



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th August 2022 at 7pm, Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Kate Tripp (in the chair), Cllrs Adrian Legge, Jenny Borer, Peter Cook, Christine Cook, Lisa Greasley, John Saunders, Catherine Musetti, Magda Khan, Leith Hallatsch & Christine Hallatsch. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), & 3 members of the public. SLDC/CCC Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes, Dyan Jones. Westmorland & Furness Shadow Cllr Steve Bavin. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
45.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies from Cllrs Marina Davis (holiday). Esther Kirby (work commitments), Peter Hamilton (holiday) and from Rebecca Pinder (illness)</p>
46.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded Cllr Christine Cook.</p>
47.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 24th July 2022 were noted.</p>
48.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
49.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
50.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
51.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: Prior to the meeting, a training session on the new Councillor Code of Conduct had been held on-line and in hybrid form at Langstone House to which all Councillors had been invited. 8 Town Councillors attended (Mayor Tripp, Deputy Mayor Leith Hallatsch, Cllrs Christine Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley, Jenny Borer, Adrian Legge, Peter Cook & Christine Cook). Cllr Cath Musetti had recently attended the course separately. It was agreed that a reminder should be sent to all councillors as to the importance of a proper understanding of these issues and that the Clerk would circulate the presentation from CALC. <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> had taken part in judging for Windermere in Bloom and had held a Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Group meeting, resulting in a review of civic planting and a report recommending changes which will be discussed at Policy & Finance on 1st September and the next Full Council. Has also arranged for the SLDC Tree Officer to examine trees at Bowness Bay toilets with a view to organizing crown raising. Finally was pleased to announce that the Civic Society have donated five benches to the public realm, using their closing funds. <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> Updated Council on the results of the final Bowness Promenade project meeting. He was happy to confirm that most of the Town Council's requests had been taken on board, apart from the poor quality stone walling, which would be difficult to remedy at</p>

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	<p>this stage. County Council officers and Cumbria Police have recognized that the non-inclusion of the Town Council and District Council in the early part of this project has had negative repercussions and should not happen again.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u> was pleased to report that Windermere in Bloom judging has been completed and invited all councillors - town and district, to the presentation evening, which will take place at the Marchesi Centre on 18th October. She requested help and assistance in posting certificates and there was a good response. She also highlighted the poor state of Robinson Place, which is an eyesore and the closure of public access to the grassed area by the owner of the bar. SLDC Cllr Jarvis agreed to pick this up, as the land is leased from SLDC.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u>: Raised the issue of the substantial activity which has taken place recently at Millerground, for Scouts and Guides events. There had been no pre-warning to Town Council and this should have happened. SLDC Councillors had had no warning either. SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones agreed to follow this up with SLDC officers.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Cook</u>: Had chaired a meeting of the Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Group last week which had agreed various actions, including drafting a response to the unhelpful letter from the Dept of Levelling Up and inviting Westmorland and Furness Councillors to an informal meeting to discuss the future of the lake and its management.</p> <p><u>Deputy Mayor Leith Hallatsch</u> drew attention to a new document from CALC which sets out their longer term vision and will ensure it is distributed for councillors to read.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Cook</u> updated on work by the planning sub-committee that is being carried out to gather data and information to support a Cumulative Impact Assessment for Bowness. It is hoped that this will be finalized by late September and will be reported back to Town Council.</p> <p><u>Mayor Kate Tripp</u> had attended a training session on the new Highways Account, which will enable parish and town councillors to report faults more quickly and receive feedback. The Clerk will progress this and set it up. Had also attended LGR Advisory Group meetings.</p>
52.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u>: Most of his time is taken up with preparations for the new Unitary with many decisions due to be taken on splitting of assets and finances as well as the blue prints for services. Had attended the event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Marchesi Centre, which was very well done. Also highlighted the "Love Windermere" partnership which has been formed recently and has no District or Town Council membership. This has been raised with the organisers.</p> <p><u>Cllr Dyan Jones</u>: Also is spending more time on service preparation for the new Unitary and cited Waste Collection as an example of the complexities of bringing together disparate policies and practices into one. Also highlighted the issue of the Parish Greening toolkit, which has been well received.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes</u>: Updated on local casework, including an issue involving replacement windows in the conservation area. He also highlighted work that is ongoing in SLDC with regard to lake water quality.</p>

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53.	Clerk's Report: The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway. There were several questions from Councillors, mostly with regard to the imminent transfer of trusteeship from SLDC to Town council of the land at Longlands.
54.	Finance: a) Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payments list, which had been circulated with the agenda and, in addition, approved the following: R Elder: Allotment refund: £46.88 SLDC: Bench for Queens Park (Mayor's fund): £900.00 HSBC: Bank Charges for July: £8.00 Water Plus: Broad St toilets July 22: £32.14 CALC: Code of Conduct course for all Council: £120 Cllr Lisa Greasley: refund of expenses for Jubilee Garden purchases from B&Q: £30. This was proposed by Cllr Christine Hallatsch and seconded by Cllr John Saunders. Cllr Greasley gave her formal thanks to the Mayor and Council for the donation of the bench at Queens park in her name.
55.	Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 24 th August 2022: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Thursday 1 st September 2022: Policy & Finance Advisory Group, preceded by Recruitment Advisory Group (Langstone House). Wednesday 14 th September 2022: Full Council, Marchesi Centre.
	The meeting closed at 8 pm

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