



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 11th August 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, Leith Hallatsch, Christine Hallatsch, Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Lisa Greasley, Fiona Wilkinson, Magda Khan, Mike Stafford, Grania Nicholson, Ian Telford & Cath Musetti Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) & Rebecca Pinder (Assistant Clerk) & 2 members of public. SLDC/CCC Councillors: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes & Jim Bland. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
40.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Tim Shearer, John Saunders, Peter Hamilton, Alan Hands & Joanne Daley. CCC/SLDC Cllrs Ben Berry & Dyan Jones.</p>
41.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th July 2021 were approved for signature.</p>
42.	<p>Planning Minutes: The minutes of the planning meeting held on 28th July 2021 were noted.</p>
43.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
44.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
45.	<p>Item to be discussed in private session: Cllr Jenny Borer proposed and Cllr Kate Tripp seconded the proposal to discuss the toilets cleaning contract in private session at the end of the meeting, due to the commercially sensitive nature of the content.</p>
46.	<p>Public Input: <u>Mike Graham (Winter Lights)</u> Mike gave a brief summary of progress with plans for this year's Winter Lights. He emphasized that the group now consists of just five volunteers and that expectations need to be adjusted to recognize that. There were many questions, particularly about lighting for Bowness Pier area and also the area of Lake Road, between Windermere & Quarry Rigg. The following actions were agreed:</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk to investigate with Cumbria Street Lighting the issues with utilizing lamp-posts at Bowness Bay for single installation lit decorations (ie not strings of lights); <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike to speak to the electrician on the Winter Lights group about inspecting the lights in the tree at St Martins, to establish what can be done to re-instate them. The Town Council pays for the electricity supply. <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Kate Tripp will put out a request on the Town Council's facebook site for more volunteers, to assist.

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<p>Action</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk will speak to Windermere Lake Cruises about lighting up their pier on the Lake.• The Winter Lights committee will put a request for annual funding to the Town Clerk.• It was also noted that it may be possible to supply a cherry picker via Cllr Fiona Wilkinson (Mike Graham to follow up on that if needed). <p><u>Adrian Faulkner (Chamber of Trade)</u> Adrian gave an overview of the role of the Chamber of Trade in the community and an account of the wide range of activities the Chamber has been and continues to be involved with (which are itemized in more detail on the website). The overarching role of the Chamber is to ensure that the business community is represented locally whether via consultations or representation on external groups, for instance the Lakes Line User Group. It was felt that, given the large number of new councillors who have taken post over the past few years, this was an appropriate time to remind Council of the extensive and proactive work that the Chamber delivers.</p> <p>Cllr Cath Musetti asked a question about the problems caused by businesses spilling onto pavements and the lack of overseeing of the statutory 1.5m space provided for pedestrians, pushchairs and mobility vehicles. It was agreed that this issue needs following up (again) and that the Clerk will contact the team at SLDC and report back.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the two speakers for their contributions to the meeting.</p>
47.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates:</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Cook</u> updated on the actions of the LGR Advisory Group, which he had recorded in an email to councillors, including a list of assets held by the Town Council. The government has chosen the option of two unitary councils for Cumbria, based on a broad East/West split. Key deadlines are the establishment of the Shadow Unitary councils in April 2022 and then dual running of services with the current District and County Councils until vesting day in April 2023, when the new unitary councils will take over and the current councils will be abolished. The Town Council's group are making contact with some of the organisations involved and ensuring that WBTC's voice is heard during this key phase when strategies and structures will be debated and decided. One of the most important organizations will be CALC.</p> <p>There were a number of questions, including the recent request for Judicial review by the County Council. It was agreed that SLDC Deputy Leader, Andrew Jarvis, would speak about this under the following agenda item.</p> <p><u>Cllr Mike Stafford</u> updated on his work to address problems with pavement slabs and the Library Gardens wall in Windermere and was confident that some action would be taken.</p> <p><u>Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp</u> had attended the Visitor Strategy Group (with the Mayor), the planning sub-committee and a very enjoyable event at the Steamboat Museum (representing the Mayor). Had been involved in the distribution of Windermere in Bloom posters.</p>

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	<p><u>Cllr Lisa Greasley</u>: had been involved in the issues with the toilets cleaning contract, which will be dealt with later on the agenda, and in taking urgent decisions needed. It is noted that the feasibility study for the longer-term future of the toilets will be carried out in the Autumn. The Queens Park play area is completed and is very busy and well used. The work on the pump track has begun and has caused some initial problems for users of the park but SLDC are aware and will ensure that all the local issues will be addressed. The bench survey is now completed and the Assistant Clerk will document and re-present the list later in the year, when time allows. It was noted that the troughs on Bowness promenade had been re-planted due to the very dry and hot weather, which had killed off some of the plants, even after additional watering. Finally had also been involved in distributing posters.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u>, as lead councillor for Windermere in Bloom, has been busy with the judging, which is now completed. The certificates are printed and arrangements have been made for a presentation event on Tuesday 19th October. This will be at the Marchesi centre and, due to risk assessment, numbers must be limited to 60.</p> <p><u>Mayor Legge</u>: had spent some time on the Orrest Head project, in a number of site meetings. The opening ceremony will take place on Sunday 12th September and an email invite has been sent out. He has also had detailed discussions with the project manager for Windermere Gateway, to clarify and understand some of the in depth issues and proposals. Mayor Legge has also dealt with a number of anti-social behaviour complaints and continues to follow up on the issues raised in his letter to all involved in leadership in Cumbria.</p>
48.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis (Deputy Leader SLDC)</u>: Cllr Jarvis added to the update on Local Government Reorganisation from Peter Cook. He confirmed that elections to the shadow unitary councils will take place in May 2022 and that existing councillors on the outgoing councils will continue to serve until April 2023, when vesting day for the new unitary councils will take place. He confirmed that work has already begun on the practicalities of making sure that the new unitary councils are in place and can operate effectively from day one. District Councils are working well together. Cllr Jarvis is involved in many aspects of these processes and is in a good position to represent issues raised by WBTC. One of the first issues to be addressed is the name of the new Unitary councils and suggestions are being invited for consideration</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes</u>: Updated on his first meeting of Lakes Administration as its new Chair.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland</u>: Confirmed that the Ferry had been out of commission but new cables have now been fitted and it should be back in operation very shortly. A temporary solution will be put in place for the roundabout in Bowness.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the County and District Councillors for their attendance.</p>
49.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report was noted and a number of questions of detail were answered.</p>
50.	<p>Finance:</p>

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	<p>Invoices listed on the July Orders for payment were approved, with the addition of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horton Landscapes Ltd: Watering for months of June and July: £3,164.16• Thomas Graham: Toilets consumables: £970.20• Lake District National Park: contribution to repair of tarmac access path in Elleray Woods (from Elleray Woods budget): £600.00• Eon: Direct Debit electricity St Martin's Christmas Tree; £15.69• Gary Hancox: Town Steward payment for July 21: £1,200.00.
51.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 25th August 2021: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Thursday 2nd September 2021: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (Marchesi Centre) Wednesday 15th September : Full Council (Marchesi Centre).</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the business in public and the following item was considered in private.</p>
52.	<p>Toilets Cleaning Contract: The Clerk updated Council on an urgent decision taken the previous week. This was to appoint a new cleaning contractor - Healthmatic, following the resignation without notice of the current cleaners after problems experienced with recruiting staff. The Assistant Clerk presented additional and up to date details of the new operation and how it is progressing. The details of the new arrangements, which will run until 31 March 2022, were reviewed and discussed. Questions from a number of councillors were answered. Cllr Lisa Greasley proposed and Cllr Jenny Borer seconded the proposals below which were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Endorsement of the urgent decision made by the Clerk, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Facilities Advisory Group, to appoint Healthmatic on a 7 month contract to 31/3/22.b. Agreement that the full re-tendering exercise of all the toilets contracts, that was planned for this Autumn, go ahead, with the close involvement of the Facilities Advisory Group.c. Agreement to expend £2,500 on a full chemical deep-clean of the 4 leading toilet facilities. <p>Council also recorded their thanks to the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk for their excellent and prompt work to put the new arrangements into place and effect a seamless service change.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9pm</p>

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