



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2021 at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere at 7pm

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Adrian Legge (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Peter Cook, Christine Cook, Christine Hallatsch, Leith Hallatsch, Joanne Daley, Lisa Greasley, John Saunders, Ian Telford, Magda Khan, Peter Hamilton, Fiona Wilkinson, Mike Stafford & Cath Musetti. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk). SLDC/CCC Councillors: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes & Jim Bland. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
81.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Grania Nicholson, Marina Davis, Alan Hands, SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones. The Clerk also announced the resignation of Cllr Tim Shearer, due to family commitments. The process to advertise the vacancy will begin next week.</p>
82.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th October 2021 were approved for signature.</p>
83.	<p>Planning Minutes: The minutes of the planning meeting held on 27th October 2021 were noted.</p>
84.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Peter Hamilton declared a pecuniary interest in item 14 on the agenda (Ash Street) as he owns businesses and is a resident there. It was agreed that Cllr Hamilton would remain in the room whilst the item is debated but would take no part in the debate or the vote on that item.</p>
85.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
86.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
87.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: <u>Mayor Legge:</u> Had attended a site visit meeting at Orrest Head and various Local Government Reform Advisory Group meetings. <u>Cllr Lisa Greasley:</u> Reported progress on the swimming shelter at Millerground, with further support being promised from the National Trust. It is hoped this can be in place before Christmas. Will be having a meeting in December with the Clerk and Cllr Hallatsch to discuss alternatives to hanging baskets in the summer. After the resignation of Cllr Tim Shearer, there is now a vacancy on the Parks and Open Spaces advisory group and, if anyone is interested, contact Cllr Greasley. Attended the wreath laying at the War Memorial, Policy & Finance Advisory Group and various Cumbria in Bloom presentations, as well as the Elleray Woods Advisory Group site visit. <u>Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp:</u> Attended the planning sub-committee and, with Cllr Borer, the Lakes Line User Group AGM, which, as always was informative and a credit to the volunteers</p>

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	<p>and the work they undertake. Chaired the Policy & Finance Advisory Group and attended a number of Local Government Reform Advisory Groups.</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch</u>: Gave an update on Speed Indicator Devices. He is currently re-checking the six suggested locations before submitting proposals to County Council.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u> had chaired planning sub-committee, attended the LLRUG AGM and also a site visit with CCC and SLDC officers at Ash Street.</p> <p><u>Cllr Hamilton</u>: Noted the progress that has been made with the Comic Arts festival and support in Bowness.</p>
88.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes</u>: Reported on recent meeting with SLDC officers to start the dialogue on the future of Lake Admin under Local Government reform.</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u>: Gave an update on Local Government reform, in particular the draft structural change order, which will create the legislation needed. Key aspects involve the number of councillors at 65 for Westmorland and Furness. CCC are continuing with the Judicial Review which challenges the basis of Local Government reform.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland</u>: Reported on a meeting to finalise arrangements for work on the Crag Brow roundabout.</p>
89.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk's report was noted. The key points from the Town Steward's report were added verbally.</p>
90.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November were noted and the following recommendations were approved:</p> <p>The financial report 1 April to 31 October 2021 was noted;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Being no longer required, the ringfenced reserve of £17,350 for CCTV purchase be credited back to the General Reserve;The proposal to purchase new lighting for the tree outside St Martin's Church, in lieu of a grant contribution this year. Up to a cost of £2,500 (net of VAT);The proposal to provide funding to Better Leisure of £1,250 to enable a Christmas Market to be held on the Glebe on 12th December. This should be on the basis that they will prioritise Cumbria based businesses and use of the Town Council's facebook site should be offered to assist with promotion of the event. The Clerk will check if this can be funded from the remaining balance on the Bowness & Windermere Forward ringfenced reserve;A grant of £250 is made to the Air Cadets, to assist in purchase of the "Choking Charlie" for first aid teaching;A donation of £500 is made to the Great North Air Ambulance.

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91.	<p>Elleray Woods Advisory Group: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2021 were noted and the following recommendations were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Expenditure of up to £1,200 on two commemorative benches to recognise the work of Fred Atkinson and Kath Atkinson in the woodland (to be sited close to the entrance to the newly cleared compartment);b) Expenditure of up to £600 to fund a new bench to be located closed to the new interpretation boards, donated by the Mayor from his fund for 2021;c) Funding for a new directional sign outside the Tourist Information (Mountain Goat) is refused;d) The way forward on the Access Road, as set out in the minutes was agreed.
92.	<p>New Code of Conduct: The new code of conduct, recommended by SLDC, was approved.</p>
93.	<p>Diary of Meetings 2022: The list was agreed and it was agreed that meetings should return to Langstone House in the new year.</p>
94.	<p>Finance: a) Invoices listed on the November Orders for payment were approved, with the addition of: Town Steward: £1,200 Horton Landscapes: £450.</p>
95.	<p>Ash Street, Bowness: It was agreed that, given the pressure on outdoor space in the post Covid world and in current circumstances, this is the right time to re-open consultation with residents and businesses. The aim being to achieve a balance between the needs for access and outdoor seating. As such, Town Council agreed to support Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council in re-opening the consultation on a way forward with local people.</p>
96.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 24th November 2021: Planning sub-committee (venue to be confirmed); Wednesday 8th December 2021: Full Council (Marchesi Centre) Wednesday 15th December 2021: Planning sub-committee (venue to be confirmed)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.25pm</p>

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