



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

9th March 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllr Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Cllrs Mrs Lisa Greasley Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Mr W F Smith, Mr P Jewell, Mrs S Lilley, Ms K Atkinson. Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms G Nicholson, Mr A Legge, Mrs J Borer, Mr Allan Winrow. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), PCSO Sarah Blacow and 3 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
282.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mr Mike Stafford, Ms S Bloy.</p>
283.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th February be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
284.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
285.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
286.	<p>Public Input: <u>Mr V Greg</u> wished to address the Council about his plans for the Crafty Baa business at 21 Victoria Street, for which there are change of use and advertising planning applications on the agenda tonight. The Crafty Baa will be a local family run business and will operate as a good café, also selling fine wines and craft beer. It will not operate as a public house. The opening hours are expected to be 12 - 9/10pm, as per the licence granted by SLDC. There will be no external seating and all interior walls will be sound-proofed. The objective is to ensure that there will be as little impact on the neighbourhood as possible, which is mixed residential and retail. Councillors thanked Mr Greg and asked a number of questions, regarding merchandise, deliveries and rubbish disposal. <u>Mrs Yvonne Stewart-Taylor</u> wished to raise awareness amongst Councillors of potential issues with the way in which complaints are laid before Magistrates' Courts for the non-payment of Council tax. Mrs Stewart-Taylor believes that the current system may not be operating within the requirements of the law. The Clerk explained that Mrs Stewart-Taylor's issue has been passed to the Recovery Officer at SLDC, who is the correct person to deal with the query and that SLDC manage council tax billing, collection and recovery on behalf of the County Council, Police and Parish Councils. Councillors did not feel this was a matter for discussion, given that the responsibility is with SLDC.</p>
287.	<p>Local Police Issues: PCSO Blacow gave a summary of recent policing issues within the community, drawing attention to a recent burglary at the "Casino" in Bowness and the continued priority to tackle problems with a group of youths at the Mission. The Booths police surgery is to be expanded to Hayes and Grasmere garden centres each month and there are new PCSO faces in the community, due to the expansion of the area to include Grange and Staveley.</p>

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	Councillors took the opportunity to ask a number of questions and raise issues and thanked Sarah for making time to attend the meeting.
288.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u> - reminded Councillors about the Charity & local volunteers fund-raising day taking place at the Ladyholme Centre on 19 March 10 - 3pm.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge</u> - updated members about the Beacon Lighting for the Queen's Birthday on 21 April. The lighting time has now been announced as 7.30pm and the Air Cadets have committed to assisting with the event.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders</u>: Along with a number of councilors, attended the consultation event held on the 1 March to seek views on the 3 scheme options which have been drawn up for Bowness Bay. Councillors have real concerns that this project feels rushed and that consultation so far has not been effective. There is a real risk that the project could make some matters worse, especially the management of coach and taxi drop off and parking. Cllr Smith echoed these views with a further worry about the way in which the 3 options are configured, especially the inclusion of project boundary extension with the expensive option of re-aligning the main road. Councillors genuinely feel that they could form a small group to put together an option that will work and achieve the improvements and outcomes that are being sought, but need to know more about the timescales. Finally, there are concerns about using the statistic of 50m as the distance that coach passengers are prepared to walk. This is felt to be derisory and could result in a scheme that is skewed and inappropriate. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the project leader at CCC and the CAPITA project officers to voice these concerns and to establish the timescale. In addition, the clerk will write to Cllr Keith Little (Portfolio Holder at CCC for Highways), to voice the Council's concerns about the consultation process.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> - informed Councillors that the Staveley Carnival has been cancelled this year. Had also attended the Cumbria in Bloom management meeting. Took the bus route created for the A591 north of Grasmere and can recommend. It is very clear that the re-instatement is a huge project and why cars are not allowed to use the route at this stage.</p> <p><u>Cllr Smith</u> - chaired the Toilets sub-committee, at which it was decided that, despite the lack of clarity with future prospects for Bowness Bay, the Quarry Rigg improvement project will still go ahead. Ferry Nab toilets had been handed back to SLDC, who have re-opened them for the time being, due to delays with the Ferry Nab development project, due to flooding. Had also held a meeting with BWCCT about resurrecting the Winderclean initiative and Simone Backhouse, administrator at BWCCT, will take on the task of liaising with community groups and organizing activities.</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch</u> - has been very busy as Mayor, attending a number of official events. Will be planting the Council's apple tree, donated to Lakes School on Thursday afternoon (10 March) at 3.30pm.</p>
289.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>NONE ATTENDED</p>
290.	<p>Lake District National Park Community Involvement:</p> <p>The National park have issued a consultation paper (copies previously circulated) setting out</p>

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	<p>their intent for consulting the general public and partners on all their various activities. The Town Council discussed the paper and asked the Clerk to reflect the following issues in response to the consultation.</p> <p>This item was postponed until the next meeting, as timescales allow. This was due to the lack of heating in the Council chamber and the need to complete business as quickly as possible.</p>
291.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report, as written was noted. Several items were added - Mayor to plant the tree donated by WTC at Lakes School on Thursday 10 March at 3.30pm. Latest Langrigge inspection report shows that the climbing frame will need replacement by the end of the year. The issue has been referred to Policy & Finance and will be reported back to Full Council in due course. Update on delays to the Glebe Road project due to problems with drains, CALC March circular, SLDC flood information sheet, question about Council Tax and summons from Magistrates Courts, already answered by Clerk and copy of response received to the enquiry from Claife PC re new ticketing system for Windermere Ferry, which is still planned to go ahead.</p>
292.	<p>Finance: The invoices as listed in the agenda were approved for payment, with two additions - the amount for the Town Steward (£952) and the printing of the Spring Hub from Badger Press (£1,086). The Mayor cannot now attend the CCC Charity Dinner, so this invoice was deleted from the payment list.</p>
293.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made: a)7/2016/5069: Ferry Nab Boathouse, Ferry Nab, Bowness: Amend condition no 2 on planning approval to alter first floor access stair and window locations. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> b)7/2016/5092: 2 Annisgarth House, Annisgarth, Windermere: Demolition of existing conservatory and the erection of a replacement extension. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> c)7/2016/5075: 7 Biskey Howe Park, Windermere: Demolition of existing house. New 5 bedroom dwelling. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> d)7/2016/5076: Land off Nelson Road, Windermere: New 3 bed dwelling with integral garage. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> e)7/2016/5113: 21 Victoria Street, Windermere: Change of use from retail to cafe updating renovation of property. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> f)7/2016/5122: 21 Victoria Street, Windermere: One illuminated sign. <u>Recommend Rejection</u> on the basis that the "rustic" nature of the sign is out of keeping with the local area. g)7/2016/5117: The Laundrama: Old Laundry Studio, Rayrigg Rd, Bowness: Proposed retractable awning. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> h)7/2016/5099: Part ground floor and basement - Stonecliffe, Lake Rd, Bowness. Notification for Prior Approval for proposed change of use of part of building from office to dwelling houses. <u>Recommend for Approval.</u> i)7/2016/5014: Grassings, Middle Entrance Drive, Bowness: Conversion of existing storeroom above garage into Studio (amended plans) <u>Recommend Rejection,</u> for same reasons as original plans - ie</p>

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	<p>over-intensive and un-neighbourly, depriving neighbours of privacy and enjoyment.</p> <p>The following notice of intent was noted: 7/2016/5116: Wold of Beatrix Potter, The Old Laundry, Bowness: Proposed retractable awning</p>
294.	<p>New Street Signage for Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool: Members discussed the proposed signage and made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choices health club is a private business with a small swimming pool attached. It is not a public facility. Although there are reduced prices for local residents, at £9 for a swim, these are not commensurate with public swimming pool provision.• Allowing the advertising of a private commercial enterprise on the public highway would set a dangerous precedent. <p>As such, Councillors recommend that these proposed signs are rejected and that the precedent is not set.</p>
295.	<p>Tree Works: The following applications were noted:</p> <p>a)T/2016/0014: 8 Old College Park, Phoenix Way, Windermere: Fell 1 willow and 1 birch. b)T2016/0018: Windermere Fire Station, Ellerthwaite Rd, Windermere: Ash Coppice (remove and treat stumps), Sycamore, Oak, Horse Chestnut (remove and treat stumps. Oak & Holly - sever the ivy. Ash crown raise. Ash - sever ivy. c)Tree Preservation Order granted for Louper Wier, Newby Bridge Road, Bowness.</p>
296.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 23rd March 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda) TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 6PM MARCHESI CENTRE Wednesday 27th April 2016: Full Council</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>

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