



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

25th May 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mr L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mrs JS Borer, Ms K Atkinson, Ms S Bloy, Mr W F Smith, Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Ms G Nicholson, Mr P Jewell, Mrs C Hallatsch, Mr A Winrow. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Cllr David Williams (SLDC) 3 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
1.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Mr A Legge, Ms S Lilley, Mr M Stafford, Cllr Ben Berry (SLDC).</p>
2.	<p>Election of Town Mayor: Cllr Leith Hallatsch expressed his desire to continue in office and was proposed as Mayor by Cllr John Saunders and seconded by Cllr Lisa Greasley. He was duly elected by a unanimous vote and signed the Acceptance of Office. Cllr Hallatsch then chaired the remainder of the meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Election of Deputy Mayor: Cllr Lisa Greasley was proposed as Deputy Mayor, by Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded by Cllr Christine Hallatsch. She was duly elected by a unanimous vote.</p>
4.	<p>Representatives on other organisations and Council committees and groups: The following appointments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SLDC, Lake Admin Committee, Cllrs Kathleen Atkinson, Jenny Borer, Adrian Legge, John Saunders & Peter Jewell. b) Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Mayor (Cllr Hallatsch), Deputy Mayor (Cllr Greasley), Cllrs John Saunders, Sue Bloy, Allan Winrow, Jenny Borer & Ian Telford. c) Orrest Head & Elleray Wood Advisory Group: Cllrs Adrian Legge, Mike Stafford, Lisa Greasley, Ian Telford, Peter Jewell, Sue Bloy. d) Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) - South Lakeland Committee: Cllrs Leith Hallatsch & John Saunders. e) Goodly Dale Cottage Homes: Cllrs Bill Smith & Grania Nicholson. f) Lakes Line User Group: No representatives were appointed. g) Windermere Youth Project: Cllrs Mike Stafford & Peter Jewell. h) Ladyholme Community Centre: Cllr Sandra Lilley. i) South Lakes Citizen's Advice Bureau: No representatives were proposed. j) Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust: Cllr Grania Nicholson. k) Bowness & Windermere Chamber of Trade: Cllrs Allan Winrow & Peter Jewell. l) Marchesi Centre: Cllr Kathleen Atkinson. m) Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership: Cllr Peter Jewell. n) St Mary's Surgery Patient Group: Cllr Jenny Borer. o) Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust, toilets sub-committee (invited): Cllr

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	Adiran Legge. The lead Councillor for Windermere in Bloom had been appointed in December 2015 by the Council and this was noted as Cllr Sandra Lilley.
5.	Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 th April 2016 be signed as a true and accurate record.
6.	Declarations of Interest: Item 24 (h): Cllr Bill Smith, due to the applicant being a client. It was agreed that Cllr Smith remain in the chamber during item, but would not partake during the debate or vote on the item.
7.	Requests for Dispensations: NONE
8.	Resolution to exclude the public and press from the consideration of item 27 - tenders for the capital works to Quarry Rigg toilets. It was decided that this resolution would not be necessary, as the information to be given is summarized and is not of a commercially sensitive nature.
9.	Forms declaring Councillors personal & financial interests: Councillors were reminded that these need to be updated if personal circumstances have changed in the last civic year and returned to the Clerk.
10.	Public Input: Mr Roberts asked to speak about item 21 on the agenda - the Phoenix Traffic Regulation Order. He wished to ensure that the views of the more elderly residents of the area are understood and taken into account.
11.	Police Update: None available, but PCSO Blacow had asked that the Council be reminded about the Parklife event on 2 June in Queens Park - a really good community event.
12.	Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> had attended the Guides AGM and presentation evening - a very well attended and interesting event and the Town Council were thanked for their representation. Also attended various events associated with the Diessen visit, all of which were very enjoyable. Finally, a Cumbria in Bloom meeting and a reminder that judging of schools will take place in June. <u>Cllrs Winrow & Jewell:</u> had attended a pre-planning application presentation at Windermere Marina dealing with the re-development of the apartments between the boathouse and reception area, which had flooded during Storm Desmond. The design is aimed at making the apartments more flood resilient, by locating the garages underneath the buildings, instead of in front. This means that it will be possible to incorporate many more apartments and the building will be slightly higher, by 4-5 feet. It is clear that all planning considerations are being taken on board at this stage. <u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Reported on the recent Millerground Committee meeting, which was very well

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	<p>attended. He under-lined the need for more volunteers for the Swimsafe event. The main news is that SLDC have awarded Millerground £50k as a locally important project. They have also allocated up to £100k more in their capital programme. In total now, over £200k has been raised to restore Millerground, introduce a new picnic area, make the area more accessible and to install a new adventure playground for both children and adults. This project continues to be very exciting for the area. Councillors asked various questions, about parking issues and changing huts and the point was raised that maybe it is time for a town event in Rayrigg Meadow.</p> <p>The Council wished to formally record its thanks to Cllr Saunders for his inspirational leadership on the project.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bloy</u>: had recently attended the CALC good councillor training, which she would highly recommend to all councillors, however experienced.</p> <p><u>Cllr Atkinson</u>: attended the United Utilities drought plan stakeholder event, which was well organized and interesting. The workshop focused on key points of interest to the community and will be succeeded by full plans and consultation starting in July this year.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u>: focused on the visit by the delegation from Diessen and the Blassergruppe. There had been several excellent and moving events and the visit was a success. Cllr Borer thanked the Mayor for his support.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch</u>: Had attended training for Council chairmen organized by CALC - very good course. Also attended the British Legion dinner, greeted the delegation from Diessen and the Kendal Town Council mayoring ceremony, which was of great historical interest.</p>
13.	<p>District & County Councillors reports: Cllr Williams reported on the SLDC annual elections, and the appointment of Giles Archibald as the new Council Leader. Cllr Williams has stepped down as leader of the Conservative Group and has been succeeded by Cllr Ben Berry.</p>
14.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted. The following points were added: Town Steward report for work done in April. Letter from Sainsbury's about the plans for the new local shop replacing the MyLocal on Main Road, Windermere. Confirmation from CCC that the Town Council will be consulted on the application for a pavement café licence on Crescent Road. Consultation on new library opening hours. Closure of Kentmere Ward at Westmorland General Hospital and the letter from SL Mind. Winderclean litter-picks which are being brilliantly organized by the BWCCT. The draft proposals from the Boundary Commission for revisions to SLDC wards.</p>
15.	<p>Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16: This was approved unanimously by Council.</p>

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16.	<p>Annual Accounts for Year ended 31 March 2016: The Clerk introduced the annual accounts. The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Accounting Statements & Internal Audit report were approved. b) The updated Risk Register was approved. c) The Asset register at 31 March 2016 was approved.
17.	<p>Bank Signatories: The bank signatories for the HSBC account were agreed with no changes: Cllrs L Hallatsch, Jenny Borer, Bill Smith and Allan Winrow. The signatories for the Cumberland Building Society needed to be updated and were agreed as: Cllrs Jenny Borer, Bill Smith and Mayor Hallatsch.</p>
18.	<p>Revisions to Standing Orders: The Clerk had reviewed the standing orders and recommended one amendment, to reflect the new legislation which allows for the recording of Council meetings. This was inserted at item 3 (l) and approved. The revised page had been circulated prior to the meeting. A further amendment was agreed - remove the need for Councillors to stand up when they speak (item 3). The Clerk will circulate the revisions.</p>
19.	<p>General Power of Competence: The Council declared that it duly met the requirements of the General Power of Competence for the civic year 2016-17, namely: The clerk is qualified CiLCA and has attended the training course on the General Power; More than two thirds of councilors have been elected rather than co-opted or appointed.</p>
20.	<p>Payments: The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following additions were also approved: BWCCT - transfer of grant received from SLDC to the Town Council bank account: £12,500. Town Steward - for work carried out in April 2016: £782.00 Jewsons - materials for cementing (town steward): £8.40 CCC: Final payment for 597 bus subsidy for March & April 2016: £1,422.28.</p>
21.	<p>Phoenix Way Traffic Regulation Order: The proposal to impose a no waiting restriction 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday was supported by the Town Council and the Clerk will write to CCC accordingly. Councillors also agreed that the letter should recommend a similar TRO for Old College Park.</p>
22.	<p>Geese on the Glebe: The Clerk was asked to respond to the recent letter in the Westmorland Gazette, making the following points: That WTC is not responsible for bye-laws but is very concerned about the issue and has written to SLDC to formally request a no feeding bye-law.</p>
23.	<p>War Memorial The permission sought from the Lions to plant two fruit trees at the War Memorial in</p>

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	<p>commemoration of the Queen's Birthday, with suitable plaques, was rejected. Councillors felt that the location is not appropriate for fruit trees and that the British Legion should have been consulted. The Council would be happy to support planting in an alternative location</p>
<p>24.</p>	<p>Planning Applications: The clerk explained that all Councils have been asked by the LDNPA to make recommendations as follows: For applications which the Town Council fully and positively supports, these should be recommended for approval and the planning reasons given. For applications which the Town Council has no strong opinion for or against, a No Comment should be posted (the LDNPA expects the majority of recommendations to be in this category). For applications which the Town Council is strongly against, these should be recommended for Rejection, with the planning reasons given.</p> <p>The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <p>a)7/2016/5184: Newcroft, Middle Entrance Drive, Bowness: Alternations to existing dwelling extension to rear of house. NO COMMENT</p> <p>b)7/2016/5239: 2, Oakland Drive, Windermere: Demolish and rebuild existing bungalow with replacement dwelling. NO COMMENT</p> <p>c)7/2016/5032: 7 Park Rd, Windermere: Change of use from outbuilding to holiday let. RECOMMEND REJECT ON THE BASIS OF INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AREA AND PROBLEMS WITH ACCESS AND TRAFFIC ISSUES.</p> <p>d)7/2016/5266: 2 Mylnbeck, Lake Rd, Windermere: Demolition of existing porch and canopy extension and erection of a replacement dwelling. NO COMMENT</p> <p>e)7/2016/5277: 3 Claife Avenue, Windermere: 2 storey side extension NO COMMENT</p> <p>f)7/2016/5276: Willow Garth, Ferney Green, Bowness: Variation of conditions - addition of a balcony and 2 velux windows. Change of detail to external access steps (from application 7/2014/5706) NO COMMENT</p> <p>g)7/2016/5257: Boulderigg, Patterdale Rd, Windermere: Variation of application from 2013 (5338) - amended drawings. NO COMMENT</p> <p>h)7/2016/5268: Flat 18, Ash St, Bowness: Retrospective application for temporary canopy and decking. RECOMMEND REJECTION ON THE BASIS OF THE DESIGN AND APPEARANCE WHICH IS INAPPROPRIATE TO THIS AREA.</p> <p>i)7/2016/5269: Nat West Bank, Lake Rd, Windermere: Replacement of existing ATMs, power and data modified to suit. ATM cabinet to be removed. NO COMMENT</p> <p>j)Proposed base station installation at Applethwaite Quarry to improve emergency services coverage (see letter). NO COMMENT</p>
<p>25.</p>	<p>The following tree works applications were noted.</p> <p>a)T/2016/0050: 2 Hodge Howe Cottage, Ambleside Rd: Fell 3 silver birch, 1 sycamore and 2 rhododendrons.</p> <p>b)T/2016/0055: The Hideaway Hotel, Phoenix Way, Windermere: Reduce 1 fir tree and</p>

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	crowns raised 1 beech.
26.	Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 8 th June 2016: Full Council Wednesday 22 nd June 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 13 th July 2016: Full Council
27.	Quarry Rigg Toilets capital works: Cllr Smith reported that the BWCCT trustees had reviewed the tender applications and had approved the project to go ahead.
	The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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