



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

12th August 2015 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mr L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mr W F Smith, Mr A Legge (late arrival), Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr P Jewell, Miss K Atkinson, Mr J Saunders, Mrs G Nicholson, Mrs J Borer, Mr A Winrow, Mr I Telford, Mr M Stafford, Ms S Bloy Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk) and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
95.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Councillor Mrs S Lilley, District Cllrs Ben Berry, D Williams & PCSO S Blacow.</p>
96.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th July 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record, with two minor amendments made on the text.</p>
97.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr L Hallatsch in item 14, Co-option of Councillor (nominee is his wife).</p>
98.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
99.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
100.	<p>Police: PCSO Sarah Blacow had sent apologies, but asked that any issues from Councillors be raised with her via email. The Clerk was asked to send the following list of issues to the PCSO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The problem with lorries blocking the road outside Tesco at Bowness continues to be a significant problem;• Problems have been experienced at the Marchesi Centre with young people climbing onto the flat roof and doing damage, at risk to themselves;• There have been incidences of vandalism around the Broad Street recycling bins.
101.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr L Hallatsch:</u> Had attended the Boat Parade on Sat 8th August as Mayor. Again, a very good event and well-supported. <u>Cllr K Atkinson:</u> Attended Marchesi Committee meeting. The main subject of business was the planning application for the pitched roof and the need for concerted fund-raising to assist with the project. <u>Cllr J Borer:</u> Asked that CCC be reminded that, after the excellent work on re-surfacing of Rayrigg Road, there is the need to clean out the drains and gutters, otherwise loose chippings will block them. (The Clerk subsequently wrote to CCC who have confirmed that they will be carrying out this work shortly). <u>Cllr B Smith:</u> Chaired the toilets sub-committee on 10th August. The financial situation is relatively secure for now, but there are future challenges around Bowness Bay. SLDC have now confirmed that they are not prepared to offer any longer lease terms on the Bowness</p>

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	<p>Bay facilities. Similarly, there is no commitment from SLDC in connection with re-opening the Glebe Road toilets - they still feel that development on the Glebe could take place at some point in the future and do not wish to commit to any long term contractual commitments. The BWCCT have decided to proceed with the improvement of the Quarry Rigg toilets, modernizing and making them disabled friendly, utilizing a proportion of the financial reserves on the toilets project. The full minutes of the meeting will be presented at the next Town Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Cllr M Stafford</u>: Raised again the issue of the collapsed wall at the Cumbria Fire & Rescue building in Windermere. He has spoken to officers several times but the problem remains. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the HQ on the subject.</p> <p><u>Cllr P Jewell</u>: Attended the SLDC licencing committee in connection with the proposed Baa Bar. Although representations were made by residents, the application was accepted. Subsequently, this planning application has been withdrawn. Cllr Jewell also updated the meeting on his plans for a fun fund-raising event in the October half-term, to raise the profile of hedgehog preservation.</p> <p><u>Cllr L Greasley</u>: Reminded everyone about the Art Exhibition at the Ladyholme Centre. Well worth visiting. She also asked that 2 items be considered for future agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust in seeking better toilet facilities for the disabled on the Glebe;• Parking at Brockhole and Newby Bridge. <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u>: Although not in attendance, had sent a written update on Windermere in Bloom, which the Clerk read out and Members noted.</p>
102.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports: None in attendance.</p>
103.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk updated Councillors verbally re correspondence received, which has been emailed and provided copies of correspondence for those councilors who have no access to email.</p>
104.	<p>Finance: The payments, as listed on the agenda, were approved. There were two additions: WPS Insurance Brokers: £15.00 for administration of the insurance renewal; Nick Berry: £204.20 for work on the War Memorial. These additional payments were approved and the Clerk was asked to write to Nick Berry with the Council's thanks for the excellent work at the War Memorial, which looks really good.</p> <p>The latest inspection of Langrigge Playground recommended renewal of the cradle swing, which is starting to rot. The quotation received for purchase, installation and delivery is £2,500. In addition, 2 flat swing replacement seats are needed, at a cost of approx. £300. These quotations were approved and the Clerk asked to order the work.</p>

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105.	<p>Motion from Cllr Bill Smith: Extension of Right to Buy Legislation</p> <p>Cllr Smith introduced the following motion, which was seconded by Cllr Greasley: “Windermere Town Council strongly oppose the inclusion of Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in the proposed “right to buy” legislation. Windermere Town Council believes that such action is likely to be detrimental to the ability of the CLTs to acquire land by discounted purchase, donation of bequest, thereby undermining the objectives of CLTs to provide affordable rental housing in perpetuity.”</p> <p>The motion was approved with one abstention. The Clerk has since written to the Housing Minister, cc to Tim Farron, MP.</p>
106.	<p>SLDC Draft Empty Homes Strategy:</p> <p>There was a detailed discussion about this document and it was agreed that the Clerk feed back the following points to SLDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That WTC welcomes the overall aims of the strategy but improvements could be made. The strategy, in places, is very negative towards owners of empty property, rather than having a balance of encouraging home owners to let property with them. Some Councillors have had feedback from local residents who have tried to let empty housing via SLDC and have found it to be a very difficult and disjointed process. There needs to be more guidance, assistance and encouragement to property owners.• The strategy needs to include accommodation above commercial premises if possible.• The Town Council would welcome a discussion with SLDC as to how the proposals to involve parish councils in identifying empty properties will work. As a minimum, it will be useful for the Town Council to have access to the register, to avoid duplications.
107.	<p>Policy & Finance Minutes & Recommendations:</p> <p>The Mayor introduced the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July and drew attention to the one recommendation requiring council approval: To extend the service the Town Council provides in enhancing litter collection, street cleaning and planting in the area to keep Windermere & Bowness looking clean and tidy. This will be done by either extending the hours and tasks of the Town Steward or employing an additional person for one day per week. The proposal will be funded from the £5k budget currently not utilized for a Finance Officer.</p> <p>After discussion and questions, the proposal was approved by Council, with one councilor voting against.</p>
108.	<p>Co-option of Councillor:</p> <p>Cllr Hallatsch left the room, during discussion of the application from Christine Hallatsch to join the Town Council as a representative of the Bowness South ward. The co-option was</p>

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	<p>approved, with one councillor against and 2 abstentions, one of which was Cllr Greasley, who asked to be named in the minutes.</p> <p>The co-option discussion raised issues with the current application form and it was agreed that it will be re-drafted and improved, to require the signatures of the two local residents, as well as names and also that the two local residents required should reside at different addresses.</p>
109.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>7/2015/5292: Folly's End, Oldfield Rd, Windermere: Replacement for a sub-standard dwelling house and three additional dwelling houses for local needs. RECOMMEND REJECTION on the grounds that the designs are not in keeping with local vernacular architecture.</p> <p>7/2015/5408: Brantlea, Kendal Rd, Bowness: Alterations and extension to dwelling. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p> <p>7/2015/5368: Applegarth Villa, College Road, Windermere: Retrospective Planning application for replacement windows. NO COMMENT. RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.</p> <p>7/2015/5423: Tourist Information Centre, Glebe Road, Bowness: Replacement & upgrade of existing public telephone kiosk, with kiosk combining public telephone service and ATM service. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p> <p>7/2015/5429: Grey House, Ambleside Rd, Windermere: Demolition of existing dwelling and garage, erection of replacement 2 storey detached dwelling with packaged treatment plan and soakaway. RECOMMEND APPROVAL</p> <p>7/2015/5105 (Amended Plans): The Garden House, off Thornbarrow Rd, Windermere: New detached 3 bed house (WTC recommended original plans for approval). Amendments are to entrance drive location, removal of some windows and new chimney stack. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p>
110.	<p>Tree Works</p> <p>The one tree work application on the agenda was noted. This is for Fallbarrow Park and there was a discussion as to the significant amount of tree works applications from the Park recently. Cllr Greasley agreed to contact Sam Lumb, the LDNPA tree officer, to understand why there is an issue with this area and will report back to Council.</p>
111.	<p>Planning Decisions (for information only)</p> <p>The planning decisions as set out on the agenda were noted.</p>
112.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 16th September 2015: Full Council.</p> <p>Wednesday 30th September 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p> <p>Wednesday 14th October 2015: Full Council</p> <p>Wednesday 28th October 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>

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