



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council On 12th July 2023 at 7pm, Langstone House, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Sandra Lilley, Peter Cook, Kate Trip, Christine Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley, Caroline Kearney, Marina Davis Also: Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk) and 1 members of the public. Also: Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Steve Bavin The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
32.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs John Saunders & Peter Hamilton (annual leave), Cllr Christine Cook (family commitment), W&FC Cllrs Will Clark and Dyan Jones (prior commitment),</p>
33.	<p>Item to be discussed in private session: NONE</p>
34.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th June 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>
35.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 28th June 2023 were noted.</p>
36.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
37.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
38.	<p>Public Input: Lois Sparling of the South Lakes Poverty Truth Commission (SLPTC) spoke explaining the aims of her organisation. Their goal is to get the voices of people with experience of poverty into the planning of services. It is funded by a combination of local council and NHS money because health outcomes are closely linked to poverty. 14% of children in Windermere, Kendal and Ulverston grow up in relative poverty. SLPTC want to dispel assumptions that this is solely an affluent area and reveal the hidden deprivation. This can be caused by a mix of low wages and lack of affordable housing. Deprivation can also be financial or caused by difficulty in accessing to services caused by issues such as poor transport links. SLPTC asked for any interested Councillors to come along to one of their events such as the monthly online group meeting, the fortnightly meeting at the Ladyholme Centre (the next of which is 24.7.23 at 4pm, transport and childcare costs can be paid) or their Launch at Lakeland on Friday 20th October. Councillors asked a number of questions. Cllr Tripp offered to connect them to the Brathay Trust staff working in this area. Cllr Kearney offered to represent the council at the Ladyholme meeting.</p>

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39.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates:</p> <p>Cllr Grealsey: Last week she had been judging for Cumbria in Bloom(CIB) at Windermere Food Farm and Gatesfield. It was her first visit to the food farm and she was very impressed with the quantity of produce they were donating to the food bank. Today she had been showing the CIB judges round the Jubille Garden and Elleray Woods which were the projects W&BTC has entered this year. She thanked Cllr Legge and the Town Steward for their help.</p> <p>Cllr Greasley reported that native bluebell bulbs had been purchased to add to the native daffodils which were to be planted by Windermere School pupils in the autumn. She also noted that the overhanging laurels which she had reported at BT had now been cut back.</p> <p>Cllr Legge: reported that he had attended the Elleray Woods judging. He had also attended the Lakeland Book of the year awards where Windermere's book <i>Water Bird</i> was placed as runner up.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Cook: had submitted written reports on the first <u>Windermere Lake Water Quality Group</u> meeting held on 5.7.23. Peter Cook elected as chair. The members had feedback from various meetings they had attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lakes Parish Pipewatch - Cllr Kearney and the Clerk,• Zoom meeting with United Utilities (UU) CEO Lousie Bradshaw - Cllr Peter Cook,• Meeting with Kevin Sayer - Cllrs Christine & Peter Cook• Visit to Water Water Treatment Works - Cllrs Christine & Peter Cook• Initial lead actions chosen - UU - Cllr P Cook and Parish Councils - Cllr Kearney. <p>Lakes Parish Councillor (Juliet Cunningham) to be invited to give her Pipe Watch presentation to group on 20 July. Other Councillors and parishes welcome to attend - 5pm Langstone house.</p> <p>Big Windermere Survey results discussed - agreed need involvement with Love Windermere. Clerk to check whether invitation to sit on Board still open.</p> <p>Cllrs Peter Cook, Borer and Clerk to attend talk organized by Community Partnership on Lake Anney 19 July</p> <p>Cllrs Hamilton and Kearney to attend Zoom Geese Management meeting on 28 July For future - will also consider septic tanks, land management and run off.</p> <p>Noted that Matt Staniek will address council in August, and UU in October.</p> <p><u>WFL Group Report July 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to liaise with local Councillors from W&F through informal meetings. These continue to be very useful (hopefully for all parties!)• Latest meeting was Friday 7 July. Thanks to Andrew, Will, Dyan and Steve for attending
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40.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Jarvis: spoke on behalf of Tim Farron MP at the Save Windermere event giving a local voice. As governor of St Martin & St Mary School he had visited the school with Tim Farron to speak to pupils and staff. He had investigated resident's concerns about muckspreading on the W&FC owned field near Rayrigg Meadow. The farmer was within his lease and legally allowed to spread. W&FC will investigate if ensuring water quality can be a consideration in the terms of future lease renewals. He passed on a request to spread the word that help is needed by landowners to prevent the spread of grey squirrels from the Windermere area through to Ambleside. Claife Avenue has finally been resurfaced.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Bavin: continued to gather evidence to support the location of a chemical toilet disposal point at Braithwaite Fold. He has been working with police and a Speed Information Display was now on the A592 on the approach to Bowness. He asked Councillors for contacts for National Trust regarding Rectory Fields parking and the Quarry Rigg management. Cllrs Legge and Kearney agreed to help.</p>
41.	<p>Clerk's Report: Elections: All Declaration of Interest forms are with the Monitoring Officer. Once accepted they will be posted on W&BTC and Westmorland & Furness's websites.</p> <p>War Memorial Culvert: Cumbria Landscaping are still waiting on EA permits being processed. Has agreed to pass information onto Clerk to pursue.</p>

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	<p><u>Longlands Land:</u> Clerk is getting quotes for parking signs. PSCO Blacow has asked if the Little Police could be involved in the consultation.</p> <p><u>Langstone House/New council office:</u> the new office has been granted planning permission. Langstone house planning applications are still with LDNPA.</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> The end of year accounts are with external auditor and notice of rights of public inspection close on 14.7.23</p> <p><u>W&FC Liaison Group:</u> Liaison group meeting 7.7.23 was a useful discussion. Next date TBC</p> <p><u>Langrigge Play Area:</u> we are still awaiting the lease from Windermere Endowed's solicitor. Clerk to chase.</p> <p><u>Planning & Licensing:</u> The marshall and CIA letters have been sent. There continue to be a high number of applications.</p> <p><u>Facilities Officer (FO):</u> growing season is well underway at the allotments, two plot holders have given up. Plots may need clearing professionally or reduced rates to get someone to take. FO and Clerk to use Facebook to gauge interest. The contractor has completed the clean-up operation and removed the waste.</p> <p><u>Public Toilets:</u> Broad Street cleaned after fire and reopened by Healthmatic. Police have suspects names and with speak with them. FO will get a quote for painting in the Autumn. Rayrigg Road the electricity fault has been fixed by Electricity North West at their expense and reopened.</p> <p>Healthmatic meeting on 27.6.23 mainly positive with some areas for improvement agreed. FO has had keys cut so the sanitary waste company can ensure regular removals.</p> <p>FO has been in talks with Lakeland Arts about advertising space in our toilets.</p> <p><u>Town Steward:</u> The library garden planters have been planted up together with the Little Police. The NatWest island has had the large ficus and lavender plants removed and it is hoped they will survive in their new homes. Gary has been working hard to get ready for the Cumbria in Bloom judging including cutting back the encroaching growth at the start of the track up Orrest Head. There have been some urgent walling jobs needed up there this month</p> <p><u>Elleray Woods:</u> Meeting about the donation box with LDNP and LDF on 13/7/23. On 8.8.23 Tony Hudgell in conjunction with Bendrigg Lodge will be carrying out a sponsored walk supported by OH&EW members.</p> <p><u>Emails and phone calls:</u> Ongoing at up to 50 a day.</p>
42.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payment list which had been circulated with the agenda and in addition approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nest pension payment for June £317.94• E Greasley Native Bluebell Bulbs £25.00• TP Gardens & Landscaping for allotment clearing and waste disposal £400.00

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S Parkyn reimbursement for ink cartridges £50.00• NPower for April, May and June new accounts £1830.81• R Pinder key cutting for sanitation company £10.00• HMRC arrears £75.21• W&FC use of chamber 2023-24 £331.00 <p>b) Council viewed the quarterly budget and it was accepted.</p>
43.	<p>Reserve representatives for external groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Cllrs Sandra Lilley and Caroline Kearney were chosen as reserves to attend Lakes Administration meetings if one of the members is unable to attend.b. Cllr Caroline Kearney was chosen as reserve to attend the Geese Management group if the representative is unable to attend.
44.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group (P&FAG) held on 29th June 2023</p> <p>Councillors approved the Notes of the meeting with one amendment. The following was approved:</p> <p><u>P&F Notes 3: Toilets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Facilities officer to get a quote for repainting Broad Street Men's Toilets in the autumn.b. Facilities Officer to investigate if an open door alarm would work at Rayrigg Meadow.c. Facilities Officer to develop brief signs explaining how toilets are funded, also to clarify what can be put down toilets. <p><u>P&F Notes 4: Advisory Group Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>That the following Terms of Reference be adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">d. Westmorland & Furness Council Liaison Advisory Group,e. Elleray Woods & Orrest Head Advisory Groupf. Communication Advisory Group.g. Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Group <p><u>P&F Notes 5: Policy & Finance Reorganisation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. That the clerk draft a new terms of reference for the P&FAG based on the P&FAG notes from the meeting on 29.6.23.b. That the advisory groups report directly to Full Council in future giving a brief verbal or written report.c. That the notes of the PF&AG be published on the Council website.d. That a good practice guide be created to help Councillors use the P&FAG effectively. <p><u>P&F Notes 6: Finances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">e. The Clerk get quotes for a new broadband provider in the Autumn in case there is a date for the move to the new building.f. That Zoom not be renewed unless a change in circumstances makes it necessary.

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	<p><u>P&F Notes 7: Grant Applications</u> g. That a grant of £100 be awarded to the Kendal Concert Band after their performance at the Glebe Bandstand.</p> <p><u>P&F Notes 9: Longlands</u> h. That quotations be obtained for parking signs to go on the railings adjacent to the road. i. That the Town Council led by Parks and Open Spaces with support from the Communication Group begin a consultation on developing Longlands in September.</p> <p><u>P&F Notes 10: Advisory Groups</u> j. That Town Council approve a decision to trial allowing all members of the Windermere & Bowness Town Council Facebook group to submit posts without administrator permission.</p> <p><u>P&F Notes 11: Community Ownership Fund</u> k. All Councillors are aware that Town Council can now apply for grants and are mindful of possible projects.</p> <p><u>P&F Notes 12: Pavement Safety</u> l. That W&BTC and W&FC Councillors be invited to participate in pavement safety site visits in Bowness and/or Windermere and make a photographic record of findings.</p>
45.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: To note dates of forthcoming meetings as follows, starting at 7pm, unless otherwise shown: Wednesday 26th July 2023: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Wednesday 9th August 2023: Full Council: Langstone House</p>
	<p>The Mayor concluded the business of Full Council at 8:33pm</p>

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