



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

28th October 2015 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

| Minute No | |
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| | <p>Present: Cllrs Mr L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mrs J Borer, Mr M Stafford, Mrs S Lilley, Ms S Bloy, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms G Nicholson, Mr P Jewell. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk) and 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p> |
| 165. | <p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Miss K Atkinson, Mr A Legge, Mr W F Smith, Mr Allan Winrow, District Councillors David Williams & Ben Berry, PCSO Sarah Blacow.</p> |
| 166. | <p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th October 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record with one small amendment.</p> |
| 167. | <p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Borer, re Town Twinning Grant at item 10 and 13g planning application (daughter has prepared plans). It was agreed that Cllr Borer would not partake in voting on these items.</p> |
| 168. | <p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE RECEIVED</p> |
| 169. | <p>Public Input: NONE</p> |
| 170. | <p>Police Update: None provided for this meeting.</p> |
| 171. | <p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr John Saunders:</u> Millerground committee meeting last week. Significant progress is being made with trying to obtain funds for the adventure playground. Also, there are plans to hold next year's Swimsafe at Millerground, which is very welcome. <u>Cllr Lisa Greasley:</u> Updated on dog fouling prevention measures in Queen's Park. Meetings have been held with SLDC's environmental officer, but there is no resolution to the problem as yet. Also, Cllr Greasley reported that the County Councillor has had a meeting with regular users of the crossing at Goodly Dale and it is hoped that the need for safety improvements can be progressed, with the County Councillor's support.</p> |
| 172. | <p>District & County Councillors' reports: NONE ATTENDED</p> |
| 173. | <p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk's written report was noted. The following items were added, Confirmation that <u>Windermere Fire Station</u> is not to be closed, despite accounts in the press. The new swing is now in place at <u>Langrigge Playground</u> and the new swing seats will be installed this week. Tendering has started for <u>Windermere in Bloom 2016</u> and specifications for planting and watering have been sent out to 5 local companies. Quotations will be received back on 30</p> |

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| | <p>November and will be considered by the Council meeting in December.</p> <p>The South Lakes CAB have confirmed that they will not be able to take up the offer of office accommodation in <u>Langstone House</u>. This creates a significant problem for the business case for the Town Council taking on the building and the Advisory Group will be meeting shortly to consider options and report back to Town Council in due course.</p> <p><u>Health & Well Being Strategy</u> consultation from the Cumbria NHS commissioning group.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that the current statistics are shocking and they could wholeheartedly support the outcomes that are set out in the strategy. However, the fact that the document is written in jargon and the lack of any detailed actions mean that it is impossible to evaluate what any changes will be and how they will affect local communities. The Council is of the opinion that, although well meaning, the consultation is actually meaningless. The clerk was asked to write to the Commissioning Group in these terms.</p> <p><u>LDNPA Partnership Forum</u> minutes of their last meeting, held at Gosforth.</p> <p>Proposal from Cumbria Police that the bench outside the mission on the corner of Limethwaite Rd is removed. Cllr Greasley agreed to follow this up.</p> |
| 174. | <p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group 22nd October 2015:</p> <p>The minutes were noted.</p> <p>The following recommendations were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6 Shop Front Improvement Grants of between £275 and £500, for which SLDC have provided funding.A grant to the Friends of the 597 Bus of £500, to assist with keeping the bus running. Approved.A grant of £500 to the Windermere/Diessen Twinning Association.The extension of the Town Steward's duties to 2 days per week and the associated remuneration, job description, services contract and budget uplift.The quotation from Treble 3 to upgrade the Council's website. <p>The potential donation to Walking with the Wounded will be considered at a future meeting, once the Clerk has had the opportunity to speak to the British Legion.</p> <p>The fence between the War Memorial and Ye Olde Bath House will be proposed at the Council's December meeting, after Policy & Finance have discussed the issue at their November meeting.</p> <p>The budget and precept will be presented for approval at the Council's November meeting.</p> |
| 175. | <p>Highways Issues in Windermere & Bowness:</p> <p>The Town Council discussed a draft list of highways improvement schemes to be proposed to Cumbria County Council for 2016/17, via the local County Councillor. It was agreed that the following improvements should be made:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The dangerous pedestrian crossing at Goodly Dale, which should be top priority. b) Crossing of the A591 at the bus stop near the Kirkstone Roundabout (small traffic island); c) New Road - parking in the cycle lane, on the pavement and across driveway entrances, which blocks vision and the entrance to drives; d) Dangerous parking outside the Co-op in Windermere (remove double yellow lines and replace with parking bays). e) Newby Bridge Road, from Beech Hill onwards, is in desperate need of re-surfacing. <p>It was also agreed to support 6 of the 7 suggested improvements from the Cumbria Societies for the Blind for the A5074 in Bowness, from the cinema to the promenade. The Council would prefer to reserve judgement on the proposal for a 20MPH speed limit on this road until after it has formulated its own findings from the wide-ranging local consultation on 20MPH limits.</p> <p>It is hoped that the County Councillor will attend the Town Council meeting in November to discuss the proposals.</p> |
| 176. | <p>Queens Park Water Margin Project: Cllr Greasley explained that the area is in real need of erosion control and that no local group appears to have any plans for further work. She asked for Council support to speak to the South Cumbria Rivers Trust about resourcing. This was agreed. Cllr Greasley will report back on progress.</p> |
| 177. | <p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a)7/2015/5593: Postilion Restaurant, Ash St, Bowness: Variation of condition 2 of planning application 7/2015/5152 to add a balcony. Recommend for approval. b)7/2015/5583: Beech Manor, Storrs Park, Bowness: New garage and car port with gym over. Recommend for approval. c)7/2015/5547: The Coach House, Blackwell, Bowness: Alterations, minor extensions and change of use of a holiday let and garage to a local needs dwelling house with associated new improved site access. Recommend for approval. d)7/2015/5609: Borranfoot, Old Mill Crescent, Storrs Park, Bowness: Erection of domestic garage/boat store/workshop. Recommend for approval. NB: Further new information has come to light about this application and it is to be re-considered at the Town Council meeting on 11th November 2015. e)7/2015/5604: Lakeland Ltd, Alexandra Buildings, Windermere. 1 internally illuminated fascia sign. Recommend for approval. (Cllr Greasley abstained) f)7/2015/5611: Choices Health Club, Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool. 4 road signs. No comment (these are already in place). g)7/2015/5608: Sutherland Restaurant (rebranded to The Flying Pig) Rayrigg Rd, Windermere. Remove existing bin store area and create new panelled bin store in new location near access steps to kitchens. Remove existing landscaping to outside seating areas |

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| | and re-landscape with new slate paving. Remove existing metal fencing to patio area, alter and create new boundary wall/timber fence layout. Recommend for approval. |
| 178. | <p>Tree Works The following tree works were noted.</p> <p>a)T2015/0134: 57 Broad Street, Windermere: Fell 1 conifer. Planted close to house and now too big for the situation. Could do damage to house if left.</p> <p>b)T/2015/0137: St Annes Elleray School: An over-crowded border of fir trees around one end of the school fields. Intention is to thin out the trees, removing 3 larger ones of approx 5m in height and 4 smaller ones of approx 2.5m in height.</p> <p>c)T/2015/0138: 14, Old College Park, Phoenix Way, Windermere: Yew tree - remove four lower branches and prune lower branches that overhang neighbouring properties to 5m. Wych Elm - fell (has a limited life expectancy, as it will become infected with Dutch Elm disease. It is currently casting shade onto other trees, which will benefit from more light. Norway Maple - fell. This tree casts shade onto 2 gardens and has the capacity to grow very large and very quick.</p> <p>d)T/2015/0140: Carver Memorial United Church, Lake Rd, Windermere: Remove dead wood from 1 oak in churchyard and remove dead wood and crown raise trees in the car park.</p> <p>e)T/2015/0141: 1 Greenbank Chase, Helm Road, Bowness: Fell 1 small conifer.</p> <p>Cllr Greasley agreed to speak to LDNPA further about no (c) and the issues involved.</p> |
| 179. | <p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 11th November 2015: Full Council Wednesday 16th December 2015: Full Council (with buffet prior to the meeting starting at 6pm). CHANGE OF DATE.</p> |
| | The meeting closed at 8.25pm. |

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