) The Town Council continue its arrangement with Horton Landscaping for 2018, with the proviso that the plant watering and feeding regime improves significantly.</p>
163.	<p>Dog Control Consultation: The questionnaire on the new public spaces protection order had been circulated to Councillors, who agreed that they would respond individually. The Clerk was asked to write to SLDC and confirm that the Town Council is supportive of the proposals in the PSPO.</p>
164.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <p>a) 7/2017/5673 (listed building) & 5674: Storrs Hall Hotel, Bowness: Conversion of existing boathouse into self-contained holiday accommodation (retrospective). NO COMMENT (TOWN COUNCIL DO NOT COMMENT ON RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS. CAN THE LDNPA DO MORE TO MAKE SURE THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN?)</p> <p>b) 7/2017/5712: 8 Bellmans Landing, Storrs Park, Bowness: Replace existing dilapidated jetty with a new jetty on same footprint as existing. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENT AND APPROPRIATE (SAME FOOTPRINT).</p> <p>c) 7/2017/5711: Lake Frontage at Storrs Park, Bowness: Proposed boathouse with packaged sewage treatment plant (re-submission of 7/2016/5774, for which Town Council provided no comment) to include access ramp to 1st floor. NO COMMENT AS PER EARLIER RESPONSE BY</p>

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165.	<p>Tree Applications:</p> <p>The following application was noted:</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Order:</u></p> <p>a)T/2017/0179: Fairlarch, 13, Fairfield, Bowness: Fell 1 larch.</p>
166.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd November 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p> <p>Wednesday 6th December: Full Council</p> <p>Wednesday 13th December: Urgent business only. Light agenda.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>

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