



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

9th January 2019 at 7pm, 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, , Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Kate Tripp, Ms K Atkinson, Mr Alan Hands, Mr Mike Stafford, Mr Peter Hamilton & Mrs Lisa Greasley. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis & David Williams. Adrian Faulkner & Scott Keenan (Chamber of Trade) & 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
155.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Mr Adrian Legge, Ms Sandra Lilley, Ms Grania Nicholson & SLDC Cllrs Dyan Jones & Ben Berry. It was also announced that Cllr Sandra Britton has formally resigned. The Mayor thanked Sandra for her contribution over the last year and the Council wished her well.</p>
156.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th December 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
157.	<p>Planning Minutes: It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning sub-committee held on 19th December 2018.</p>
158.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
159.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
160.	<p>Public Input: Adrian Faulkner (Secretary) & Scott Keenan (Chair) from the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade updated the Council about a project to create a trail of 16 sculptures through Windermere & Bowness, helping with connectivity between the two settlements. Each sculpture will be of an animal indigenous to the Lake District and each will have a plaque to describe it. There will be a leaflet that will guide visitors around the attraction and incentives for children to spot each sculpture and some of the sculptures will also serve an environmental purpose (recycling). There has been interest from several local sculptors, there will be work with Lakes School and the LDNPA have given early positive feedback on the idea. Several local businesses have shown interest in sponsorship of a sculpture. The Chamber will be looking to set up a separate Charity to oversee the operation of the sculpture trail when it becomes an attraction and hope that the Town Council will work with them to make it a success. Questions were asked about signage, locations, type of fixings, land ownership and funding. Councillors were very supportive of the project and will help where they can. Cllr Jarvis specifically offered assistance with communication with SLDC. The Mayor thanked Adrian and Scott for giving up their time to attend and wished them well with the project.</p>

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161.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> gave a short presentation to update Council on the progress at Millerground. He recapped that the project has been in existence for nearly 5 years and how it has grown from very small beginnings (a donation of £50 and the planting of some bluebells) to a sizeable operation that has numerous partners and has raised funding of £245k. Cllr Saunders shared details of the final design of the new network of paths and the playground. It is a very exciting period, which will see real progress on the ground in the next few months. Councillors have always been very supportive of the project and asked a number of questions, focusing on the age groups for which play equipment is being provided and the provision of toilets and impact on the Council's own facilities. Overall, there was lots of support and positive comments and a vote of thanks for Cllr Saunders, recognising all the hard work he has put in personally to bring this to fruition.</p> <p><u>Cllr Stafford:</u> Had attended the Windermere Youth Project and reported back on the finances. There are some clear challenges ahead. Good progress has been made with the "Hate" video and it is hoped that it will have some impact on changing attitudes locally. Cllr Stafford also commented favourably on the new staffing arrangements for Windermere Ferry.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> praised the organization of the Christmas Market, which had been a great success. There was a good balance this year of food and craft stalls.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u> gave thanks to the Winter Lights Committee for the really good job done this year.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch</u> reported on the events he had attended to represent the Council over the Christmas period.</p>
162.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis:</u> reported on the SLDC Community Governance review and the recommendations for reducing the number of councillors on Windermere Town Council, which will be brought to the Council for consultation. The Clerk agreed to contact the Monitoring Officer at SLDC to clarify the process and timescales. She will report back to the next Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Cllr Williams:</u> reported on the meeting he had that day with SLDC officers to agree re-planting of the bed outside the Belsfield. Cllr Williams also agreed to follow up with Cllr Jim Bland the situation regarding the consolidation and cleaning up of the signage on the site in Bowness which used to house the Horse Chestnut tree. He will report back at the next meeting.</p>
163.	<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>Inspection report from Langrigge Play are: all equipment is currently assessed as low risk.</p> <p>Allotments Annual General Meeting: Has been set for Wednesday 20th March at 6pm (Langstone House). Spare invitations were available for Cllrs to collect if they are interested in attending.</p> <p>Town Steward report for December: All road sign cleaning is now complete and bus shelters have all been cleaned. Bench badly vandalized at Langrigge has been repaired. Brash Hurdle</p>

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	<p>created and extended to protect from further footpath erosion in Elleray Woods. Lots of removal of leaf mould from paths in Elleray woods and leaf and silt build up on parish road edges.</p> <p>Councillors asked questions of clarification and the Mayor thanked the Clerk for her report.</p>
164.	<p>Finance - Invoices for Payment:</p> <p>a) The invoices set out on the agenda were approved for payment. The following invoices, received more recently, were also approved: Town Steward payment for December: £957 SLDC 2 invoices: £472.50 for new bench in conservation area and £126.40 for rent of allotments land. Viking: £121.44 and Kendal Charity Dinner (Mayor and Partner): £70.</p> <p>b) The quotation for annual gardening work at the War Memorial was also approved (£1,715.33). It was agreed that competitive quotations should be sought for this next year.</p>
165.	<p>Windermere in Bloom:</p> <p>The report was noted and the following agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Cllr Christine Hallatsch was returned as lead councilor for another year, assisted by Mayor Hallatsch, Cllrs Lisa Greasley, John Saunders & Sandra Lilley.b) Cllrs Tripp and Hamilton volunteered to assist with work listed on the report.c) Horton Landscapes were re-appointed for 2019 to provide town centre baskets and watering.d) The Hydro was agreed as the venue for 2019 (but with different tables and seating plan).e) All other arrangements as set out on the report were agreed.
166.	<p>Robinson Place:</p> <p>SLDC Cllr Williams gave an update on the actions that are being taken by SLDC with regard to their responsibilities for licencing and ensuring the area is cleaned up. It was recognized that the SLDC land is actually being well maintained and that the main problem is with debris and equipment blocking the public highways. Cllr Jim Bland is putting pressure on CCC to take action on this. The LDNPA have been asked by Cllr Williams to take action on the chairs and rubbish stacked under the archway and he will report back when there is an answer. There was a vote of thanks for the work being done by Cllr Williams to facilitate action by the various authorities.</p>
167.	<p>Local Council Award Scheme:</p> <p>The application form prepared by the Clerk was agreed and the Council resolved that it publishes all of the information listed online, as set out on the list.</p>
168.	<p>Land in Elleray Woods:</p> <p>The issue of amending the current land boundary with Elleray Bank, as recorded by the Land Registry was re-visited from the previous meeting, after allowing for Councillors to visit this area of woodland. Cllr Saunders had managed to visit the site and made the following observations:</p>

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	<p>The site is larger than envisaged (land of approx two thirds of an acre with stunning views of Windermere lake);</p> <p>The Town Council should be very careful about any proposal to lose further land and assets; There is a moral angle to this, as the land was given to the Town Council to hold it as public land.</p> <p>As such, Cllr Saunders proposed and Cllr Hamilton seconded that the land should be kept in public ownership and not gifted back. A vote was taken by show of hands and the proposal was agreed by Council. The issue of where the fence-line should sit will be decided in future.</p>
169.	<p>Parish Remuneration Report:</p> <p>A copy of the report from the SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel was circulated at the meeting. The recommendations for councillors expenses were noted.</p>
170.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Wednesday 23rd January: Planning sub-committee</p> <p>Thursday 24th January at 6.15pm: Policy & Finance Advisory Group.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th February: Full Council.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>

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