



# WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm, Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor Kate Tripp (in the chair), Cllrs Leith Hallatsch (Deputy Mayor), Adrian Legge, Jenny Borer, Christine Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley, Peter Hamilton, Christine Cook, Peter Cook, Sandra Lilley, Esther Kirby, Marina Davis Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) &amp; Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk designate). SLDC/CCC/W&amp;F Cllrs: Kevin Holmes, Jim Bland, Steve Bavin. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
112.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies from John Saunders due to illness. The clerk announced the resignation of Catherine Musetti. Sandra Lilley has offered to fill in on planning sub-committee until the AGM. This was approved by Council. SLDC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis, Dyan Jones</p>
113.	<p><b>Full Council Minutes:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Christine Hallatsch    Seconded Adrian Legge</p>
114.	<p><b>Planning sub-committee Minutes:</b> The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December were noted. Proposed Sandra Lilley, Seconded Christine Hallatsch</p>
115.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None</p>
116.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> None received.</p>
117.	<p><b>LDNPA Multi Agency Visitor Management Area Action Plan:</b> Marion Jones from the LDNPA sent a report on The Visitor Area Management Action Plans to Council which was presented by the clerk.</p> <p>Councillors made the following observations and recommendations:</p> <p><u>Water Activities:</u> Councillors support safety signage relating to swimming and paddleboarding but Council are not supportive of any restriction of these activities. They asked that the clerk obtain further information. They also highlighted that LDNPA need to liaise with Lakes Admin (SLDC) for any changes to signs on the Lake.</p> <p><u>Parking:</u> There was some support for double yellow lines on Rayrigg Road and Mayor Kate Tripp has video coverage of the dangers caused by parked cars in this location. Rectory Fields car park helped to relieve the pressure in Bowness. Councillors would like to push to increase this to 56 rather than 28 days, including all weekends and school holidays. They felt that just because there was a slightly reduced demand in 2022 doesn't mean there won't be higher demand in 2023.</p>



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	<p>Given the importance of the issue of car parking to our local community, Councillors reiterated the requirement for a car parking/transport strategy for our area that covers all the strands and ensures that workers and residents are taken into account. Transport strategies that councillors have noted working successfully elsewhere and should be considered include Residents Parking, Car Parking, Early bird parking, On Street Parking, Enforcement, Buses, Park and Ride and Cycling.</p> <p>The increased visibility of traffic officers carrying out enforcement duties was noted and welcomed.</p> <p><u>Public Transport:</u> The Stagecoach service was well used, as was the app.</p> <p><u>Fly Camping:</u> Council encountered problems in Rayrigg Meadow, Millerground Lakeshore, Elleray Woods, Ellerthwaite Gardens and Cockshott Point. Councillors noted the lack of organised camp sites in our area and, lack of publicity for those that do exist, may contribute to fly camping. Councillors are particularly concerned about the associated risk of campfires and would like to see patrols aimed at prevention of this.</p> <p><u>Motorhomes:</u> Councillors felt there was a definite need for greywater and sewage units at Braithwaite Fold. It is also required at Rayrigg Meadow car park, where overnight parking seems to be allowed in part. Councillors have requested clarification and improved signage stating on which parts of Rayrigg Meadow overnight motorhomes are permitted. Councillors also enquired if the Ferry Nab grey water facilities for boats could be used for Motorhomes? Also, given pressure on the national park itself, why was Murley Moss prioritised for these motorhome emptying units? The Clerk was asked to clarify this with the LDNPA.</p> <p><u>Public Toilets:</u> Councillors noted that while Ferry Nab toilets were opened in the summer and that opening hours seemed to meet demand, they have been closed since September which causes problems. A longer opening season is required for these SLDC operated toilets.</p> <p><u>Litter Bins:</u> Litter bin provision did not meet demand, particularly at Millerground and Rayrigg Meadow. The Mayor often is at Millerground at 7am on a Sunday and witnesses litter pickers taking away 30 to 40 bin bags of rubbish in addition to the 16 full litter bins. Councillors requested information about the conclusions from the big belly bin trial run by SLDC.</p>
118.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> None</p>
119.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b> <u>Adrian Legge:</u> On 20.12.22 Cumbria County Council emailed to notify us that they are not replacing the existing ferry with an electric ferry. Mallard will need to remain in service as acquiring a replacement in current economic climate will be challenging. Adrian has</p>



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	<p>expressed to CCC the Council's disappointment and has made recommendations of measures to keep the current ferry serviceable.</p> <p><u>Peter Hamilton</u>: Noted very low visitor numbers at the moment. Temporary 20mph signs in Bowness looking messy, as these were temporary signage.</p> <p>In preparation for policy and finance he has been looking at grants. He has met with Julie from Comic Art Festival about bid. She is attending the next Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Leith Hallatsch</u>: as Deputy Mayor he went to the pantomime at Elleray and did the Air Cadets presentation.</p> <p><u>Peter Cook</u>: LGR, there will be an informal meeting with W&amp;F councillors on Friday 13/1/23. As LGR chair, he sent a letter to the department for Levelling Up asking for agreement in principle that income from Windermere lake should be spent on local council areas. As an individual councillor he wrote to United Utilities regarding sewage releases into lake.</p> <p><u>Sandra Lilley</u> - attended Cumbria Health on Call group meeting (patients panel at Goodly Dale practice).</p>
120.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>Kevin Homes</u> - Highlighted the date change for the Lakes Admin meeting which will be the last. He has circulated a report on Water Quality and sent the slides to the clerk. He was thanked for all his hard work by the Council.</p> <p><u>Jim Bland</u> - noted that, with the cancellation of the electric replacement, the current Ferry needs alternatives.</p> <p><u>Steve Bavin</u> - updated on LGR - most directors are in place at W&amp;F Council, council tax consultation is coming up with an option of double council tax for second homes. Buses are £2 for first 3 months of 2023.</p>
121.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway and highlighted the following.</p> <p>New clerk training: good start.</p> <p>War memorial culvert: Not expecting help from environment agency but they have been clear on what work is needed. Clerk has been in touch with 3 local builders to request quotations.</p> <p>Longlands: advisory group met today. Insurance quote to end of June obtained. Councillors approved this at £283.</p> <p>Christine Hallatsch proposed, Jenny Borer seconded.</p> <p>Toilets update: Millerground toilets had burst pipe over Christmas which has caused significant damage. The Facilities Officer will update Policy and Finance in full next week. Specific questions were asked by Peter Hamilton - for example, if a frost heater was needed in Millerground. This will be clarified by the Facilities officer after onsite meeting next week.</p> <p>Christine Hallatsch asked about the management agreement due for Langrigge play area. The clerk is awaiting a draft agreement back from Windermere Endowed.</p>
122.	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payments list, which had been circulated with the agenda and, in addition, approved the following:</p>



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	<p>a) NPower: Toilets electricity for November: £486.90 b) Sally Parkyn: Purchase of laptop, printer and Microsoft Office: £513.98 c) SLDC: Water for Braithwaite Fold toilets Sept to Dec 22: £103.65 d) Water Plus: Water for Quarry Rigg toilets: Dec 22: £63.89 e) Water Plus: Water for Rayrigg Road toilets: Dec 22: £851.13</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Christine Hallatsch seconded Cllr Christine Cook.</p>
123.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023: Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group: Langstone House. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023: Full Council, Marchesi Centre.</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8:26pm</b></p>