



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

11th December 2019 at 6.30pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Ms Sandra Lilley, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs Jenny Borer, Mrs Christine Cook, Mr Peter Cook, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ian Telford, Marina Davis, Fiona Wilkinson. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC/CCC Councillors: Kevin Holmes & Jim Bland + 7 members of the public. The meeting opened at 6.30pm.</p>
118.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllr Tim Shearer, Grania Nicholson, Alan Hands and Mike Stafford and SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry, Andrew Jarvis, Dyan Jones, Brian Rendell.</p>
119.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th November 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
120.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The planning minutes of 27th November were accepted by Council.</p>
121.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
122.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
123.	<p>Public Input: Leigh Williams (Chief Executive of CADAS - Drugs & Advisory Service) spoke to the Council about the work of her organization. Up to now, CADAS has largely been Kendal based but, responding to the perceived growing need is doing more work in Windermere and Bowness. They are very keen to design services that meet local need and would be very grateful for feedback from the Town council. They largely deliver services to the community rather than one to one sessions and this was further explained. Leigh left hand-outs for Councillors to read and to think about what CADAS can offer. It was agreed that Leigh should come to a further Council meeting in the new year to discuss this further.</p> <p>Stephen Hargreaves, a local business owner, addressed the Council and spoke about how local businesses can help to improve the village especially in Bowness. He spoke about his own business experience and the impact on the community of businesses that employ locally and lead by example. He would be very happy for the Town Council to generate ideas as to how working with and taking ideas from local businesses can be used to promote improvement in our communities. Some early ideas mentioned were meeting spaces, Christmas decorations, benches, trees, maintenance of assets and social media. The Mayor thanked Mr Hargreaves and confirmed that the Town Council will give this some thought. Cllr Hamilton offered his services as a conduit between the Town Council and businesses in</p>

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	<p>Bowness South.</p> <p>Scott Keenan, Chair of Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade updated the Council on the Sculpture Trail project. Currently, the Chamber are working to deliver this project by obtaining permissions for locating the sculptures in a multi-ownership area. They are also promoting the project via radio and face-book. They do face a challenge to raise the funding needed but do already have eight businesses looking to sponsor sculptures. The Mayor thanked Scott for his input and underlined Council support for the work of the Chamber and the Sculpture trail project.</p>
124.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates:</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Recently checked on the poppy display at the War Memorial which has held up well in the bad weather. She has re-stacked the wreathes, which had suffered.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley:</u> Attended a meeting of Windermere Park for All at which a project brief was handed out and this was circulated for Councillors' information. This project is starting to move forward and the group is actively seeking funding.</p> <p><u>Cllr Magda Khan:</u> Attended a meeting of the Youth Project, which has been successful this year in attracting funding from the Co-op. The activities are progressing well but the financial future still in doubt as funding sources are not secure. Magda has invited the Youth leader to attend Council to speak about potential future projects.</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch:</u> Wished to thank the community for the excellent job done on the lights and the fireworks. This is a worthwhile cause for the Council to support.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kate Tripp:</u> Updated on a recent meeting of the information and communications focus group. The design of a face-book page is progressing and, in the light of the group finding Whats App very useful, offered to set up a Council What's App group for those Councillors happy to share their phone numbers.</p> <p><u>Cllr Fiona Wilkinson:</u> Has not yet been able to confirm the visit of the Housing Officer to Council but will carry on working on this. She wished to compliment Highways on their fast response to the flooding in Windermere this week. She is aware of 2 further instances of deer dying on the roads and, in this context, the County Council's response about deer signage is disappointing. It was agreed that the Clerk will report these 2 further instances and try again to obtain support for signage.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Hamilton:</u> Attended the new boat launch on the lake (Windermere Lake Cruises). This was purely a technical launch and there will be a public celebration and launch sometime in the new year. Peter was able to confirm that the new boat comes with really good eco credentials.</p> <p><u>Mayor Saunders:</u> Attended a meeting about the markets on the Glebe with Better Leisure. Plans look good. Better Leisure will improve the advertising and profile. They are also looking to enhance the facilities they offer visitors and locals and are providing some local discounts for sessions on the lake.</p> <p>Notes for the CCC meeting had been emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Attended the CALC meeting with Cllrs Lilley and Leith Hallatsch.</p>

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	<p>Represented the Council at the Windermere School Christmas Market. This was well attended and a good event. There was a useful opportunity to meet the head teacher and discuss some local issues and opportunities.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights parade was fantastic and really well attended. The challenge for the future is to improve the decorations and celebrations for Bowness. This is recognized and action is already being taken.</p> <p>Assisted Cllr Greasley and others with the planting of 1,000 native daffodils in Elleray Woods. Town Twinning carol singing and Christmas lunch which was most enjoyable.</p> <p>Finally, held a meeting with Bill Smith (BWCCT) and the Clerk to discuss issues about the re-drafted toilets service agreement. This was a positive meeting and productive.</p>
125.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Holmes: Updated on the issue of coach parking, where SLDC are looking at various sites and should know more in Spring. Has been looking into what can be done with the Glebe flower beds. After reports from a local resident, the issue of drainage and gullies which need to be cleared is being followed up with CCC. Finally, Kevin was happy to report that the lighting in the car park on Rayrigg Road has been fixed and is now working, but needs a permanent upgrade, which is being considered by CCC and SLDC.</p> <p>Cllr Jim Bland: Updated on the roundabout project in Bowness. The project delivery has had to stall until the drains can be fully investigated and repaired all the way up Crag Brow. It is still hoped that the work can be done after Christmas.</p> <p>Added by Clerk with reference to original hand-written notes: Cllr Bland was asked which option had been chosen for the Bowness Roundabout. He indicated that he thought it was the more expensive option but that he was not certain and would check and report back.</p>
126.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk updated Councillors verbally on the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Work that will be carried out in February next year by the Environment Agency to repair the debris screen which runs above the culvert at the side of the War Memorial. This is welcome and needed.An email from PCSO Sarah Blacow who sent apologies for the meeting but wished to thank the Town Council for its continuing support throughout 2019. There was a written update about crime prevention measures over Christmas.A response from CCC to the request from Town Council for Deer signage. The CCC regrets that it will not be able to fulfill the request as they work on a strictly risk based assessment and try to limit road signage where possible.An email from CCC about the A592 Safer Roads project, for which £1.9m of funding has been made available from the Dept for Transport. There will be consultation and public information sessions taking place in February 2020. The Clerk was asked to

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	<p>contact the officer and request a presentation at Full Council.</p> <p>The Clerk was also very pleased to announce that the Town Council has been successful in its application for Foundation Status in the Local Council Award Scheme and distributed the temporary certificate, which will be awarded more formally in the new year.</p>
127.	<p>Orrest Head & Elleray Woods Advisory Group: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November were noted and accepted.</p>
128.	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The payments as listed on the agenda were approved, including the Town Steward payment for November of £1,202.25. The following payments have been received since the agenda was published and were also approved: GJB Landscapes: £850 + VAT for removal of redundant poles (charges to BWF reserve); Nicol Landscapes Ltd: £275 + VAT for inspection and report on trees in War Memorial Gardens; £29.50 to the LDNPA to fund one of the donation signs for Elleray Woods.b) The budget for 2020-21 recommended by the Policy & Finance Advisory Group was reviewed and agreed. The Council agreed to set an expenditure budget of £127,300 and an income budget of £137,150.c) The precept for 2020-21 as recommended by the Policy & Finance Advisory Group was agreed as £128,000 (an increase of 2.5%).
129.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7pm: Full Council Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 6.15pm: Policy & Finance Advisory Group Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7pm: Planning sub-committee</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.25pm.</p>

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