



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council On 10th January 2024 at 7pm, Langstone House, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Windermere & Bowness Town Council (W&BTC) Chair - Mayor Leith Hallatsch, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Beverley Cullen, Sandra Lilley, John Saunders, Kate Tripp, Fiona Poole, Kay Kennedy-Hardy, Christine Cook, Peter Cook, Caroline Kearney, Christine Hallatsch, Adrian Legge, Peter Hamilton, Jackie Cooper and Kevin Heffernan. Also: Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk) and four members of the public. Also: Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Steve Bavin and Andrew Jarvis. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
134.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Marina Davis (holiday), Facilities Officer (FO) Rebecca Pinder (family commitments) W&FC Cllr Dyan Jones (illness) and Will Clark (prior commitments)</p>
135.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th December 2023 were approved for signature.</p>
136.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the Planning sub-committee meeting held on 13th November 2023 were noted. Cllr Hamilton asked that his question made in the section 120 regarding the lack of plan of application 7/2023/5705 on the Lake District National Park portal be included.</p>
137.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Legge declared a non-pecuniary interest, as Chairman of the Windermere Branch of the Royal British Legion, in the grant application for the Burneside brass band for a performance at the Remembrance Parade.</p>
138.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: Cllr Legge was granted permission to speak on the item and to answer any questions.</p>
139.	<p>Items to be taken in private session: It was unanimously agreed to discuss the agenda items on co-optation of a new councillor, award of cleaning contract and Elleray Woods Sculpture Trail in private session, after the close of the meeting, due to the confidential content.</p>
140.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
141.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: Cllr Christine Cook reported that she and Cllr Legge has attended the Lake District National Park (LDNPA) Development Control Committee (DCC) site visit to the Windermere Gateway Project. The hotel had been taken out of the plan leading to an increase in housing. The housing element of the scheme is the initial phase but the other elements haven't been forgotten. They are still waiting for a funding decision from Housing England. Cllr Legge noted that the DCC came from across the National Park so it was important that they visit the site.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Cook noted that the Planning Subcommittee (PSC) were holding an additional meeting on 16.1.24 in order to consider applications that could not be granted an extension for consideration at the previously published meeting. She thanked the PSC for their efforts.</p> <p>Cllr Legge reported that the Lake Administration Committee, which was also attended by Mayor Leith Hallatsch and Cllrs Borer, Hamilton and Saunders, has passed the W&FC proposed 10% increase. This was despite the Parish and Town Councillors request that it be kept to 5 %. They were outvoted. Councillors made a number of comments and W&FCllr Jarvis responded by noting the reason for the increase and that W&FC planned to carry out a review into the charges.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders had attended the Chamber of trade AGM. There had been a disappointing attendance. They were continuing efforts to find out the impact of the market on local businesses. There had been positive feedback on the Bowness Christmas lights.</p> <p>Mayor Leith Hallatsch announced that he had presented the trophies to the winners of the best decorated Christmas windows - for Windermere the Co-op and Huttons for Bowness. The Chamber of Trade overall winner was Brackens.</p>
142.	<p>Westmorland & Furness Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Jarvis reported that the W&FC budget consultation was now open and encouraged responses.</p> <p>He noted that the boundary commission review will be taking place from summer onward which may have implications for town and parish council.</p> <p>The Goodly Dale pothole has been caused by a collapsed culvert following the electricity work. This means temporary repairs get pushed out by water. It will be fixed temporarily but will also have a full repair soon.</p> <p>Residents are encouraged to contact their W&F Cllrs if there are ongoing issues with grit bins.</p> <p>W&FCllr Steve Bavin: Noted the council tax consultation closes on January 19th.</p> <p>The commercial bins in Bowness have been cleaned up by the waste disposal company and will be enforced in future. The Ash Street bin issue is being followed up.</p> <p>The Crag Brow railing repairs have been budgeted for in the new financial year.</p> <p>Motorhome waste disposal remains an objective. Arnside had a problem with overnighting Motorhomes and passed a bylaw banning it. This could be combined with a 20mph consultation.</p>
143.	<p>Advisory Group Reports:</p> <p>Cllr John Saunders 20mph Advisory Group: reported around 40 responses to the consultation showing no clear pattern. W&FC offered to share the results of a recent W&F consultation to combine the results. Should a decision to apply be taken then W&FC will carry out a formal consultation process.</p>
144.	<p>Facilities Officer's Report:</p> <p>There were 2 blockages while the FO was on leave one at Broad Street and Braithwaite Fold over the Christmas period which the Clerk kindly dealt with.</p>

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	<p>We learned the sad news that Lyn Taylor who oversaw the Healthmatic cleaning & maintenance contract and worked closely with the Council passed away on December 7th. FO will be having a Teams meeting with Healthmatic MD on Friday afternoon to discuss how things have been and their plans going forward.</p> <p>Income for public toilets for December 2023 finished at £3,751 which was £1,469 ahead of December 2022's takings. Total for the whole year, January to December 2023 finished at £135,866. Just over £25k ahead of 2022. Though the higher use brings increased expenses.</p> <p>No update since last meeting on Bowness Bay ladies' toilet additional doorway so still only have 2 quotes. FO meeting with a builder next week to hopefully get a third quote.</p> <p>The lights along Bowness Glebe will be taken down by the Blachere installers 13/14th January.</p> <p>The Councillors unanimously agreed that the St Martin's Christmas tree lights be left on until the end of January to match the proposed timing of the Windermere Lights Group.</p>
	<p>Due to a medical emergency the meeting was irregularly closed at 8pm</p>

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