



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

10th May 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mayor L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mr A Legge, Mr M Stafford, Mrs JS Borer, Ms K Atkinson, Ms S Bloy, Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Ms G Nicholson, Mr P Jewell, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Ross McMillan. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC councillors Dyan Jones (up to 7.50pm) & Andrew Jarvis, PSCSO Sarah Blacow & 1 member of the public (Carole Shaw from WLUG). The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
1.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Lisa Greasley, Ms S Lilley, Cllrs Ben Berry, David Williams (SLDC & CCC)</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 Jenny Borer. He was duly elected and signed the Acceptance of Office. Mayor 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 Ian Telford and seconded by Cllr Sue Bloy. Cllr John Saunders was proposed by Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded by Cllr Christine Hallatsch. Councillors voted by ballot and Cllr John Saunders was duly elected as Deputy Mayor.</p>
4.	<p>Representatives on other organisations and Council committees and groups: The following appointments were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">SLDC, Lake Admin Committee, Cllrs Leith Hallatsch, Kathleen Atkinson, Jenny Borer, Adrian Legge, Peter Jewell.Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Mayor (Cllr Hallatsch), Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Sue Bloy, Jenny Borer, Ian Telford, Sandra Lilley, Christine Hallatsch.Orrest Head & Elleray Woods Advisory Group: Cllrs Adrian Legge, Mike Stafford, Lisa Greasley, Ian Telford, Sue Bloy, Peter Jewell.Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) - South Lakeland Committee: Cllrs Leith Hallatsch & John Saunders.Goodly Dale Cottage Homes: Cllrs Grania Nicholson, Ross McMillan, Magda Khan.Lakes Line User Group/Community Rail Partnership: Cllrs Sandra Lilley, Peter Jewell & Mike Stafford.Windermere Youth Project: Cllrs Mike Stafford, Peter Jewell & Magda Khan.Ladyholme Community Centre: Cllr Sandra Lilley.Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust: Cllr Grania Nicholson.Bowness & Windermere Chamber of Trade: There were no nominees and it was decided available councillors would attend meetings as and when needed.

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	<p>k) Marchesi Centre: Cllrs Kathleen Atkinson & Lisa Greasley. l) St Mary's Surgery Patient Group: Cllr Jenny Borer. m) Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust, toilets sub-committee: Cllrs Adrian Legge and Lisa Greasley. n) 597 Bus Group: Cllrs Lilley and Atkinson. o) Bowness & Windermere Forward: Cllr Saunders. p) Car Parking Advisory Group: The terms of reference for this group were agreed and the following councillors nominated: Cllr John Saunders, Adrian Legge, Ross McMillan, Lisa Greasley, Jenny Borer, Sue Bloy and Mike Stafford.</p> <p>The lead Councillor for Windermere in Bloom had been appointed in December 2016 by the Council and this was noted as Cllr Christine Hallatsch, with support from Cllrs Sandra Lilley and Lisa Greasley.</p>
5.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th April 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record, with one minor amendment (20 rather than 25 years for the anniversary of town twinning with Diessen).</p>
6.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
7.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
8.	<p>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. Copies were made available in the Council Chamber.</p>
9.	<p>Police Update: PCSO Sarah Blacow updated Council on issues of concern or interest in the community, which included counterfeit Scottish notes and tobacco offences. She also updated Council on anti dog fouling initiatives. Local vets have agreed to purchase some poo bag dispensers and the police to keep them replenished. She asked if the Town Council would be able to fund the bags (indicative cost: 1,200 bags = £105.00) and, if thought necessary, some additional dispensers, which could carry the Windermere Town Council crest. Councillors were unanimously in favour of support for this initiative and suggested some locations, including the gate at the bottom of School Knott, Birthwaite Gardens and Biskey How. Cllr Sue Bloy, on behalf of BWCCT, also suggested that BWCCT would be willing to support dispensers on Phoenix Field. The Mayor thanked Sarah for attending the meeting.</p>
10.	<p>Public Input: Carole Shaw, Chair of the Windermere Lake Users Forum updated councillors on the response</p>

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	<p>of the Lake Users to the draft strategy for 2017-22, from SLDC and the LDNPA and which replaces the Windermere Lake Management Strategy. The WLUF are disappointed with the strategy, which they feel is lightweight and limited. It was highlighted that the Action Plan is limited only to SLDC and the LDNPA and does not encompass actions by the Environment Agency or United Utilities. It is felt that there are significant omissions - the travel strategy is limited (no mention of Braithwaite Fold), there is no mention of the development of business around the Lake and no information strategy. The WLUG are concerned about the proposed approach to the encouragement of general and non-co-ordinated swimming and believe there are major safety implications of this policy. They fully support co-ordinated swimming events, but believe that the encouragement of general swimming needs to be carefully thought through.</p> <p>Town Councillors asked a number of questions and it was agreed that Carole will copy the WLUF response to the consultation to the Clerk for circulation to councillors. There will be consideration as to a full Town Council response.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Carole for taking the time to raise these issues, which the Town Council will take very seriously.</p>
11.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Magda Khan:</u> Provided an update on her discussions with the LDNPA about Old Fallbarrow and the need to protect the interior of this very important building. The LDNPA confirmed they no longer have a conservation officer to look into these matters and asked town councillors to raise any concerns with them directly.</p> <p><u>Cllrs Saunders, Borer & Khan:</u> Attended the Integrated Community Care event, which proposes a total community effort to support those in need, in the face of increasing demand and reducing resources. Funds may be available in the medium term to support specific community initiatives and it is hoped that the 597 bus may be a recipient.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bloy:</u> Had followed up the issue raised at the Annual Parish Meeting about change of use for the guitar shop in Windermere. It transpires that this is not needed as the use is that of a retail outlet.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch, Cllrs Christine Hallatsch and Jenny Borer:</u> Gave a short resume of the recent town twinning official visit to Diessen. It was a very full schedule and quite exhausting but well worth the effort. The welcome was warm and full. It was agreed that a full presentation should be made by Cllr Borer at a future Town Council.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u> was unable to be present, but had sent in reports to the Clerk on the Ladyholme Centre, where bookings are on the increase and some renovation work has been done. Cllr Lilley feels this is a very efficient, self-sustaining operation and finds it interesting and rewarding to represent the Town Council on the committee. Also the 597 bus AGM which was well attended and it was reported that this essential service is to continue. Steve Rooke remains as Chairman and Andrew Jarvis as deputy. Cllr Lilley is very pleased to be part of this committee along with Cllr Kathleen Atkinson. Finally, Windermere in Bloom, where Cllr Lilley has been working on securing more sponsorship from local businesses. Sponsorship promises are definitely on the increase for this year and there is more business support, particularly in Bowness.</p>

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12.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis reported on the County Council elections and confirmed that, either himself or Cllr Jones will do their best to attend Town Council meetings. Also reported on the AGM of the 597 bus, which was very well attended and supported, with generous donations on the evening. Confirmed that, in practice, Windermere Ferry is accepting cash on board. Agreed that Baddeley Clock and Beresford Gardens need some attention and that he has spoken to SLDC officers, who have confirmed that there will be improvements made. Finally, Cllr Jarvis made the sad announcement of the death of Bill Johnson, lay reader at St Martins' Church and the funeral arrangements for Monday 15th May.</p>
13.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk's report, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted. The following points were added:</p> <p>There is now a date for the removal of the electricity box at Ellerthwaite Square (18th May) and John Charlton will finish the stone walling w/c 22nd. The Town Steward has arranged protection for the tree prior to the top soil being applied. Due to pigeon fouling on the wall, it was agreed that the clerk will look into the possibility of using a plastic hawk in the tree. It was agreed that new badges should be ordered for all Councillors, Town Clerk and Town Steward.</p> <p>Updates on disruption on the A592, due to gas works and the Brathay Marathon.</p>
14.	<p>General Power of Competence:</p> <p>The Council declared that it duly met the requirements of the General Power of Competence for the civic year 2016-17, namely:</p> <p>The clerk is qualified CiLCA and has attended the training course on the General Power; More than two thirds of councillors(11 out of 15) have been elected rather than co-opted or appointed.</p>
15.	<p>Payments:</p> <p>The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following additions were also approved:</p> <p>Gary Hancox: £680 for Town Steward duties and £400 for planting float (total £1,080 in total).</p> <p>Viking: stationery - £293.62.</p> <p>Councillors also approved payment of the Shop Front Improvement Grant to Triarom for £500.00.</p>
16.	<p>Orrest Head & Elleray Woods Advisory Group:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2017 were noted. The following individual proposals were approved:</p> <p>a) Obtaining 3 quotations for replacement of the "turquoise" metal railings. b) New signage for parking and access to the woods (Cost approx £200 for 5 signs) c) Sign for the Millennium Yew tree d) Plaque for the new walled garden, to be named "Helen's Walk"</p>

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17.	<p>Application for an outdoor seating licence: Cumbria County Council have asked for the views of councillors on the proposal to allow 2 tables and 4 chairs outside Tapios on Crescent Road. The Clerk was asked to respond to the County Council as follows: To recognize that this business is located very close to a zebra crossing and that it may be worthwhile CCC taking a close look at any safety issues. If the proposed chairs and tables are to be sited within the curtilage of the business, the proposals are acceptable. If not, given the narrowness of the street, there should be enough space left to allow pedestrians, pushchairs and mobility scooters to pass with ease. CCC should recognize that WTC are already in discussion with themselves and the LDNPA to deal with issues associated with the proliferation of street furniture.</p>
18.	<p>Public Benches in Windermere & Bowness: The Clerk was thanked for her report and the recommendations were approved.</p>
19.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed: a)7/2017/5243: Fox Rock, Queen's Drive, Bowness: Demolition of existing detached garage and attached outbuilding. Erection of single storey extension. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL BUT SHOULD SPECIFY STONE FACING NOT RENDER. b)7/2017/5258: Mylne Beck Livery (rear of Mylne Beck house), Mylne Beck, Lake Road: Variation of condition 2 (change of design) and removal of condition 6 (change to render) on original approval 7/2013/5067. RECOMMEND REFUSAL. THESE CONDITIONS WERE PUT IN PLACE TO GUARANTEE THE QUALITY OF THE BUILD, IF REMOVED, WILL RESULT IN A DIMINUTION OF THE QUALITY OF FINISH AND APPEARANCE. c)7/2017/5244: The Lodge, Wynlass Beck, Ambleside Road: Demolish existing garage and replace with new garage. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT. d)7/2017/5236: BiskeyBoow: Helm Road, Bowness: Demolition and re-build of woodshed. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT.</p>
20.	<p>The following tree works application was noted. a)T/2017/0065: Sarnico, Ferry Nab: Crown reduce and inspect oak tree (covered by TPO).</p>
21.	<p>Planning Decisions: The planning decisions from the LDNPA, as listed on the addendum to the agenda, were duly noted.</p>
22.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 14th June 2017: Full Council Wednesday 28th June 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 12th July 2017: Full Council</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>

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