



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

You are summoned to attend the **Meeting** of Windermere & Bowness Town Council to be held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at Langstone House, Broad Street, Windermere at 7pm

Sally Parkyn

Mrs Sally Parkyn Town Clerk

8th March 2024

AGENDA

1. **Apologies and absence:** To accept apologies and note absence.
2. **Election of Town Mayor:** To elect the Town Mayor of the Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday 8th May 2024, and receive the new Town Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
The remainder of the meeting will be chaired by the new mayor.
3. **Election of Deputy Mayor if required:** To elect the Deputy Mayor of the Council should the role be vacant.
4. **Minutes:** To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th February 2024
5. **Planning Minutes:** Town Council will be asked to receive the minutes of the Planning sub-committee meeting held on 28th February 2024.
6. **Declarations of Interest:** To receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
7. **Requests for Dispensations:** To consider any requests received for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
8. **Items to be taken in private session:** To agree to discussing agenda item on renewing the quote for Langrigge Play Area grass cutting and bin emptying, appointment of sculptor and the clerk's appraisal in private session, after the close of the meeting, due to the confidential content.
9. **Public Input:** Members of the public have the opportunity to make statements and ask questions of the Council (3 mins is the maximum allowance).
10. **Member Announcements:** To receive announcements by the council members (3 mins is the maximum allowance).
11. **Advisory Group Reports:** To receive updates on progress by leads of the advisory groups.
12. **Westmorland and Furness Council Member Announcements:** To receive announcements by the Westmorland and Furness Ward Councillors.
13. **Clerk's Report:** To receive the Clerk's Report on progress with workload and projects.
14. **Finance:**
 - a) To authorise payment of the invoices detailed on the Orders for Payment listing.
 - b) To view the the budget monitoring position for the first 11 months of the financial year.
15. **Licence to site a Public Defibrillator at Rayrigg Meadow public convenience**
To authorise the Mayor to sign the agreement with Westmorland & Furness Council.
16. **Biodiversity Policy**
To adopt or amend prior to adoption, a biodiversity policy.

17. Water Testing

- a) To decide whether to accept the Water Quality Advisory Group recommendation to implement a trial volunteer water testing program from April to October 2024.
- b) To provide a budget of £500 for the program.
- c) To authorise the clerk to spend up to £250 under delegated powers to purchase the initial equipment.

18. CCTV temporary continuation:

- a) To decide whether to agree to pay monthly for the CCTV to remain operational until the April meeting.
- b) To authorise the clerk with the assistance of ward councillors to approach neighbouring businesses about use of their Wi-Fi signal to carry the CCTV images to police HQ.

The Chair will conclude the business in public and move into private session for discussion of the following item:

19. Contract to carry out grass cutting and bin emptying at Langrigge Play Area:

To decide whether to accept the quote to renew the contract to carry out grass cutting and bin emptying at Langrigge Play area.

20. Appointment of Sculptor

To decide on a sculptor to create an initial chainsaw sculpture in Elleray Woods new compartment.

21. Clerk's Appraisal

To provide feedback to the Mayor regarding the clerk's performance since June 2023 and award of increment.

Dates of Next Meetings:

To note dates of forthcoming meetings as follows, starting at 7pm, unless otherwise shown:

Thursday 21st March 2024: Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Langstone House

Wednesday 27th March 2024: Orrest head & Elleray Woods site visit and meeting at **3pm**
Elleray Woods

Wednesday 27th March 2024: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House

Wednesday 17th April: Annual Parish Meeting followed by Full Council at **6pm Marchesi**
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