



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllr Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Mr J Saunders, Mr W F Smith, Mr P Jewell, Ms K Atkinson, Mrs J Borer, Mr Mike Stafford, Mrs C Hallatsch, Mr I Telford, Mr A Legge, Ms G Nicholson, Ross McMillan, Allan Winrow, Sue Bloy. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), PCSO Sarah Blacow and 5 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
96.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Sandra Lilley, Kathleen Atkinson</p>
97.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
98.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
99.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
100.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> Dawn Rollo presented her ideas for resurrecting the Windermere Carnival, with a procession from Lakeland to Bowness. Tentatively a date of Thursday 3 August 2017 is set, with a start time in the evening. This has come in response to a local desire for more activities and events to be taking place in Windermere &amp; Bowness. Councillors were very receptive to the proposal and asked a variety of questions, including the commitment of local businesses for sponsorship and the use of the Glebe for entertainment. They concluded by clarifying with Dawn that support from the Town Council will most likely be available, but that she needs to be specific as to what is needed. Also, Dawn agreed to keep Town Council and the Hub informed about progress over the next year.</p>
102.	<p><b>Police Update</b> PCSO Sarah Blacow explained that it has been a difficult few weeks for the local team, following the attack on the local police-woman, which was down to the actions of local youths. Charges have been made and the investigation is ongoing. The fact that this has been followed up with a homophobic attack in Bowness suggests a worrying trend. Sarah has requested permission to re-establish early intervention work with young people, which used to take place, especially in schools, and is hoping to set up cycling proficiency again. Councillors asked after the welfare of Chris Stevenson and were assured that she is still recovering, but making progress.</p>
103.	<p><b>Police Staffing Levels in Windermere &amp; Bowness:</b> Council agreed the Clerk's draft letter to the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner, which expresses concern at the low levels of policing in the community during the summer months, when population numbers can be treble that at other times of the year. Some minor amendments were proposed which the Clerk will incorporate before dispatch.</p>

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104.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b></p> <p><u>Several Councillors</u> (Saunders, Stafford and Borer included) had attended the public consultation held at the Belsfield on the next phase of Glebe enhancement. Concerns were expressed that the plans presented differed significantly from those presented to Town Council on 27<sup>th</sup> July, particularly the Highways aspects and the management of taxi, bus and coach. The resulting safety concerns were highlighted to CCC officers at the meeting, but it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the CCC Project Leader and express the Town Council's concerns about the new plans and the substantial alterations.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Has had a number of complaints about the significant problems with litter on Millerground, where bags of litter are literally blowing around the beauty spot. It cannot be allowed to continue and some action must be taken. The problem is almost exclusively with the land owned by the National Trust, where there are no litter bins provided. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the National Trust, draw their attention to the extent of the problem and the concerns of the Windermere community.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jewell</u> had attended the Lakes Artists exhibition at the Ladyholme Centre which was superb and also the Lakes Line User Group meeting on 3 August, which had concentrated on issues with Aviva and station adopters.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge:</u> Highlighted the concerns of local people with the poor quality planting this year at Bowness Bay by SLDC. The Clerk has spoken to SLDC a number of times and is endeavouring to establish what can be done next year to ensure this does not happen again. SLDC are clear that the budget for bedding plants is, from now on, zero, so it will be important for Windermere &amp; Bowness to have a local response. Cllr Legge had been approached by Jim Morphet, a local resident, who would like to put matters right this year and improve the poor planting. It was agreed that he will need to liaise with SLDC directly to sort this out.</p> <p><u>Cllr Smith:</u> Confirmed that the Goodly Dale Cottage Homes committee are about to start recruiting for a new warden and that, currently, there is no permanent warden in place.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bloy:</u> Raised the issue of the poor quality of hanging baskets this year. The Clerk is handling this as an ongoing issue with the new contractor, as a result of many complaints. He has, so far, responded very well and has put in place processes that should result in significant improvements next year.</p> <p><u>Mayor:</u> attended the Boat Parade to present trophies. A very good event and good photographs of the Mayor being "eaten" by Bownessie.</p>
105.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p>None in attendance.</p>
106.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk's written report was noted, with the following items added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Report from Town Steward. Enhanced litter picking needed in summer months. Lots of additional planting of flowers in town centre, which look very colourful.</li></ul> <p>Construction of the brash hurdle to enclose the environmentally sensitive area of Elleray Woods.</p>

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	<p>b) Response from Ambleside &amp; Windermere Lions to the Town Council's request for assistance with funding new play equipment in the Langrigge Playground. The Clerk has been invited to their September meeting to present the project and answer further questions.</p> <p>c) Further information has been received from the Windermere Information Centre about the Christmas Fayre. Sat 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Victoria Street. Road Closure. Parking Booths. Park &amp; Ride. 25 to 30 stalls and santa grotto. Music, Reindeer etc. Will come to Town Council to provide more information - dates given.</p> <p>d) We have passed our audit of accounts for 2015-16 with no matters arising. Confirmation will be posted to notice-board and website.</p> <p>Reminder about the visit to High Lickbarrow Farm on 21 August at 11am. As many as possible should try to attend. There is limited parking, but Cllr Legge has offered to help out with parking if Councillors contact him first.</p>
107.	<p><b>Finance:</b>          The payments as listed on the agenda were approved, with the following additions:          Town Steward payment (including purchase of plants): £1,082.48          Julie Wright: refund of 1<sup>st</sup> month's broadband rental + delivery: £44.39 (nb: further payments are at £32 per month via direct debit)          BDO: External Audit for 2015-16: £480          Viking: Cartridges and time clock: £47.40</p>
108.	<p><b>Windermere Holocaust Project:</b>          The letter from the Holocaust Project, which proposes the siting of an internationally important sculpture in Windermere (possibly Orrest Head), had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Rosemary Smith, from the project, attended to answer any questions. She introduced the project and made the following points:          The Holocaust project welcomes the support from the Town Council and is going from strength to strength, now cited as one of six national centres of excellence.          The committee's desire to erect a permanent monument is aimed at celebrating the community of Windermere, which extended such a warm welcome to the 300+ holocaust survivors. This is still recognised today, in the description of Windermere by survivors as "paradise."          The reason for selecting Anish Kapoor is due to his position as an internationally acclaimed sculptor and his personal enthusiasm for the project. The potential to use Orrest Head is mainly due to its geographical position, overlooking the Calgarth site. The Holocaust Project would be working very closely with the Town Council at every stage of decision making and, at the moment, is totally open to ideas.          Councillors contributed to the debate as follows:          Cllr Legge, as a member of the Orrest Head and Elleray Woods Advisory Group, was supportive of considering Orrest Head but had concerns about the type of sculpture and the</p>

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	<p>exact location, all of which needs to be given a lot of thought.</p> <p>Cllr Jewell: Whilst supportive of the project was not sure that the natural environment of Orrest Head is the right place.</p> <p>Cllr Winrow: Expressed his total support for a permanent holocaust memorial but is not in favour of using Orrest Head, which should be left as a natural area. There are plenty of other locations in and around Windermere which attract a larger number of people and would serve to help increase awareness, for example, Ellerthwaite Square. Cllr Winrow was also not sure of the choice of Anish Kapoor.</p> <p>Cllr Smith: Very supportive of the project and underlined the attractions of using Orrest Head, which is a “significant” location, overlooking Calgarth.</p> <p>Other Councillors, including Cllrs Saunders and Borer expressed concerns about siting of a sculpture on Orrest Head and felt that it should be left as a natural and beautiful environment. They also expressed concerns about access to Orrest Head, which is only for the able bodied. The Carriageway project will help with access, but this has not yet been started and the first phase does not take the access all the way to the summit of Orrest Head.</p> <p>Cllr Jewell finalised contributions by making the suggestion that the committee may wish to site the sculpture where it can be viewed from Orrest Head rather than be on Orrest Head.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Rosemary for coming along to the meeting and for provoking such a good debate, which will undoubtedly continue. The Town Council are, overall, positive about the project and will want to be involved at each stage.</p>
109.	<p><b>Langstone House:</b> This item was postponed until the next meeting on 24th, due to the Deputy Mayor having given apologies.</p>
110.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b> The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>a) <b>7/2016/ 5466: 2 Hodge How Cottage, Ambleside Road, Windermere:</b> Demolition of existing lean-to buildings in rear yard, demolition and reconstruction of stone faced retaining wall to garden following excavation and development of new 2 storey rear extension to create open plan kitchen diner, utility and rear porch &amp; 2 bedrooms and bathroom at 1<sup>st</sup> floor. RECOMMEND NO COMMENT</p> <p>b) <b>7/2016/5480: The Roundhouse, Belle Isle, Bowness:</b> Proposed works, including the removal and substitution of an existing painted timber sash window and door leaf and frame in the Family entrance at Mezzanine level of the northern service wing of the house. Construction of a new chimney stack to accommodate the flue for a new wood-burning stove to match the existing stack on the southern service wing. Works also include internal re-ordering/alterations at Mezzanine and Ground Floor level to create a new open-plan family entrance and elliptical staircase connecting the family entrance to the kitchen above. The existing kitchen fittings are to be removed and replaced by new contemporary fittings. RECOMMEND NO COMMENT BUT CHECK ON NEED FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION</p> <p>c) <b>7/2016/5133: Old Laundry, High Borrans, Windermere:</b> New porch to front and new rear extension. RECOMMEND NO COMMENT</p>

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	<b>d)7/2016/5468: Birthwaite Ground, Birthwaite Rd, Windermere:</b> Excavation of the existing roundabout located at the front of the building, to creation a detention basin with an outfall to the existing culvert which runs through the grounds. Other works include installing a speed ramp and diverting the top water drainage to the new detention basin. <b>RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL</b>
<b>111.</b>	<b>Tree Application:</b> This was noted.
<b>112.</b>	<b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda) Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016: Full Council Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2016: Full Council (nb planning training session with National Park due to commence at 5pm.
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.20pm</b>

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