



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

3rd June 2015 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mr L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mr A Winrow, Mrs JS Borer, Mr W F Smith, Mr A Legge, , Miss G Nicholson, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr M Stafford, Mr P Jewell, Miss K Atkinson, Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Cllr D Williams (SLDC), 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
24.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Ms S Lilley, District Cllr Ben Berry & County Cllrs Colin Jones & Jim Bland</p>
25.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th May 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
26.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
27.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
28.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
29.	<p>Police: The following statement had been sent on behalf of the Police, by PCSO Sarah Blacow: “Very successful event on Queen’s Park on Thursday 28th May, considering the weather. Over 300 attended with lots of activities for all to enjoy. These included boxing, tennis, rounders, football, sumo suit wrestling, giant snakes and ladders, jenga and connect 4, planter making, grass heads, assault course and more. We had the wonderful local choir and drummers. The Sea scouts kept everyone fed with the very kind donations from various supermarkets and local cafes. They produced hot dogs and burgers for nearly everyone with amazing cakes from our community. Just shows what can be achieved with a very limited budget but a huge amount of goodwill. We are hoping to grow from this and put on a similar event next year. We are still carrying on with the Opp Trice (carpark patrol) and highly visible patrol around retail premises, to deter any crime. “ Town Councillors were very glad to hear about the Queen’s Park event and the Clerk was asked to write to Sarah confirming Town Council support for an event next year.</p>
30.	<p>Public Toilets sub-committee: The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2015 were duly noted</p>
31.	<p>Shop Front Improvement Scheme: The Clerk had been contacted by a local retailer asking whether Windermere had such a scheme. It was confirmed that SLDC had approached the Council a couple of years ago, but some of the details of the scheme then seemed onerous, particularly the administrative burden. Also, Councillors questioned whether the overall amount invested in the scheme is enough to make a difference. The Clerk was asked to contact SLDC, stating Town Council</p>

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	<p>support for a scheme, pending confirmation of a few details as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The total amount of funds available;• Whether the scheme will cover Windermere & Bowness;• Whether the Council will be asked to make a like for like contribution and• If the Council will be asked to monitor empty shops. <p>Once these details have been confirmed, this item will be re-considered by the Council for a decision.</p>
32	<p>Connecting Cumbria: It was explained that the problem this agenda item was due to address has since been solved by SLDC and it was agreed that the item be removed from the agenda.</p>
33	<p>Appointments to outside organisations, not made at the AGM The following decisions were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Lakes Line User Group: Given smaller than usual Council, no representation can be sent to meetings, but the Clerk will ensure that agenda, minutes and newsletters are distributed.b) South Lakes Citizen's Advice Bureau: No nominee. It was agreed to contact the SLCAB and ask if it would be possible to receive a copy of the quarterly minutes.c) Bowness & Windermere Chamber of Trade: No nominee.d) Marchesi Centre: Cllr Kathleen Atkinson's nomination was agreed.e) The Hub: It was agreed that there is no need for formal representation and that this can be discontinued.f) Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership: as for (a) above.g) BWCCT toilets sub-committee: Cllr Adrian Legge was agreed as the Town Council invited representative.
34.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Mayor:</u> Cllr Hallatsch: main event has been the visit to the Festival dei Lagi in Italy. He will present a full report to the next Council meeting on 17th June. <u>Cllr Mike Stafford:</u> Updated the Council on plans to fix the Fire Service Boundary wall, which has collapsed. He also intends to write to McClures about the problems with parking of lorries right outside the Morrisons back entrance. <u>Cllr Jenny Borer:</u> 11 members of the Town Twinning Committee plus a saxophone group had visited Diessen recently for a series of musical events. It has been confirmed that the Diessen Blassergruppe will return to Windermere next May. The continuing events and visits, coupled with the Lakes School exchange trip, make for a continuing healthy twinning relationship. <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> Had a meeting with SLDC officers and Clerk prior to the Town Council meeting, which confirmed and put minds at rest on some of the detail of the draft Cabinet report on re-instatement of the Carriage Drive through Elleray Woods. It was a positive</p>

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	<p>meeting and the project looks very likely to go forward. SLDC seem to be on top of the legal title issues and how to resolve them.</p> <p><u>Cllr A Winrow</u>: Apologised for the website not being updated last week. This was all down to personal IT problems, resulting in the loss of the web path. This has now been fixed and the website is now up to date.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bill Smith</u>: Updated Council on the recent meeting held with Lawrence Conway, Chief Executive SLDC, which the Clerk also attended. The aim of the meeting was to seek clarity on the length of lease of the Bowness Bay toilets. It is clear that, if the management of these facilities were to discontinue, the whole toilets project would be at risk and it would not be possible to continue. It was clear, from the meeting, that SLDC still believe there is the opportunity for development on that particular area of the Glebe. Mr Conway agreed to look into the issue with his officers and see what can be done to provide security of tenure to the Town Council and the BWCCT. He also agreed to look into the issues surrounding the “closed” toilets on the Glebe.</p> <p><u>Cllr J Saunders</u>: Asked if it would be possible to ascertain the ownership of the Jubilee Field. The Clerk agreed to look into it.</p>
35.	<p>District & County Councillors reports:</p> <p>Cllr Williams re-stated his support on Bowness Bay toilets (per Cllr Smith’s update above) and asked to be kept in the communication loop, so that he can assist when and if necessary.</p>
36.	<p>Clerk’s Report:</p> <p>The Clerk provided a written report of recent correspondence and meetings. This was accepted and additional items which had arrived recently were added.</p>
37.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The payments, as set out on the agenda were authorized, with the following additions: SLDC (annual playground inspections) £390.00, Viking (office chair and printer cartridges) £197.33. The amount was also inserted for the Town Steward payment of £420.00.</p>
38.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>a)7/2015/5186: Birthwaite, Phoenix Way, Windermere: Replacement of timber cladding elements, windows and door, to the extent shown on the drawings. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</p> <p>b)7/2015/5194: 4, Biskey Howe Park, Windermere: New two storey extension to form new kitchen/diner with sitting/study over. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</p> <p>c)Plot 1, South of Grey Gables, Storrs Park, Bowness: Erection of wet dock boathouse with dayroom above, dredging and package sewage treatment plant. Re-submission of 5445. SAME RECOMMENDATION AS LAST TIME (APPROVAL)</p> <p>d)7/2014/5818: Thorndale House & Thorndale Flat, 2 Queen’s Drive, Windermere: Alterations and extension. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</p> <p>e)7/2014/5833: Limefitt Caravan Park, Patterdale Road, Windermere: Change of use of redundant stone buildings to staff accommodation (2 x 1 bed flats) and two self-catering apartments, with associated minor operational development. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</p>

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39.	<p>Tree Works</p> <p>The following tree works applications were noted. Specific questions were raised about (d), Fallbarrow Park and the Clerk had taken advice from the LDNPA tree officer, to gain assurance that such a drastic felling was necessary, due to the trees posing a threat to the lodges and inhabitants.</p> <p>a)T/2015/0063: St John's Surgery, Lake Rd: Fell 1 holly & crown raise 1 fir tree.</p> <p>b)T/2015/0057: Belle Isle View, Bowness: Fell 1 Sycamore Tree.</p> <p>c)T/2015/0058: Applethwaite Green, Phoenix Way: Fell 1 silver birch & prune 1 oak.</p> <p>d)T/2015/0064: Fallbarrow Park, Rayrigg Rd: Fell a large no of trees - see application.</p> <p>e)T/2015/0065: Suncroft, Old Bellfield, Bowness: Fell cherry trees in severe decline & a dead fruit tree and conifer.</p>
40.	<p>Planning Decisions:</p> <p>The Planning decisions, as set out on the agenda, were noted.</p>
41.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 17th June 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p> <p>Wednesday 15th July 2015: Full Council</p> <p>Wednesday 29th July 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>

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