



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

16th September 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, Mrs Lisa Greasley (late arrival), Mr P Jewell, Miss K Atkinson, Mr J Saunders, Mrs J Borer, Mr A Winrow, Mr I Telford, Mr M Stafford, Mrs C Hallatsch. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), District Cllr Ben Berry and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
113.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Councillors Mrs S Lilley, Mrs G Nicholson, Ms S Bloy, District Cllr D Williams & PCSO S Blacow.</p>
114.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th August 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
115.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr John Saunders in planning application at 17 (a), due to proximity to his own home. Cllr Bill Smith in planning applications at 17 (c) and (r), due to business links. Both councilors remained in the chamber for the debate, but took no part in the vote or decisions on these items.</p>
116.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
117.	<p>Public Input: Mr George Cocker, a local resident, registered to speak about planning application 7/2015/5481 (Oakdene, Brook Road). He set out his objections to the application, which have also been sent to the LDNPA. The development would have a very significant impact on his own home next door, Rivendell, due to much of the development being sited right on the boundary between the two houses and, in places, less than 1 meter from Rivendell. Mr Cocker explained that the sloping ground makes the 2 storey house have the impact on light of a 3 storey building and over-shadows his own home, eliminating much daylight. The proposed development is larger than any other house in the area and is out of keeping with the area, being set back from the street. Mr Cocker urged councilors to recommend refusal to the LDNPA. Councillors took the opportunity to ask a number of questions, focused on the roofline and the siting of the development within the sloping ground.</p>
118.	<p>Police: PCSO Sarah Blacow had sent apologies but provided a written report, which the Clerk read out. This confirmed that the Windermere Police Station will remain open and that it will be manned for the same hours as at present. Community staff, Sgt Bill Nolan, Becky Hunter, Sarah Blacow and Debbie Ross will continue to be based there. The police are dealing with an ongoing investigation at Booths and Troutbeck garage. The problems that were experienced at the Phoenix with a gang of local youths have now ceased. Mini "street safe"</p>

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	<p>events to be held with various organisations and a road safety campaign will start in November. Planning has started for next year's Park Life event. The Clerk was asked to send the following list of issues to the PCSO:</p> <p>Various significant parking problems being experienced on Elleray Road, opposite Grey Walls (as coaches drop off for Lakeland) and Bellsfield Terrace (on double yellow lines causing gridlock).</p> <p>Problems with a quad bike driving dangerously fast around the Limethwaite Rd area.</p> <p>Members wished to confirm that the parking close to schools campaign will be resurrected this year and to re-state their support and wish to be involved in Park Life.</p>
119.	<p>Resolution:</p> <p>Members resolved to exclude public and press during the discussion of agenda item 10 - the revised business case for Langstone House. The reason is that this document contains information which is of a commercially sensitive nature.</p>
120.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr L Hallatsch:</u> Attended a Chamber of Trade meeting to speak about the Town Council's plans for the forthcoming year. The meeting went very well and the Chamber underlined their support for various initiatives. Also attended the Kendal Torchlight carnival, which was, as usual, a great event for the area. The Mayor also welcomed the Walking with the Wounded to Windermere War Memorial on 15th September and has had a meeting with Lakes School about the forthcoming 50th Anniversary celebrations.</p> <p><u>Cllr P Jewell:</u> Updated Council on the Hedgehog conservation week. It is pleasing to note that there are lots of local businesses taking part and a website is up and running.</p> <p><u>Cllr J Borer:</u> Wished to thank the Mayor and organisers for the Walking with the Wounded event, which went very well. Cllr Borer also had an offer of support for the Hedgehog project from a very experienced naturalist.</p> <p><u>Cllr B Smith:</u> Attended the ACT meeting last week. Very informative and it was good to note how many good projects are underway.</p> <p><u>Cllr John Saunders:</u> Updated Council on the 20mph Advisory Group and asked for feedback on a draft poster and press release, which asks for local opinion. Cllr Smith asked that the wording be changed slightly, so as not to give the impression that the Town Council is responsible for highways issues that are the preserve of Cumbria County Council. Revised words were agreed. Millerground has benefited from a team of works under the aegis of the National Trust. Lots of good work was completed. Also, thanks to Gary Hancox for the installation of the cycle racks at Rayrigg Road toilets.</p> <p><u>Cllr L Greasley:</u> Reported on the very successful evening held at the library to commemorate the Windermere Boys. Also reported back on discussions with the National Park about the extensive tree felling at Fallbarrow Park, which has ignited local concern. It would appear that all is well and that the focus has been on elderly and diseased trees. There has also been a concentration to remove trees at the shore edge, to protect habitat and encourage more growth. Attended Cumbria in Bloom awards at Dalston.</p> <p><u>Cllr Winrow:</u> Provided information on recent "joy riding" at Braithwaite Fold, which now appears to be resolved. Also updated members on planning issues at Canon's Close, which he</p>

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	<p>will follow up with the LDNPA.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge:</u> Provided a full update on the cancellation of the Waterbird flight. The organisers had been very close to fulfilling all the necessary safety criteria, but had fallen short on a small number. It was felt best to postpone and to plan the flight for next year.</p>
121.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Berry reported on the results of the SLDC boundary review. There will be elections every year (by thirds) and with the County Council every 4th year. This will necessitate 3 member wards.</p>
122.	<p>BWCCT Toilets Sub-Committee:</p> <p>Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2015 and sought clarification on the Quarry Rigg improvement scheme and the Ferry Nab closing date. Cllr Bill Smith answered all questions.</p>
123.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The payments, as listed on the agenda, were approved. There were 5 additions as follows: E.ON: £25.00 - Electricity supply to St Martin's Christmas Tree Staveley Crystal: £140.00 - Engraving of Windermere in Bloom trophies. Playdale: £1,068.00 - 50% deposit on new cradle swing for Langrigge Play area. Viking: £269.78 - Stationery and Cartridges GS Milburn: £150.00: Spraying for Japanese Knotweed in Elleray Woods. The 5 additional payments were approved.</p>
124.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The written clerk's report, providing updates of correspondence received and sent, was noted. The following items were added, for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Windermere Town Council have been invited to be parish of the month on the SLDC website. The Clerk will prepare 200 words of description as to what makes Windermere & Bowness so special, as well as choose a couple of photographs. Councillors provided some ideas and input, which was welcome.b) Copy of the letter sent by CCC to residents and businesses about the forthcoming re-surfacing of Main Road.c) Minutes of the meeting held by Lakes School to organize the 50th anniversary celebrations.d) Letter from the British Legion setting out the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.
125.	<p>Joint Working with Lakes Parish Council:</p> <p>With the demise of the CLLAP meetings, it was agreed that there is a need to work more closely with Lakes Parish Council on issues that impact on both parish areas. Members were asked to nominate three councilors to attend an initial meeting with Lakes Parish councilors. The following councilors were nominated: Bill Smith, Lisa Greasley, Jenny Borer.</p>
126.	<p>Windermere Town Centre WiFi Project:</p> <p>The Chamber of Trade has consulted its members as to their views on these proposals. The written report was presented to the Town Council and, of the members who have responded,</p>

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	most have been in favour. Members noted the report and thanked the Chamber of Trade.
127.	<p>Parish Remuneration Panel: The SLDC panel will be meeting shortly and have asked all parishes in the region if there are any issues they wish to put forward. Councillors resolved that there are no issues they wish to raise with the panel about local remuneration issues.</p>
128.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) 7/2015/5401: Beemire, Birthwaite Rd, Windermere: 1x 3 bedroom house and 1x 2 bedroom house with attached garage, ecological and local occupancy dwellings. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.b) 7/2015/5419 (Listed Building), High Lindeth, Lindeth, Windermere: Proposed works to form a ground floor bedroom within the existing structure of the dwelling. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.c) 7/2015/5395: Postilion Restaurant, Ash Street, Bowness: Three storey extension to provide additional restaurant/kitchen space at lower/upper ground floor levels together with a new first floor for staff accommodation. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.d) 7/2015/5391: High Stile, Lickbarrow Close, Windermere: Extension and alterations. RECOMMEND REJECTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS OUT OF SCALE WITH SURROUNDING BUILDINGS.e) 7/2015/5348: Boathouse between Storrs Holme and Brunton, Storrs Park, Bowness: Proposed re-build and extension of the existing timber jetty. NO COMMENT. PASS TO LAKES ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.f) 7/2015/5464: Site Adjacent to Beckthwaite, Beemire Lane, Windermere: Detached two storey dwelling with carport. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. 1 councillor against (Cllr Greaseley)g) 7/2015/5380: Yonderlea, 12, Langrigge Park, Bowness: Demolish existing adjoined one single storey flat roof garage and add new two storey extension to form new first floor lounge to extend NW elevation by 1m. RECOMMEND REJECTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS OUT OF SCALE AND OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA.h) 7/2015/5462: Sarnico, Ferry Nab, Windermere: Erection of new boathouse. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.i) 7/2015/5461: Sarnico, Ferry Nab, Windermere: Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.j) 7/2015/5471: Oakthorpe Hotel, High Street, Windermere: Internal & External alterations. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.k) 7/2015/5493: 62 Quarry Rigg, Bowness: Change of use to tattoo studio. NO COMMENT.l) 7/2015/5491: Talisker House, Brantfell Rd, Bowness: Construction of a detached 3 bedroomed, two storey, local needs dwelling in the grounds of Talisker House. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.m) 7/2015/5481: Oakdene, Brook Road, Windermere: Erection of a new dwelling and associated landscaping works. RECOMMEND REJECTION ON THE GROUNDS OF THE DEVELOPMENT BEING OUT OF SCALE AND CHARACTER WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA.

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129.	<p>Tree Works The three tree works applications from the agenda (113,115 and 116) were noted.</p>
130.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 30th September 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 14th October 2015: Full Council Wednesday 28th October 2015: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
131.	<p>The Mayor closed the public meeting and there followed a discussion about the Langstone House revised business case and the feedback from SLDC. Councillors expressed a variety of opinions. It was agreed to move the project to its next phase, of discussions with potential tenants. No formal decisions were made at this stage.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</p>

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