



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Mr L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mr A Winrow, Mrs JS Borer, Mr W F Smith, Mr A Legge, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr M Stafford, Mr P Jewell, Miss K Atkinson, Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Ms S Lilley. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), District Cllr Ben Berry, Claire Maclaine (CCC Highways), Caroline Leigh (SLDC) and 2 members of the Chamber of Trade (all left at 8pm). The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
42.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Miss G Nicholson, Cllr D Williams (SLDC), &amp; County Cllrs Colin Jones &amp; Jim Bland</p>
43.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015, subject to one small amendment to paragraph 34, be signed as a true and accurate record. It was also agreed to take the planning item at 16 (k) on the agenda - Optimising Connectivity (The Glebe) immediately after the public input, to enable Council officers to leave as promptly as possible.</p>
44.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr John Saunders re planning application at 16 (h) due to proximity to the Councillor's residential dwelling.</p>
45.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
46.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> Adrian Faulkner, Secretary to the Chamber of Trade addressed the Council on the planning application for Optimising Connectivity - Improvements to the Glebe. Whilst the Chamber welcomes the scheme, there is one significant issue to highlight. The direction of the chevrons in the current proposals will cause problems, with vehicles having to reverse out of parking spaces "blind" into oncoming traffic. The boots of cars will abut onto the road, which could lead to accidents when unloading (dogs etc), again into the main flow of traffic. The proposal from the Chamber is that the chevrons be turned around, so that vehicles reverse into spaces, which will reduce the potential hazards significantly. It is also more natural to turn right when leaving the parking space, which will help with the one way system. Claire Maclaine of Cumbria Highways responded. The Chamber's issue with the direction of the chevrons has been discussed in detail with the designers of the scheme, who are still adamant that the reversing option will cause more problems. The preference is still for chevron parking which can be accessed front-on. They have pointed out that they expect on-coming traffic to be very slow in this area, which provides some mitigation to the risk of the "blind" reversing. Also, in the south area, where the road is wider, the spaces will have a "buffer zone" so that car boots are not directly on the carriageway. It isn't possible to fit these into the northern section.</p>

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	The Chamber responded to urge that this issue is looked at again, for safety reasons and pointed out that reversing into parking spaces in this area is the norm.
47.	<b>Police:</b> Not present at this meeting.
48.	<b>Festival dei Lagi:</b> The Mayor gave a full report on his recent visit to the Festival dei Lagi, representing Windermere amongst other “lake” towns of Europe. As well as attending functions and liaising with other European officials, the Mayor had also obtained interesting information about EU funding. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend and to promote Windermere.
49.	<b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b> <u>Cllr Jenny Borer:</u> A representative of Windermere’s twinning group had attended the North West Twinning Federation AGM and had reported back on forthcoming changes to the way in which funding is accessed. It appears that funding requests now need to be made in the name of the local town or parish council. Information will be provided to the Clerk. <u>Cllr K Atkinson:</u> Attended Lakes Administration Group. The morning had been spent on the lake, taking a look at the impact of the new Marina and Ferry Nab applications. At the afternoon meeting, there had been discussion about setting up a sub-committee, but lots of problems had been highlighted. A task and finish group will be set up to review the collection of encroachment fines. Each Council will be represented and it was proposed and seconded that the WTC representative be Jenny Borer. This was unanimously agreed by Council. <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> Had also attended the Lakes Administration meeting and wished to add that SLDC are looking at the possibility of re-establishing a refuel location on the lake, in order to reduce the need to refuel using containers and the ensuing environmental risk. <u>Cllr S Lilley:</u> Reported back on the Ladyhome AGM, which was very positive. Bookings are plentiful and the centre is in a strong position. Also attended the “See More” meeting at Wilfs in Staveley, which was well attended by a whole variety of interests, covering public and private sectors. The aim of establishing an access corridor between Oxenholme and Grasmere was explained, making use of alternative modes of transport, including electric cars, cycling, trains and buses. Park and Ride is still a possibility. It was agreed that these are useful meetings to attend and that Cllr Lilley will be the WTC representative at future meetings. <u>Cllr Bill Smith:</u> Drew attention to the new exhibition at the Library, entitled “Fall of Calgarth/Rise of Droomer.” He had attended the Goodly Dale meeting and was pleased to report that, at the behest of Cllr Colin Jones, Cumbria Highways are re-looking at the possibility of a pelican crossing. <u>Cllr J Saunders:</u> Reported back from the CALC meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> June. There had been a presentation by Deborah Wright, SLDC, who is focusing on obtaining funds for replacing playground equipment. SLDC plan to evaluate which playgrounds are most in need of investment. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Deborah and plead the case for Langrigge, the Rugby Club and Mill Brow/Rise.

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	<p>SLDC are also planning to produce a "Swim Safe" Code and a new explore ticket is to come into force, priced at £18 for a family of 5. The Clerk agreed to get more details of this and report back to the Council.</p> <p>Nick Pearson of SLDC gave a presentation which explained the work of the Streetscene service. There are some mind boggling statistics as to how much waste the team deal with and there is additional pressure on litter with the growth in take-away outlets. If the Town Council have litter "hotspots" we should write to Nick Pearson. However, it was clear that, if the Town Council wish to see more litter clearing than SLDC carry out at present, it will need to consider organising and funding this independently. It was agreed to include this on the agenda for Policy and Finance in July.</p>
50.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors reports:</b> None present</p>
51.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> The Clerk provided the following verbal update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The WTC business case, to take over running of Langstone House, had been submitted to SLDC and a further meeting arranged with David Sykes and Cllr Jonathan Brook for 13<sup>th</sup> July. Windermere will be represented by the Clerk and Cllr Bill Smith. A report back will be made at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July.</li><li>b) The LDNPA Development Control team will be meeting to discuss the application for the DDSS club on North Terrace, Bowness (15 dwellings) on 1 July 2015. Any councillor interested may attend.</li><li>c) SLDC are to review their grounds maintenance operation and wish to consult with the Town Council over future aspirations for the service. The consultants have been invited to our meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July.</li><li>d) WTC have been asked to provide comments on the proposed street name for the three new houses off Thornbarrow Road - 1 - 3 Barden Mead. Councillors were perplexed as to the source of the proposed name and suggested that it would be more appropriate to choose something with a local connection. The Clerk will respond.</li><li>e) The LDNPA have received an appeal against their decision to reject the planning application for 8 dwellings on Birthwaite Ground Cottages (in 2013). LDNPA have the comments made at the time by the Town Council, but have asked if there are any further comments. It was agreed to stick to the comments made at the time (July 2013).</li><li>f) SLDC have asked for WTC comments on the outline proposal for a Motor event on the Glebe, to be organized by the Rotary Club of Windermere in June 2016. The Council agreed to send a message of support in principle at this stage, but that both SLDC and the Rotary Club continue to consult the Council as the details become known.</li><li>g) Cumbria Highways have asked for WTC comments on the proposal to introduce a bus-stop clearway at Goodly Dale bus stop. This means that no vehicles other than buses will be able to stop there, although there are provisions for disabled passengers. It also means that the area will no longer be available for parking. The Council agreed that this proposal should be supported and the Clerk was instructed to respond as such.</li></ul>
52.	<p><b>Finance:</b></p>

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	<p>The payments, as set out on the agenda were authorized, with the following addition: E-ON - Electricity for St Martins (£27.46).</p>
53.	<p><b>Highways Improvements:</b> The Clerk explained that County Councillors have been asked to provide a list of those stretches of road, street and drainage that should be considered for prioritisation in 2015/16 in the highways maintenance programme. Suggestions were made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Park Road/Meadow Road (surface)</li><li>• Thornbarrow Road at entrance to Lickbarrow Road (deep pothole)</li><li>• Broad Street - Manhole with a gully around it.</li><li>• Lake Road at Baddeley Clock - potholes and uneven surface.</li><li>• Rayrigg Road - on the hill - very poor surface.</li></ul> <p>Cllr Saunders provided a written list as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Road/Lake Rd: from approx. Craig Walk to Brook Rd</li><li>• Fallbarrow Rd, from Rayrigg Rd, behind Rayrigg Road car park;</li><li>• Meadow Rd/Windermere Park on steep section and Meadow Rd edges in residential area.</li><li>• A591 for 200 yds north of Cooks corner (junction with A592)</li><li>• Birthwaite Rd, drainage at lower end</li><li>• Lickbarrow Rad, from Thornbarrow End to Park Rd end.</li></ul> <p>This list will be emailed to Cllr Colin Jones and Cllr Jim Bland by the Clerk.</p>
54.	<p><b>Central Lakes Area Partnership:</b> It was agreed that Cllr A Winrow will attend the meeting of the CLLAP on 26<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk will notify SLDC.</p>
55.	<p><b>Shop Front Improvement Scheme:</b> The Clerk had received further information from SLDC about the proposed scheme: It can cover both Windermere &amp; Bowness;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An initial grant of £2,500 will be made by SLDC, but this can be increased if there is sufficient demand;</li><li>• The Town Council does not need to match fund or assess empty shops.</li><li>• The Town Council can decide the maximum grant available.</li></ul> <p>It was decided to go ahead with the scheme, offering a maximum grant of £500. This will be advertised in the early Autumn. Councillors voted 10 in favour with 2 abstentions.</p>
56.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b> The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>a) 7/2015/5282: Triarom House, Birch St, Windermere: Change of use from 1A1 shop to 3</p>

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A1 shops. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.

**b)7/2015/5305: Unit 62, Quarry Rigg Centre, Lake Rd, Windermere:** Installation of ATM within a secure bastion unit and illuminated ATM surround to existing shop front.

RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL

**c)7/2015/5306: 3 Orrest Drive, Windermere.** Proposed single storey rear extension.

RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.

**d)7/2015/5214: No 2, 32, Beechwood Close, Bowness:** Refurbish and extend to balcony.

RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.

**e)7/2015/5308: Lake District Leisure Pursuits, Fallbarrow Holiday Park, Rayrigg Rd, Bowness:** Cedar boarded pre-cast concrete retaining wall (retrospective). **NO COMMENT as THIS IS RETROSPECTIVE.**

**f)7/2015/5065: Kirkwood House, Princes Rd, Windermere:** Addition of window to basement room. Replace current windows in house with UPVC windows. **RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.**

**g)7/2015/5309: Limefitt Holiday Park, Patterdale Rd, Windermere.** Rock-filled gabion basket retaining wall (retrospective). **NO COMMENT AS THIS IS RETROSPECTIVE (AND SAME COMPANY AS AT E).**

**h)7/2015/5296: Beemire, Birthwaite Rd, Windermere:** Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 7/2013/5016 (plots 1 & 2) - amended plans. **RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.**

**i)7/2015/5064: Cafe Riva, St Martin's Square, Bowness:** Change of use of land to forecourt including new exterior boundary wall with bench seating, lighting and paving and minor alterations to windows and doors, new exterior wall lights and new air conditioning units. **RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL, BUT WITH CONDITIONS THAT THE RAILINGS ARE MATCHED TO THE ENVIRONS AND THAT THE HEIGHT OF THE WALL NEEDS TO BE IN KEEPING WITH SURROUNDING AREA TO FIT IN. ALSO THE WIDTH OF THE PAVEMENT MUST BE MAINTAINED AND EXISTING CURTLEDGE IS NOT BE EXCEEDED.**

**j)7/2015/5060: Ferry Nab, Bowness:** Amend condition no 2 on planning approval ref 7/2014/5164 to slightly amend the lay-out of the jetties. **RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.**

**7/2015/5301: Glebe Road, Bowness:** Improvements to Glebe Road and the public realm to either side of the highway, including an area adjacent to the foreshore of Lake Windermere. The proposals contain a rationalisation and slight increase of car parking spaces, a narrowing of the carriageway to reduce speed of vehicles and improvements to the hard and soft landscaping in the public realm, creating a much wider and more attractive area for non motorised users. In addition, crossing points are included at key locations to improve connectivity across Glebe Road.

Several Councillors spoke on this item and provided their views. It was agreed that it is, overall, a good scheme and should be recommended for approval subject to the issue of the chevron direction being looked at again by experts. The Town Council is in agreement with the Chamber of Trade that the reverse parking direction is best for the chevrons. The Town Council also wished it to be underlined that this scheme is an encroachment on the Green Glebe and, even though the necessity can be understood, it is not to be welcomed or to be used as a precedent to further encroach on the Glebe, which the Town Council seriously

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	<p>opposes. There was a split vote on this item, with 6 members in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions.</p> <p>There were many more detailed comments which it was agreed should be passed back to officers at CCC and SLDC to be considered when working up the detail of the scheme. They are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider a 20min parking area near to the TiC, when the TROs are worked up;</li><li>• Ensure that there are no sharp corners into any parking bays, that would lead to vehicles mounting the pavement.</li><li>• Cycleway signage needs to be very clear and well thought through.</li><li>• Future maintenance needs <b>MUST</b> form part of the final plans for this scheme. Maintenance costs should be estimated and budgeted for.</li><li>• The scheme should sort out, once and for all, the problems with directional signs for the one-way system on the Glebe.</li><li>• There needs to be serious consideration as to how to enforce the loading and unloading restrictions on the bays that are set aside.</li><li>• Unanimous opposition to the proposed pathway up the rocky outcrop in the public realm.</li></ul> <p>Town Councillors are also very keen to see the detailed plans for the public realm improvements which are being funded by SLDC and assume that there will be full consultation at a future date.</p> <p>Finally, the Mayor gave thanks to the officers from SLDC and CCC for attending in their own time and answering questions as fully as possible.</p>
57.	<b>Tree Works</b> None received.
58.	<b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015: Full Council Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)
	<b>The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</b>

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