



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

10th October 2018 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Mrs JS Borer, Ms S Lilley, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Peter Hamilton, Ms Magda Khan, Ms K Atkinson, Ms Grania Nicholson, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr Mike Stafford, Mrs Kate Tripp and Mr Alan Hands. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) and Mark Kidd, parish representative on the LDNPA & 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
111.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Ms Sandra Britton & Mr Adrian Legge. SLDC Councillors were not present as it was the night of their Council meeting. The Mayor welcomed the two new councillors - Alan Hands and Kate Tripp.</p>
112.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th September 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
113.	<p>Planning Minutes: It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning sub-committee held on 12th Sept 18.</p>
114.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Leith & Christine Hallatsch and Jenny Borer as members of the Town Twinning Association (grant request at 121b)</p>
115.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
116.	<p>LDNPA Parish Representative: Mr Mark Kidd spoke about his role on the Lake District National Park (elected in June this year). He started with a description of the structure of the LDNPA, which has 20 members, 5 of which are parish representatives, of each distinctive area. He went on to explain the main purposes of the LDNPA, with regard to planning, rights of way, custodians of property and management of the National Park. Mark's role is to represent issues that are highlighted to him by parish councils in our area and he currently sits on the Resources and Governance committees. Issues that have been raised with him already include the rising visitor numbers and lack of infrastructure to handle this and the poor communication from the LDNPA to parishes, which was highlighted clearly in the Local Plan process. Windermere Town Councillors took the opportunity to ask a variety of questions on the following topics: how assets are obtained and the reasons for selling them, the need to make cutbacks given the reduction in DEFRA funding, the potential conflict of interests within the LDNPA (particularly with regard to its commercial and environmental stewardship roles) and the seeming disregard for local recommendations on planning. Cllr Kidd agreed to take these issues back to the LDNPA and to work on any improvements that can be achieved. He can be contacted via the Clerk. One last issue that was raised was the timing of the next stage of the Local Plan, which starts next summer and Councillors need to be alert to developments on this.</p>

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117.	Public Input: NONE
118.	Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Stafford</u> had attended the Windermere Youth Project meeting and reported on a new initiative concerning hate crimes. <u>Cllr Saunders:</u> attended the CALC local committee meeting on 20 th September, at which there was an interesting presentation on the Great Place Lakes and Dales initiative, which aims to retain young people in our area. There was also information on the new CCC Working Together initiative, which is a 2 year programme to roll out more responsibility to parishes. The Clerk will receive local information as and when it becomes available. There was a presentation from SLDC on a very fundamental change to working methods, that will involve a full staff restructure and the much stronger use of digital communications with customers. Also attended the South Lakeland local committee on 26 th September, where there was an update about Windermere Ferry. Clear progress is being made and the new motor has been installed. New permanent staff are being recruited. There is due a major re-fit next summer, but this may be re-scheduled so as not to clash with the tourist season. There is also progress being made on a whole programme of gully cleaning. A survey has shown that Windermere is one of the most deprived towns in South Lakeland with regard to attainment of skills and access to education. A consultation is planned. Parking enforcement activities have yielded an increase of 20% of notices and more enforcement officers are being recruited. <u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Gave an update on the Health & Well Being survey and attended the 2 nd advanced planning training event, which really underlined the lack of power held by local councils. <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> Reported that Lakes School numbers are down now to 400 but there is a positive in this in that the standard of teaching has improved. She has also received representation from several local people about the roofing material that has been used on the new Air Cadets building - it is not slate but instead a plastic coated material. The Clerk agreed to follow this up. Attended the Elleray Woods site visit and it is looking beautiful. There will be some issues to address re boundaries when the new area for felling and management is identified but the Town Steward will write to Town Council about this. The 1,000 native daffodil bulbs have arrived (with Town Clerk) and a planting day will be organized shortly. Finally, there has been another red squirrel sighting. <u>Cllr Khan:</u> Attended the Chamber of Trade meeting and reported on progress with the Sculpture Trail. Local sculptors are still being sought. <u>Cllr Borer:</u> Attended a very short Lakes Admin meeting, along with fellow Councillors. New fees and charges were agreed and systems may be changing to introduce a longer private lettings agreement, rather than the current annual one. The new electoral process at SLDC is not aiding continuity, as the committee is continually dealing with training of new councillors in what is a very complex area. <u>Mayor Hallatsch:</u> Had attended a very enjoyable Torchlight Procession at Kendal, representing the Town Council. <u>Cllr Hands:</u> Alerted Council to an Oral History event on 10 th November, which will tell the story of the experiences of three local Windermere men during the First World War.

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119.	District & County Councillors' reports: None present.
120.	Clerk's Report: The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting and added the following items which had been received in the meantime: The letter that has been sent on behalf of local parish and town councils by Kendal Town Council to Northern Rail, making clear the local concerns about the service provided on Lakes Line. The external auditor interim report; The report from the Town Steward for work completed in September 2018. A response from Morecambe Bay CCG to the Town Council's letter of September 2018 concerning the local GP practice at Goodly Dale A thank-you letter from Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights for continuing financial support from the Town Council. Cllr Hamilton asked if there had been any update on a meeting to discuss litter, that had been left in the hands of John Barwise to organize. The Clerk agreed to follow this up. The Clerk also updated Town Council on arrangements for her compassionate leave. At present, no meetings will be cancelled.
121.	Finance - Invoices for Payment: a)The invoices set out on the agenda were approved for payment. The following invoices, received more recently, were also approved: Town Steward payment for September: £1,013.78 Horton Landscapes for watering in August: £1,413.36 Viking: Stationery & Cartridges: £229.39 JAK Marketing: for disposable waste bags for dispensers (dog poo): £126.00 SLDC: Street Lighting costs 2018: £1,240.83 CALC: Planning training (over 2 courses): £380.00 Shipton Bulbs (revised invoice): £275.00 Finance: Grant Applications: b)Town Council approved the grant applications set out on the agenda, ie Windermere-Diessen Twinning Association: £1,000.00 Scrogans Run - performance on Glebe on 16 th September: 2 sets £200.00 Marchesi Centre Christmas Lunch: £600
122.	Dates of Next Meetings: 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. Wednesday 7 th November 2018 Wednesday 5 th December 2018
	The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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