



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Deputy Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair for first item), Cllrs Leith Hallatsch, Mrs JS Borer, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Ms S Lilley, Mr Peter Hamilton, Ms Grania Nicholson, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Adrian Legge, Mr Trevor Myers, Mr Tim Shearer. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC/CCC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis, Ben Berry, Jim Bland, Kevin Holmes. Also: Nicola Pickup (Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward) &amp; Derek Jones (Better Leisure) and 3 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
	<p>Prior to the meeting, all councillors signed their Acceptance of Office and were provided with a Declaration of Interests form to sign and return to SLDC. Cllrs were also provided with the election expenses form to complete and return to SLDC. Finally, copies of the Code of Conduct were provided to new councillors and the Clerk asked that any councillors who do not have a copy of the Code of Conduct to ask for one or to print a copy from the Council's website.</p>
1.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Cllr Mike Stafford, SLDC Cllrs Dyan Jones, John Holmes and Brian Rendell. The Clerk also announced the resignation of new Councillor Vincent Gregg. A vacancy notice has been posted.</p>
2.	<p><b>Election of Town Mayor:</b> Cllr John Saunders was proposed as Mayor by Cllr Adrian Legge and seconded by Cllr Sandra Lilley. He was duly elected unanimously and signed the Acceptance of Office. He then chaired the remainder of the meeting. His first announcement was on behalf of the whole Council, when Mayor Saunders gave thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Leith Hallatsch and his wife, Cllr Christine Hallatsch, who have served the Council incredibly well over 4 years. Cllr Hallatsch was presented with a framed photograph and card and Cllr Christine Hallatsch with a bouquet of flowers.</p>
3.	<p><b>Election of Deputy Mayor:</b> Cllr Lisa Greasley was proposed as Deputy Mayor, by Cllr Magda Khan and seconded by Cllr Peter Hamilton. Cllr Sandra Lilley was proposed by Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded by Cllr Grania Nicholson. Councillors voted by secret ballot and Cllr Sandra Lilley was duly elected as Deputy Mayor.</p>
4.	<p><b>Presentation: Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward (BWF):</b> Nicola Pickup (BWF) and Derek Jones (Better Leisure) provided an update on the performance of markets being held every week on the Glebe tennis courts. To date, 9 markets have been held (2 Prom Art, 2 Farmers &amp; 5 Antique). Visitor numbers are in excess of 5,000 at Sunday markets and 1,000 on Farmers market days. It is fair to say that, so far, these events are a success and there has been a lot of positive feedback from locals and visitors alike. Future plans are to move to a weekly Prom Art event throughout the year and Farmers markets to move to a fortnightly basis on a Friday. Discounts are provided to local</p>

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	<p>businesses who wish to trade from the Sunday markets. There are plans to improve signage and to install power. There will be a re-branding of events to “Markets at the Glebe.” There are medium term plans for 4 actual events per year, including possibilities of Vintage cars, Theatre productions, a winter event, a charity event and a sports event.</p> <p>Councillors asked questions which ranged from comments on publicity, loss of tennis, A Boards (discourage) and incentives to local business. The Mayor thanked Nicola and Derek for the update and re-emphasised the Town Council’s support for this very positive initiative.</p>
5.	<p><b>Representatives on organisations and Council committees and groups:</b></p> <p>The following appointments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Planning sub-committee: Cllrs Jenny Borer, Adrian Legge, Magda Khan, Sandra Lilley &amp; Kate Tripp.</li><li>b) SLDC, Lake Administration Committee: Cllrs Jenny Borer, Leith Hallatsch, Adrian Legge and Peter Hamilton.</li><li>c) Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group: Mayor Saunders, Deputy Mayor Sandra Lilley (as Chair), Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Jenny Borer, Leith &amp; Christine Hallatsch.</li><li>d) Orrest Head &amp; Ellera Wood Advisory Group; Cllrs Adrian Legge, Mike Stafford and Lisa Greasley. The group will continue to be chaired by a community representative, Dr Helen Jones and attended by the Town Steward &amp; Town Clerk.</li><li>e) Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) - South Lakeland Committee: Deputy Mayor Sandra Lilley &amp; Cllr Leith Hallatsch.</li><li>f) Goodly Dale Cottage Homes (4 year term): Cllr Grania Nicholson.</li><li>g) Lakes Line User Group/Community Rail Partnership: Cllr Sandra Lilley</li><li>h) Windermere Youth Project: Cllrs Tim Shearer &amp; Magda Khan.</li><li>i) Ladyholme Community Centre: Cllr Sandra Lilley</li><li>j) Bowness &amp; Windermere Community Care Trust: Cllr Magda Khan</li><li>k) Bowness &amp; Windermere Chamber of Trade: Cllrs John Saunders &amp; Peter Hamilton to attend when they can.</li><li>l) Marchesi Centre: Cllr Lisa Greasley</li><li>m) St Mary’s Surgery Patient Group: Cllr Jenny Borer</li><li>n) Bowness &amp; Windermere Community Care Trust, toilets sub-committee: Cllrs Sandra Lilley and Leith Hallatsch.</li><li>o) 597 Bus Group: Cllr Lisa Greasley.</li><li>p) Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward: Mayor John Saunders &amp; Cllr Peter Hamilton.</li><li>q) Longlands Project Group: Cllrs Leith Hallatsch, Magda Khan, Tim Shearer, Lisa Greasley.</li><li>r) Car Parking Group: Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Lisa Greasley, Sandra Lilley, Peter Hamilton &amp; Adrian Legge.</li></ul>

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	<p>s) Windermere Park for All: Cllr Lisa Greasley.</p> <p>The lead Councillor for Windermere in Bloom had been appointed in December 2019 by the Council and this was noted as Cllr Christine Hallatsch, with support from Cllrs Sandra Lilley, Lisa Greasley, Mayor Saunders, Cllr Tripp and Cllr Hamilton. Also noted was representation on Windermere Endowed Schools 3 year term expiring February 2021: Cllrs Christine Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley &amp; Magda Khan) and the Paradise Project: Mayor Saunders and Town Clerk to attend stakeholder meetings.</p>
6.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Full Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
7.	<p><b>Planning sub-committee Minutes:</b> The planning minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were accepted by Council.</p>
8.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
9.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
10.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> <u>Mr Simon</u> (business owner from Leeds), addressed the Council about business rates scams, which are on the increase. He was referred to the Chamber of Trade and provided with contact details. <u>Mrs Marie Harrison</u>, spoke poignantly about the problems with anti-social behavior in Bowness (loud music, late night drinking and vandalism to name a few issues) and her concerns for the future. Mayor Saunders gave his assurances that the Town Council is aware of the problems and that it intends to do what it can, with its limited powers and influence, to raise the issue and call for action at the highest levels of responsibility, including Police, National Park and upper tier Councils.</p>
11.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b> <u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u>: congratulated Cllr Saunders on his election as Mayor and Cllr Lilley as Deputy Mayor. <u>Cllr Legge</u>: updated Council on a project meeting he had attended with the LDNPA about the extension of the Carriage Drive and access to Orrest Head summit. <u>Cllr Lilley</u> underlined the problems at Goodly Dale Health Centre and expressed Council's concerns. <u>Cllr Hamilton</u> praised the BWCCT for the quick response to the problems of water escaping from the toilets over the bank holiday weekend. <u>Mayor Saunders</u>: had attended a number of markets on the Glebe and was pleased at the positive responses. He had also met with several interested parties at the Mini Golf site on the Glebe and all have agreed that this area is in desperate need of improvement. He had attended the Windermere Aquatics event (Pink Boats) to raise funds for Cancer Research and was pleased to announce that the flooding problems at Millerground now seem to have been sorted and that the Park and Playground area is on track. All Councillors will be invited to</p>

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	<p>the opening on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. The problem with litter and glass on the beaches persists and SLDC are thinking of erecting large bins and performing daily litter picks throughout the summer.</p>
12.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland</u> updated that the initial problems with the re-launch of the Ferry now seem to have been solved. He also drew attention to a consultation event run by CCC for plans for the Bowness roundabout. He was asked about the Ferry Advisory Group and representation from the Town Council but confirmed that it has not yet been set up.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ben Berry</u>: drew attention to the local election result and congratulated Cllr Dyan Jones and announced a new Councillor (Brian Rendell) who replaced David Williams. He also highlighted the consultation on a potential small SLDC land sale in Windermere and updated that plans for the Christmas celebration are well advanced. Windermere Park for All project is progressing and a logo is currently being designed by local schools and also highlighted the final pre-submission stage consultation on the Local Plan.</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u>, picked up an issue raised at the Annual Parish meeting about the Queens Park Bowling club and confirmed that help is being provided to the Club to access the green but that a complete re-surfacing would be too costly at this stage.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes</u> confirmed that he would be doing his best to attend Council meetings and to be more involved, along with his colleague Cllr Brian Rendell.</p>
13.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk's report, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted. The following points were added:</p> <p>A reminder about the invitation from the Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club to all councillors.</p> <p>The need for volunteers to assist with counting by the Lakes Line User Group.</p> <p>There was a short discussion about the need to move the notice board in Bowness and Cllr Lisa Greasley made a suggestion that it could be sited at the Royalty Cinema, given that this is an SLDC property. She will investigate and report back to Council.</p>
14.	<p><b>Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group:</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were accepted and the following recommendations approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>That a positive message of council participation and funding be sent to Cumbria Police to support the CCTV initiative and locations proposed.</li><li>That the grant applications for Windermere Youth Project (£2,500) and Queens Park Bowling Club (£1,000) be approved.</li></ol>
15.	<p><b>Windermere &amp; Bowness Welcome Ambassadors:</b></p> <p>Cllr Saunders explained that the LDNPA are looking for volunteers for this scheme and if any Councillors are interested or know people who are, to please contact the Clerk.</p>
16.	<p><b>Draft response to the Local Plan pre-submission consultation:</b></p> <p>The wording recommended by the planning sub-committee and contained in their minutes</p>

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	was agreed.
17.	<b>General Power of Competence:</b> The Council declared that it duly met the requirements of the General Power of Competence for the civic year 2019-20, namely: The clerk is qualified CiLCA and has attended the training course on the General Power; More than two thirds of councillors have been elected rather than co-opted or appointed.
18.	<b>Payments:</b> The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following additions were also approved: Gary Hancox: £1,200.00 Treble 3: £54 (£45 net of VAT) for email and website hosting (annual fees). Viking: £234.32 for stationery (234.32 net of VAT) SLDC: Annual playground inspection fee for Langrigge Play area: £425.00 (£354.17 net of VAT).
19.	<b>Year End Accounts:</b> Town Council reviewed and authorised the Mayor and Clerk to sign following documents: a) Asset register as at 31 March 2019 b) Risk register as at 31 March 2019 c) Internal Audit report for 2018-19 (AGAR Part 3) d) Annual Governance Statement 2018-19 (AGAR Part 3) e) Accounts 2018-19 (AGAR Part 3)  The Accounts will be submitted to PKF Littlejohn for external audit and will be available for public inspection and advertised as such for the period 17 <sup>th</sup> June to 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019.
20.	<b>Internal Audit:</b> Council re-confirmed the effectiveness of the service provided by Margaret Lees and agreed to her re-appointment for the 2019-20 Accounts.
21.	<b>Ye Olde Bath House parking space:</b> Council agreed to a rental of £120 pa with a clause inserted in the new agreement for an annual inflationary increase of 2%.
22.	<b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019: Full Council Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019: Planning sub-committee
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</b>

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