



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

25th March 2015 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mr A Winrow (Mayor), Mr L Hallatsch, Miss K Atkinson, Mrs JS Borer Mr J Saunders, Mr W F Smith, Mr A Marsh, Mr I Telford, Mr A Legge, Ms S Lilley, Ms S Wales, Dr R Judson, Miss G Nicholson. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Cllr Ben Berry (SLDC), Cllr D Williams (SLDC), 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
284.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Mrs E Greasley, Mrs J Jewell, Mr M Stafford</p>
285.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th March 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
286.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
287.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
288.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
289.	<p>Police: NONE</p>
290.	<p>The Waterbird Project: Ian Gee from the Lakes Flying Company updated the Council on the project to operate a replica of the hydro-aeroplane "Waterbird" on Windermere lake on Thursday 17th September this year. The Waterbird first flew from the lake 103 years ago. The Waterbird will be based at the YMCA Lakeside and will fly from there to land adjacent to Windermere Boat Racing Club and proceed to the jetty. It will then fly up the lake to Waterhead and back down to Lakeside. The period during which the speed limit will be exceeded will be of very short duration, but there needs to be as much flexibility as possible with the exact flying time, due to the preparation that is needed to check and re-check tension wires and to ensure the weather conditions are right. An application will shortly be submitted to the LDNPA for exemption from the speed limit and navigation byelaw and Mr Gee was seeking support from the Town Council. The Lakes User Group have been consulted and are very supportive. It is hoped that, if successful, the event can be repeated in future years. Councillors asked a number of questions about the exclusion area and made suggestions about the best ways to engage with berth holders on the lake. There was unanimous support for this project and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Gee and express this in writing.</p>
291.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Susan Wales:</u> Attended the Marchesi AGM, where a good year was reported. The Marchesi are in a reasonable financial position and the website is up and running. The usage of Meals</p>

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	<p>on Wheels and the luncheon clubs is waning and the future of these services is in doubt.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bill Smith</u>: Attended the Windermere Endowed Schools foundation, along with John Saunders. A number of financial awards were made to local schools and the meeting was very positive. Also attended a very good seminar on Almshouses, as a trustee at Goodley Dale as well as the opening of the refurbished Windermere Information Centre, which looks great.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kathleen Atkinson</u> attended the funeral of John Horne, who had served Windermere Town Council for 22 years.</p> <p><u>Cllr John Saunders</u> attended the Winter Lights AGM, at which the whole committee resigned and no new volunteers were identified. There is clearly a reducing amount of support from the community and businesses for the event. The Round Table are looking into the possibility of continuing with the event, even if much reduced, but are making no concrete promises. The funds may be put with the Town Council to “hold in trust.”</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u> Attended the Patients Committee of St Mary’s Surgery, where there was a lot of discussion about performance and how it is reported. On the whole, the surgery is well in excess of the national average in all areas of patient feedback and performance. Also attended the CALC Good Councillor training session, held in the Council Chamber on 19th March. This was excellent and well worth doing.</p>
292.	<p>District & County Councillors reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Ben Berry</u> confirmed that he will be re-standing as SLDC Councillor. He updated on projects to provide a local school with funding for repairs and re-iterated the excellent work done in refurbishing the Information Centre. There are some signs that kerbside recycling may be getting closer to Windermere, but no fixed dates as yet. He highlighted two up and coming events; the cardboard boat race, great fun on 16th May at 10am and the Dragon Bay “paddlers for life” event. The ultimate aim is to have the Dragon Boat Racing international event to be held at Low Wood in 2018 and there is a site visit in May. These events help build up experience and reputation.</p> <p><u>Cllr David Williams</u> confirmed that he will be standing again as SLDC Councillor. The term will only be for 2 years, due to a review taking place by the Boundary Commission. He noted that Langstone House has been on the cabinet agenda for discussion and asked to be kept up to date by Town Council if any assistance is needed.</p>
293.	<p>Clerk’s Report:</p> <p>The Clerk provided a verbal report of the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Town Council will be in receipt of 3 grants from the SLDC Environmental Partnership Fund; £300 for Ellerthwaite Square, £528 for Birthwaite Gardens and £1,000 for Millerground. Well done to those Councillors who came forward with ideas.• A tree adjacent to the playground in Queens Park will shortly be removed. For information.• The final bus panel report has been received for locating a bus stop on the A591 on the Eastern side, near to Orrest House. It is unlikely that this will proceed, for a number of operational reasons.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC have been notified that the Town Council will be withdrawing subsidy from the 597 bus at the end of March. It is been announced that a new funder has been identified for the bus service. Without the work of WTC and Town Councillors this probably would not have happened. An invoice has been received for subsidy for December, January and February 2015 for £1,692.84. This is well within the funding approval of £3,200 so the Clerk was instructed to make payment asap. CCC have requested that, to enable the new arrangements time to be put into place, that the Town Council continue its subsidy to the end of April 2015. Given the amount of subsidy paid so far, it is almost certain that, if this is agreed, the total subsidy paid will be well within the funding limit of £3,200. As such, Councillors agreed to continue to the end of April, but only up to the limit of £3,200. • Invites have been sent out for the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 14th April in the Marchesi Centre, starting at 6pm. The event has also been advertised in Windermere Now. The Clerk sought confirmation from various Councillors that they will update the APM on specific projects.
294.	<p>The Parish Charter: SLDC have recently produced a revised draft parish charter, based on the comments of a number of Town and Parish Councils in the area and with the aim to produce a charter that is much shorter and sharper. Feedback was requested from the Town Council. The Town Council welcomed the opportunity, but felt that the charter is too much of a “top down” document to make any feedback meaningful. Large parts of the charter are not relevant to the Town Council, as the planning authority is the LDNPA and not SLDC. Councillors asked the Clerk to respond to the consultation taking account of the points made above and offering to assist at a much earlier stage when a new charter is drawn up. The Town Council would be happy to produce its own charter.</p>
295.	<p>Café Italia: The Highways Authority wished to consult the Town Council on the proposal to increase the number of chairs and tables on the pavement outside the café from 3 tables and 6 chairs to 6 tables and 15 chairs. Councillors were unanimously opposed to this proposal. There is simply not enough room on the pavement in this already congested area and there is a much increased danger to pedestrians using the two pelican crossings which are located within feet of the chairs and tables. If this proposal were to go ahead, there would be a much increased risk of a serious or fatal accident. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council and express these views.</p>
296.	<p>Optimising Connectivity: Highways Improvements to Glebe Road, Bowness Officers from Cumbria County attended the meeting to set out the detailed proposals for this programme, which will result in £2m being spent on 3 locations in South Lakes. The Glebe Road project will also “pull in” £200k of SLDC investment into the public realm on the</p>

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	<p>foreshore. The over-riding objectives of Optimising Connectivity were explained and the plan to consult the community. A display will be in place at Brockhole Visitor Centre between 1st and 20th April and the drop-in event in Windermere will be held in the Library 3pm to 5pm on 16th April. Councillors made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The fact that there are plans to do something to improve the forshore area could only be welcomed, given the years of neglect;• There was a degree of unease about the way in which the project has been developed, as a response to the funding available at national level, rather than what is needed at the local level. It feels like money, rather than need is driving the improvement agenda.• On specifics, there was unanimous opposition to the proposal for two way traffic and a roundabout at the southern end of Glebe Road, to the raising of blocks of road for pedestrians (dropped kerbs were felt to be a better solution) and to any proposal to provide right-angled parking bays, due to the chaos and accidents this would cause.• Councillors asked that careful consideration be given to cycle flow and not to repeat previous mistakes made throughout Windermere & Bowness, where cycle lanes disappear and there is a lack of clarity as to what comes next, causing many problems for cyclists and motorists alike.• There was also a general plea that serious consideration is given to maintenance costs. There is no point in spending capital on expensive materials and installations, if they cannot be maintained properly. CCC was asked to learn the lessons from the mistakes made with the Windermere Enhancement Area, where the lack of maintenance has led to an eyesore.• The Clerk was asked to invite CCC to present the proposals to the Annual Parish Meeting, which is being held in the evening of 14th April. This will afford an opportunity for those residents who work full time to be part of the consultation, which would be difficult otherwise.
297.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>a)7/2015/5031: The Howes, Blackmoss Lane, Windermere: Alteration and extension to existing agricultural buildings. Town Council has substantial worries about this, as there are applications for this property every few months and there is clearly creeping development, when they are all put together, but, on this specific application, they can find no reason to object. So, no objections.</p> <p>b)7/2015/5103: Rosedale, Ferney Green, Bowness: Proposed new detached local occupancy dwelling. Recommend for approval.</p> <p>c)7/2015/5105: The Garden House, off Thornbarrow Rd, Windermere: New detached 3</p>

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298.	<p>The following tree works applications were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) T/2015/0025: 1 Hodge Howe Cottage, Ambleside Road, Windermere: Fell spruce treeb) T/2015/0026: 153 Craig Walk, Bowness: Fell Lawsons Cypress and replant with Mountain Ash.c) T/2015/0029: Hunters Moon, Old Hall Road, Troutbeck Bridge: Fell forked Beech tree
299.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>The dates of forthcoming meetings were noted as follows:</p> <p>Tuesday 14th April 2015: Annual Parish Meeting (Marchesi Centre)</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April 2015: Council Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 20th May 2015: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</p>

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