



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Adrian Legge, Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mrs C Hallatsch, Mrs Jenny Borer, Ms Sandra Lilley, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mrs Marina Davis, Mr Alan Hands, Mrs Christine Cook, Mr Peter Cook, Ms Grania Nicholson. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC/CCC Cllr Andrew Jarvis and no members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
74.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Cllr Ms Magda Khan, Mr Tim Shearer, Mr Mike Stafford, Mrs Fiona Wilkinson. SLDC Cllrs Ben Berry &amp; Dyan Jones. The Clerk also announced, with regret, the resignation of Cllr Trevor Myers, due to lack of time and other commitments.</p>
75.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
76.	<p><b>Planning sub-committee Minutes:</b> The planning minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were accepted by Council.</p>
77.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
78.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
79.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> NONE</p>
80.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Updates:</b> <u>Cllr Legge</u> provided details about HMS Undine, a vessel named and purchased by the people of Windermere (public subscription of £600k) and broken up in 1965. A local resident and ex Councillor, Frank Saunders, wishes to present the Town Council with the ship's pennant, badge and a painting he has completed himself. This will take place prior to the next Town Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a small display made of the items in the Town Council chamber. <u>Cllr Hands</u> had attended the Health &amp; Well Being group in Kendal and reported that all is going well for now. <u>Cllr Hamilton</u> reported on some issues that have been raised by a local resident in Bowness, focusing on parking, planning and noise. He asked that the Town Council responds effectively to these issues and Mayor Saunders reminded that there is a lot of Council work taking place on parking and that the planning sub-committee is working hard on the other issues raised and making some notable progress. This includes the work by Cllr Legge to get the unsightly bins and air conditioning units removed from outside You and Me on Ash Street. <u>Cllr Lilley</u> reported on a recent meeting of the Lakes Line User Group (LLRUG) and</p>

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	<p>underlined the disappointment felt by all with the performance of Network Rail.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> had attended the Coaches meeting along with many other councillors and also the funeral of Alex Mann, who had been a very strong supporter of the Town Council over 30 years.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kate Tripp</u> represented the Council, along with Cllr Adrian Legge at the attempt of an RAF officer to complete a 5 way swim of Windermere Lake to raise funds for charity. Sadly, it was not successful, due to some unseasonably low water temperatures.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u> reported on the Windermere in Bloom Awards ceremony held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, which had been, once again, a very successful night, with 120 local residents in attendance and all thoroughly enjoying the celebration of horticulture. All trophies and certificates have now been distributed. She thanked Cllr Leith Hallatsch for his sterling support, Mayor Saunders for the excellent work on photography and presentation of certificates and trophies, Councillors who had given up their time to deliver invites and certificates and assist on the night and also the Town Clerk, who, as usual, had provided great support to the event.</p> <p>Mayor Saunders led a thoroughly resounding thank-you from all Councillors to Christine for the fabulous work and contribution to Windermere's biggest community event. He read out one of the many thank-you notes and presented Christine with a bouquet of flowers.</p> <p><u>Mayor Saunders</u>: reported on the recent Chamber of Trade meeting and the progress being made with the Sculpture Trail, which is coming along well. Also thanked everyone for the fast response to the request from the BBC to film early morning at the new Millerground play area. For children to be playing on the equipment at 6.50am was a real feat. He thanked Adrian Legge and Deputy Mayor Sandra Lilley for providing leadership, as he had not been able to be present. It was a ringing endorsement of the community's success. He also reported on an informal meeting that had been held that afternoon with SLDC Councillors Dyan Jones and Andrew Jarvis and Council Leader, Giles Archibald, attended by Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk. SLDC listened and took note of a number of key issues which need to be progressed together, including parking, coaches, Langstone House, Health &amp; Welfare and Electric charging points. It is fair to say that it was a positive dialogue.</p>
81.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis</u> agreed that the informal meeting that afternoon was proactive and fruitful and well worth the time. He wished to endorse the success of the community in achieving such a transformation at Millerground and underlined the problems with disabled parking and access, which are being sorted out.</p>
82.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk's report, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted. The following was added: Town Steward report for August. Also updated that the Street Clutter letters will be distributed by hand in Windermere &amp; Bowness on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Council that she will be taking Annual Leave from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October.</p>

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<p>83. Agreed Action</p> <p>Agreed Action</p> <p>Agreed Action</p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>a) Councillors approved grant applications as follows: Windermere Christmas Celebration: £3,000 (proposed Cllr Greasley, seconded Cllr Hamilton) Friends of the 597 Bus: £1,000 plus £1,000 to be held in reserve for future years (proposed Cllr Leith Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Greasley).</p> <p>b) Councillors approved the order be placed for a further 1,000 native daffodils for Elleray Woods, at a cost of £275. This will utilize the remainder of the grant from the Civic Society. (proposed Cllr Leith Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Greasley)</p> <p>c) The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following payments were also approved: Viking Stationery order: £171.95 plus VAT at £13.89, Hydro Hotel (for WiB awards ceremony: £1,125.00), Audio Services for Windermere in Bloom: £300. (proposed Cllr Greasley, seconded Cllr Tripp).</p>
<p>84.</p> <p>Agreed Action</p>	<p><b>Council Informal Groups (Focus Groups):</b> The following appointments were agreed:</p> <p>a) <u>Information and Communications:</u> Leading this group, Cllr Kate Tripp was proposed by Cllr Adrian Legge and seconded by Cllr Christine Hallatsch. This was approved. It was also agreed that Cllrs Marina Davis, Pete Cook and Peter Hamilton will take part in this group.</p> <p>b) <u>Parks &amp; Gardens:</u> Leading this group Cllr Lisa Greasley was proposed by Cllr Christine Hallatsch and seconded by Cllr Lilley. This was approved. It was also agreed that Cllrs Magda Khan, Christine Cook and Tim Shearer will take part in the group.</p> <p>c) <u>Health &amp; Welfare:</u> Leading this group Cllr Magda Khan was proposed by Cllr Leith Hallatsch and seconded by Cllr Hands. This was approved. It was also agreed that Cllrs Alan Hands and Grania Nicholson will take part in the group.</p> <p>d) <u>Community Liaison:</u> Leading this group Cllr Leith Hallatsch was proposed by Cllr Lisa Greasley and seconded by Cllr Hamilton. It was also agreed that Cllrs Hamilton, Shearer and Legge will take part in the group.</p> <p>It was agreed that the groups will report in to the Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group on 7<sup>th</sup> November with a short note of their aims and objectives and how they will operate.</p>
<p>85. Agreed Action</p>	<p><b>Traffic Restriction Proposals:</b> It was agreed that the Council write to the Highways Authority as follows on these proposals: a) <b>Brook Road:</b> "No Waiting at any time" restrictions (double yellow lines) at both junctions. Town Council has no objections.</p>

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	<p><b>b) Craig Walk</b> “No waiting at any time” restrictions (double yellow lines) on Craig Walk junction with Lake Road. Town Council has no objections.</p> <p><b>c) Droomer Drive:</b> Residents only parking 8am to 6pm 7 days a week (1-54 Droomer Drive &amp; 37-43 Thwaites Close). Town Council is aware of the concerns of local residents about the impact of these proposals and is not able to support them as they stand. We recommend a full canvas of residents’ opinions of the whole area around this road, rather than simply the addresses identified as the impact will be much wider and the proposals need to be thoroughly thought through with some mathematical modelling of the impact.</p> <p><b>d) New Road &amp; Lake Road:</b> Extension of single yellow line (no waiting) restrictions to the junction with Beresford Road between 9am to 7pm. Town Council has no objections.</p> <p><b>e) St Mary’s Park:</b> 2 options aimed at improvements to parking on A591 outside the Church and at St Mary’s Park, including double yellow lines and formalised parking bays. Both options will be displayed at the meeting. The Town Council had believed issues in this area to have been resolved with the lining of one side of the road a few years ago. It is aware that there is not full support amongst residents of the area that are affected and recommends that there is a full canvas of residents’ opinions covering the whole area of St Marys and surrounding road before these proposals are taken any further.</p>
<p><b>86.</b>  <b>Action Agreed</b></p>	<p><b>Coach Parking:</b> Notes of the meeting held with relevant partners had recently been emailed to Councillors. The Mayor gave a verbal update of actions agreed and it was agreed that Town Councillors will contribute to a photographic survey of any coach problems identified on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October (to coincide with the 2 main half term weeks). Any issues that are identified should be sent direct to Mayor Saunders, who will collate for the group.</p>
<p><b>87.</b></p>	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> These were noted as follows: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Elleray Woods site visit at 3pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019: Full Council.</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</b></p>

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