



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting 10th April 2019 at 7.55pm, The Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mr John Saunders (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair, Cllrs Leith Hallatsch, Ms Kathleen Atkinson, Ms Sandra Lilley, Mr M Stafford, Mr A Legge, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mrs Magda Khan, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mrs Kate Tripp, Ms Grania Nicholson.</p> <p>Also present: Mrs J Hartley (Town Clerk), District & County Cllrs David Williams, Kevin Holmes, Andrew Jarvis, Ben Berry, Jim Bland. Also 5 members of the public and 2 newly elected councillors who will take their seats in May. The meeting opened at 7.55pm.</p>
199.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Mrs JS Borer, Mr Alan Hands,. SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones</p>
200.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6th March 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
201.	<p>Planning Minutes: It was resolved to note and accept the minutes of the planning sub-committee held on 27th March 2019.</p>
202.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
203.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
204.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
205.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> Attended the Windermere Endowed Schools meeting, at which grants were agreed for local schools. Also, the Allotments AGM and the site inspection for Elleray Woods, where a red squirrel was sighted. The LDNPA ranger gave an update on progress with the carriage drive extension and the Town Steward on the boundary with Elleray Bank (minutes will be sent to Council in due course). Also went along to the Shake up Bowness event which was excellent. Attended Cumbria in Bloom training for judging and has been dealing with a camper van complaint which has been forwarded to the local police. Cllr Greasley also moved that the Clerk be thanked for all the extra help with elections documentation. All agreed. <u>Cllr Stafford:</u> Was pleased to report that the recent pot-hole work at Hammarbank looks good and also was impressed with the local police response to an incident in Windermere. <u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch:</u> enquired about the Local Council Award scheme and the Clerk confirmed that Windermere's paperwork had been submitted. <u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Had attended the 597 bus meeting. Finances are looking sound but good support</p>

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from the community and use of the bus is needed if the service is to continue into the medium term. Ladyholme meeting attended and nothing significant to report. Also Lakes Line User Group, where the myriad of problems continue to plague the line and its users. Repairs are due over the Easter weekend. The problems with the line are the subject of debate at national level, which is reasonably reassuring.

Cllr Legge: Also did site inspection visit on Elleray Woods and Orrest Head (with Cllrs Greasley and Stafford and Clerk and Town Steward). The LDNPA ranger also attended and gave an interesting summary of the ambitions of the LDNPA to take the access right to the summit. A document has been produced on these aspirations and Cllr Legge will attend the project board that will look at this in more depth. Council will be kept fully informed and consulted via Cllr Legge and the Clerk.

Cllr Peter Hamilton: Attended the Shake Up Bowness event and also found it to be a really good meeting. Did have some concerns about the objectives of some attendees and the continuing lack of real community action. The problems in Bowness with anti-social behavior continue and recent police responses have been quick and effective. This action has led to some improvements.

This prompted Cllr Leith Hallatsch to raise the issue of road awareness of some tourist groups and the risk of a tragic accident. All agreed and thought that this is an issue that can be dealt with by the new Ambassador scheme.

Cllr Saunders: had much to report on. Attended the CALC meeting on 7 March, where there was a presentation by Inspector Paul Latham who is in charge of PCSOs. He gave a very useful and interesting talk. All parishes present expressed their appreciation for the work done by PCSOs. It was highlighted that the reporting by PCSOs to Council meetings takes up a lot of time and it was generally felt that a quick written report with an occasional appearance would be adequate, given the pressures they face. The Inspector was also very keen to promote the help that surveillance cameras can give to the Police.

Bowness & Windermere Forward meeting on 12th March: There was an update on markets on the Glebe, which are going very well. Also the greeting scheme (Ambassadors) and volunteers are needed (LDNPA will supply training).

Meeting with Cumbria Police (also attended by Clerk) on CCTV. Very interesting initial meeting, where ideas were discussed for the installation of CCTV locally, linked in to the 24 hour police surveillance centre. A paper has been produced for discussion at Policy & Finance later in the month.

Paradise Project on 19th March (development of Ellerthwaite House and Windermere Library): Also attended by Clerk, Paradise Project trustees, SLDC and CCC and local SLDC and CCC councillors. Lots of assurance about the fact that a library facility will be retained and that any lease granted will retain public ownership if the project should not succeed. There is still the need to produce an acceptable business plan before CCC can move ahead with lease arrangements.

South Lakeland Committee (CCC) 20 March: Presentation on suicide awareness and danger to young people. Highways indicated they are roughly on budget for the year. The £1.9m extra government funding will be spent on re-surfacing in South Lakes. There was a presentation of

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	<p>the re-surfacing work planned for our area in 2019/20. Considerable support for a Kendal Northern relief road.</p> <p>Twinning AGM at Marchesi on 21 March and Windermere Jetty opening on 22 March. The facility looks excellent. Kind and supportive words were exchanged with the Executive and were appreciated.</p> <p>Met with Bowness & Windermere Forward, SLDC and Lakes Cruises on 3 April to discuss the eyesore of land around the toilets and the poor crazy golf facilities.</p> <p>Also visited Farmers Market on 5 April and thanked the stall holders for coming. Lots of positive feedback.</p>
206.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>SLDC Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> Echoed the comments of Deputy Mayor Saunders on the success of the opening of Windermere Jetty. Good to see this contribution to Windermere's Cultural offer.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ben Berry:</u> Still receiving complaints about Windermere Ferry. Also was pleased to announce that this year's Christmas celebration will include an ice rink but not agreed the location as yet. Attended the Paradise Project meeting and was reassured to note the changes from the initial consultation - namely, that there will be no new build and the current structure will be retained, that the Library service will be retained and, in fact, improved and the retention of the building and land, overall, in public ownership.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland:</u> was keen to underline that the recent fare increase for Windermere Ferry is the first in 20 years. Also was encouraged by the CCC decision to re-instate the Windermere Ferry committee and was able to confirm that the highways projects that are being discussed for 2019/20 should be very positive for Windermere & Bowness.</p>
207.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting but drew Members attention to the results of the nominations process for the 2019 elections. It has been confirmed that there will be no contested wards in Windermere and Bowness and that Councillors as listed will be elected uncontested. New listing of councillors was read out.</p> <p>These Councillors will take their seats as from 6th May (4 days after the election date of 2nd May) and the first meeting at which they will all be asked to sign the Declaration of Office will be held on 8th May and will also be the Town Council's AGM, when Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected and appointments made to internal and external groups. The Clerk will send out preference forms prior to this meeting.</p>
208.	<p>Finance - Invoices for Payment:</p> <p>a)The invoices set out on the agenda were approved for payment. The following invoice, received more recently, were also approved: CALC Annual Subscription: £730.06</p>
209.	<p>Local Plan pre-submission consultation:</p> <p>The Clerk underlined the importance of the Local Plan, as being the key set of policies which will determine development and planning from 2020 onwards. She had browsed the website and sent links to councillors. There is a lot of information to look through, but most of it general. The very specific set of policies locally is contained in Central and South East</p>

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	<p>distinctive Area. There were hard copies of this made available.</p> <p>Given the need to take a look at this in detail, the clerk proposed that the item be included at the Planning sub-committee on 17th April for members to discuss in detail, with other Councillors attending and contributing to the debate if they so wish. A draft response could then be put in front of Council on 8th May, allowing for time to send a response before the deadline of 3rd June.</p> <p>This was agreed as a way forward and the Clerk was asked to re-circulate the original submission from the Town Council made in June 2018.</p>
210.	<p>Allotments AGM:</p> <p>Councillors accepted the minutes and action list from this meeting and agreed that plot rents will remain the same for 2019. The Clerk will now issue invoices.</p>
211.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>All meetings will start at 7pm at Langstone House unless otherwise stated. Notification of any agenda items/motions should be sent to the Clerk no later than 7 working days before the meeting.</p> <p>Wednesday 17th April 2019: Planning sub-committee Thursday 18th April 2019: Policy & Finance Advisory Group at 6.15pm. Wednesday 8th May 2019 Council Annual General Meeting</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>

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