



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

15th July 2015 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mr L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mr A Winrow, 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, Mrs G Nicholson. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Cllr D Williams (SLDC), County Cllr Jim Bland and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
59.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Mrs JS Borer, District Cllr Ben Berry.</p>
60.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th June 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
61.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr A Winrow in planning application 17 (f) as he knows the applicants. Cllr John Saunders in planning application 17 (m) due to proximity to his own home. Cllr G Nicholson in planning application 17 (e) due to being an employee. Cllr I Telford in planning application 17 (e), due to applicant being a close friend.</p>
62.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
63.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
64.	<p>Police: PCSO Sarah Blacow gave an update of recent police activity in the area and made the following points: Contrary to reports in the local press, the Windermere Police Station will remain open for the foreseeable future. There is a reorganization of responsibilities, with Windermere losing Coniston and Hawkshead, but gaining a lot of new areas. PCSO Blacow will be based at Windermere full-time, along with Sergeant Bill Nolan and a part-time officer. There has been one significant burglary in the area, which highlights the importance of keeping an eye on open windows and doors in the hot weather. The Play, part funded by the Town Council, took place at Lakes School, raising awareness amongst younger people of the issues associated with drugs and alcohol. Approx 150 young people attended and the event was a success. It is hoped to stage something similar next year. There are plans in place to focus on speed monitoring at Goodly Dale, as a deterrent. Sarah answered questions about the problems outside Tesco in Bowness, Travellers on the Glebe and the Bandstand.</p>

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65.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Halltsch:</u> Has several events to attend as Mayor in the calendar, starting with the Triathlon at Lakes School at the weekend.</p> <p><u>Cllr K Atkinson:</u> Attended Lakes Administration Group on 26th June. The main topic of discussion had been the speed limit on Windermere and the need to encourage optimal use without damaging the lake. The group are looking into how to streamline the process to obtain speed exemptions for special events.</p> <p><u>Cllr Mike Stafford:</u> Had given an interview to Border News, but this was not shown.</p> <p><u>Cllr Allan Winrow:</u> Attended the CLLAP meeting on 25th June. On behalf of Windermere Town Council, doubts were expressed about the role and effectiveness of the meetings. After much discussion, the majority opinion was that the meetings should continue, but frequency will be reduced from 4 to 3 per year. Priorities for this year will be the rural economy, parish plans and responding to consultation.</p> <p><u>Cllr S Lilley:</u> Reported that the Friends of the 597 group is working very well and a fund-raising coffee morning will be held on Friday 17th July. Cllr Lilley also announced that, due to personal reasons, she will be standing down as a trustee of Goodly Dale, leaving a Town Council vacancy. It was agreed to deal with the nomination of a new trustee at the next meeting on 29th July.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bill Smith:</u> Attended the meeting with SLDC about Langstone House (with the clerk). The meeting started quite negatively, but ended on a positive note. SLDC wish to take the WTC Business Plan to cabinet in September/October this year, but more work is needed before that on proving that there is a community need for Langstone House to remain in public ownership. The clerk will be obtaining further information and making amendments to the business plan that the Council approved earlier this year. It is hoped that there will be the opportunity to present the revised business plan to the Town Council meeting on 12th August.</p>
65.	<p>District & County Councillors reports:</p> <p>Cllr Bland reported on the £1m investment by CCC in surface dressing, which will include roads in the Windermere area. He also reminded Councillors about the speed device which is available for use in Cllr Bland's ward area.</p> <p>Cllr Williams reported on the forthcoming decisions to be made by SLDC on the composition of the Council - the number of councillors and the election cycle.</p>
66.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk's report was accepted as written. The clerk added the following information verbally:</p> <p>There will be a Ukulele band performing at the Glebe on 25th July, 2 to 4pm.</p> <p>The agenda for Lakes Parish Council contains a large planning application for an 88 bed hotel and affordable housing in the Borrans Road area.</p> <p>The RHS will shortly be judging St Martin's Churchyard, Millerground and School Knott Community Woodland, under the In Your Neighbourhood scheme.</p>
67.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The payments, as set out on the agenda were authorized, with the following addition: Lakes Line User Group subscription for 2015 (£13.00)</p>

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68.	<p>Motion from Cllr Peter Jewell: Care for the Elderly</p> <p>“Recent experience has made me concerned about the standard of care for the elderly in our local community. Further I am gravely concerned for exploitation of the elderly while private organisations like BUPA move into sacred NHS territory. I propose that the Town Council send a written request to Cumbria County Council, asking for assurance as to how standards of care are monitored, problems identified and improvements made where necessary”.</p> <p>This motion was seconded by Cllr Mike Stafford. Cllr Jewell introduced the motion and Councillors were asked for their views/questions. Overall, it was felt that the motion lacks specificity and that there is further information available which needs to be understood first. In particular, there was doubt whether this type of issue is in the scope of WTC and whether CCC are the right body to approach about private sector homes. It was also suggested that Cllr Jewell contact Healthwatch for their advice and support. Cllr Jewell thanked Councillors for their support and suggestions and, if necessary, will bring the motion back to a future meeting after the further research has been done.</p>
69.	<p>Motion from Cllr Adrian Legge: Carriage Drive to Orrest Head</p> <p>“LDNPA have now confirmed that resources and approvals are in place to complete phase 1 of the Carriage Drive to Orrest Head in the Autumn of this year. Phase 1 will go to the metal swing gate. They have indicated that it will maybe less expensive and more efficient to complete phase 2 at the same time, which will take the access for wheelchairs from the swing-gate to the summit. LDNPA have not yet identified resources to do Phase 2 and are seeking sources of funding. I propose that the Town Council consider committing £2k to £3k to the project, using the Elleray Woods annual budget.”</p> <p>The motion was introduced by Cllr Legge and seconded by Cllr Kathleen Atkinson. Overall, Councillors are very much in support of this scheme and of providing financial support if needed. However, it was felt that there are more questions still to be answered before the motion can be approved:</p> <p>The Town Council need to be certain that LDNPA can effectively bring Phase 2 forward in their plans;</p> <p>The idea of utilizing local councillors’ budgets (Ben Berry/Colin Jones) should be explored;</p> <p>The possibility of the Town Council loaning the funds should also be explored.</p> <p>Cllr Legge agreed to get further information and to report back to a future meeting.</p>
70.	<p>Draft SLDC Housing Strategy:</p> <p>Councillors discussed the content of the Housing Strategy and made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+Support for the 5 housing priorities and targets, especially on affordable housing.+Support for bringing empty homes back into use.-Some worries as to how the actions and targets link to infrastructure (schools, roads etc). Have CCC been consulted and are they on board to deliver any infrastructure improvements or new schools?-Given government policy announcement recently about Right to Buy legislation for Housing Associations, does the strategy need some reconsideration and amendment?-There needs to be a clearer and better definition of "affordable" - the current definition as 80% of market value does not make housing affordable in our specific area. The definition of a "social rent" (linked to local wages) may be a better definition. Windermere Town Council would, ideally, wish to see a specific definition of affordable for this area, which more

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	<p>realistically is associated to what local people can afford. The clerk was asked to contact SLDC with this response.</p>
71.	<p>SLDC Grounds Maintenance Review: It was agreed that Cllrs Greasley & Saunders and Clerk will represent WTC at a meeting to be arranged with SLDC (Deborah Wright).</p>
72.	<p>Grants for Bands Playing on the Glebe: Given that it is expected that more bands will play this summer and apply for Town Council grant, the Clerk sought some clarification on the grant amounts. It was agreed that, for smaller bands (up to 10), in general £50 should be payable and for larger bands £100. However, if there are reasonable and understandable expenses incurred by a smaller band, then a grant of £100 will be considered. It was agreed that the clerk will use her discretion and decide.</p>
73.	<p>Planning: The Glebe Improvement Scheme: Cllr Legge explained that he had been approached by a local resident, who had asked that the Town Council give support to his proposal to extend the length of the two way part of the road. Councillors expressed lots of concerns about the potential increase in traffic to this part of the road and road and pedestrian safety issues. There was a unanimous vote to refuse this proposal.</p>
74.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made: a)7/2015/5329: Site adjacent to Beckthwaite, Beemire Lane, Windermere: Variation to condition 2 on planning approval (7/2013/5016) to amend the internal layout and external door/window openings and materials. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. b)7/2015/5335: Meadow Close, Brow Crescent, Windermere: Proposed alterations & extensions. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. c)7/2015/5323: Units 1,2 & 3, The Old Bakery, Off North Terrace, Bowness: Variation of condition no 1 of planning approval (7/2011/5198) to allow widening of local occupancy condition. RECOMMEND REFUSAL, due to lack of information to prove that this property cannot be let or sold. It is currently occupied. d)7/2015/5343: Hesfords Carpets, 9 Church St, Windermere: Variation of conditions 2 (engineering requirements for windows) and 8 (occupancy - wish to use the accommodation as holiday lets for 8 weeks per annum when students not in residence) of planning application 7/2014/5314. NO COMMENT e)7/2015/5342: The Trappings, Off Hazel Street, Windermere: Demolition of previous extension, proposed single storey extension and change of use from storage to dwelling. RECOMMEND APPROVAL f)7/2015/5295: 36, St Mary's Park, Windermere: Proposed rear and side extensions. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. g)7/2015/5315: 13, Langrigge Howe, Bowness: Single storey rear extension with hipped roof.</p>

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	<p>RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p> <p>h)7/2015/5265: Boathouse, adjacent to 8 Bellmans Landing, Storrs Park, Bowness: Proposed replacement dry dock and dayroom. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p> <p>i)7/2015/5350: Cannon Hey, Storrs Park, Bowness: Removal of silt from around jetty area to allow 1m of water at summer level. RECOMMEND APPROVAL</p> <p>j)7/2015/5288: Christopher North Cottage, Windermere: Dismantle and re-build garden wall to make safe. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p> <p>k)7/2015/5363: Lake Frontage at Storrs Park, Windermere: Proposed boathouse with packaged sewage treatment plant, slipway extension and replacement jetty (re-submission of 7/2014/5666). NO COMMENT</p> <p>l)7/2015/5372: Marchesi Centre, Holly Road, Windermere: Proposed addition of pitched roofs over flat roof. RECOMMEND APPROVAL</p> <p>m)7/2015/5357: Matson Ground, Windermere: Proposed games room at upper ground floor level of the existing out-building. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p>
75.	<p>Tree Works</p> <p>The three tree works on the agenda were noted. Councillors expressed some concern about the lack of detail and reasoning on some of the proposals. The Clerk will seek further information in future where this is the case.</p>
76.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 29th July 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p> <p>Wednesday 12th August 2015: Full Council</p> <p>Wednesday 16th September 2015: Full Council.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</p>

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