



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

12th September 2018 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Mrs JS Borer, Ms S Lilley, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Peter Hamilton, Ms Magda Khan, Ms Sandra Britton (left after item 101), Mr Adrian Legge & Ms K Atkinson. CCC/SLDC Cllrs Dyan Jones, Andrew Jarvis, David Williams, Kevin Holmes. SLDC officers John Barwise & Paul Florentine. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) and prospective Cllrs Kate Tripp and Alan Hands. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
96.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Ms Grania Nicholson, Mrs Lisa Greasley & Mr Mike Stafford. SLDC/CCC Councillors Ben Berry & James Bland.</p>
97.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th August 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
98.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
99.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
100.	<p>Applications for Town Councillor co-options: It was agreed that these items will be considered and decided in private session at the end of the meeting, due to the personal information contained.</p>
101.	<p>Litter Problems in Windermere & Bowness: Cllr Peter Hamilton introduced 3 videos that were shown and depicted Millerground, Bowness Bay and Ash Street. They clearly conveyed the problem with litter in our area and the threat to health and welfare. There was no criticism of the work that is being carried out by SLDC, but, despite the efforts being made, the current approach to litter collection and disposal is not working. Cllr Dyan Jones spoke as portfolio holder at SLDC responsible for this area of operation and is well aware of the problems being experienced. There was the suggestion of increasing and putting weight behind more prevention measures, especially by the Lake, with the possibility of a bottle free zone. Cllr Saunders underlined the importance of enforcement measures and asked SLDC officers to clarify their powers with regard to enforcement. They explained that they have quite extensive powers, including Duty of Care visits. There was a question and answer session, where many ideas and comments were raised. It was agreed that the Town Council and SLDC will need to work together if any improvements are to be made. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between interested Town Councillors and SLDC officers to take place as soon as possible. The Mayor thanked Cllr Hamilton for his work so far on this issue and hoped that</p>

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	improvements can be achieved before the 2019 tourist season.
102.	Public Input: NONE
103.	<p>Planning sub-committee (item took place after items 105 & 105): The minutes of the planning sub-committee held on 22nd August 2018 were accepted. The following recommendations were approved:</p> <p>a) 7/2018/5445: 11-13 Main Road Windermere (Sugar & Spice): Cllr Legge had spoken further to the LDNPA about this application and clarified that the proposal for awnings had been withdrawn and that the application now only relates to the left hand window of the SW elevation. The following response to the LDNPA was approved: WTC recommends approval, however, rather than the proposed 3 pane frames with a fixed toughened glass pane below and an opening sash above, a conventional 2 pane opening sash window would be preferred. This would match the existing 2 pane opening sash windows fitted in the 1st floor above.</p> <p>b) 7/2018/5472: St Andrews Bowness: The Clerk read out a draft letter to send to the LDNPA in addition to the Town Council's recommendation for refusal, underlining that the business is already open and that there are many problems with the proposals. This response was agreed by the Council (Cllr Peter Hamilton asked it to be recorded that he abstained on this item). The letter will be sent by the Clerk to the LDNPA.</p>
104.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch:</u> updated Council on the Windermere in Bloom awards ceremony which had taken place at the Hydro on 6th September. The evening was a great success and extremely well attended. The final turn-out was 170 guests. Many of the guests and awards were to newcomers, which was very encouraging. The format was new this year and worked well. There were scrolls and trophies awarded for work in the community (to the Bench Project men, PCSO Sarah Blacow, Gary Hancox, Frank from Horton Landscapes and Simone Backhouse for her work on the lamp-post poppies). Cllr Hallatsch gave thanks to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Saunders, Cllrs Sandra Lilley & Adrian Legge, the Town Clerk, Gillian Saunders and Ross McMillan, who had provided invaluable help throughout and on the night. The Mayor handed out small tokens of thanks to those present. Cllr Saunders moved a vote of thanks to Cllr Christine Hallatsch, which was unanimously supported and reminded Councillors that this is now THE Windermere event of the year, thanks to the work of Christine, who was rewarded with a lengthy round of applause.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> had attended the Bowness & Windermere Forward meeting the previous week. It was well attended and lots of issues were covered, including the enhancement survey, which had only achieved 19 responses, but had provided a good list of issues to address. There was a report on Prom Art, which was to return on Sunday 16th September and 35 stalls had already been booked. It is hoped that this event will continue. The Tourist Information</p>

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	<p>are very keen to support “welcome” volunteers and 30,000 tourist maps have now been printed (examples were distributed). There are some good ideas for events, from summer fairs to Christmas events. The list of ideas will be reviewed and various sources of funding are being explored.</p> <p>Also attended a congestion and parking meeting with Cumbria County Council. The officers made it clear that funding will be a problem and, if any improvements are to go ahead, they will need to procure an expensive further full survey to that done by the Town Council. The message was that there is not much in the way of action or help to be expected from this source.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u>: attended a very long Lakes Line User Group AGM which was, as expected, full of content. It was extremely well attended, with good representation from parish councils and other organizations. Northern Rail gave a presentation which made many promises, but was lacking in specific actions. For instance, there was no solution to the fact that drivers do not have Sunday driving in their employment contracts. There was an update on the RMT strikes situation over the role of train guards and no clear solutions there either. Not an uplifting situation at present.</p> <p>Also attended a meeting about Goodly Dale Surgery and it is recommended that the Town Council send a strong message to the head of Clinical Commissioning underlining the degree of dissatisfaction, upset and fear in the community. Clerk will take this on.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge</u>: Attended a meeting with RAF cadets and British Legion to set in motion the arrangements for the Centenary of the Armistice on Sunday 11th November. The beacon will be lit on Orrest Head at 19.00, the same time as the national line of beacons, preceded by Last Post and Cadets and British Legion standards. Churches throughout the nation are invited to ring out for peace at 19.05.</p> <p>Five town councillors had attended the training on planning provided by CALC. It was very good and useful. Some councillors will also be attending the advanced training next week.</p> <p><u>Cllr Hamilton</u> echoed these sentiments and underlined how important it is that planning is properly dealt with to protect the future of the Lake District.</p> <p><u>Cllr Magda Khan</u>: had attended the Chamber of Trade meeting and it has been confirmed that they will be part of the project sub-group of Bowness & Windermere forward.</p>
105.	<p>District & County Councillors’ reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr David Williams</u> : updated on his work to represent local complaints about the planting outside the Belsfield and also reported that further measures have been put in place to discourage parking on the Glebe.</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u>: reported on the Licencing Board (on which he now sits) and the situation with Churchills. It is evident that action will be taken against local businesses if necessary.</p>
106.	<p>Clerk’s Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting and added the following items which had been received in the meantime:</p> <p>A further letter from Cumbria County Council about the tree removal in Albert Square, confirming that the County Council does not have any funding for either design work or improvement of pedestrianisation in the area, but if and when funding becomes available,</p>

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	<p>the Town Council will be informed of progress. The Clerk was asked to respond to this letter and ask what is being done to remove old signage.</p> <p>A letter from SLDC, which confirms the closure of the Shop Front Improvement scheme and requests that the remaining funds in the Town Council's account are transferred to a Town Council reserve for assisting with the Bowness & Windermere Forward grot spots campaign.</p> <p>Town Steward report for work in August, which includes litter clearance, topiary work, planting, removing overgrown bushes from Belle Isle View and alpine rock garden outside the toilets in Quarry Rigg.</p>
107.	<p>Finance - Invoices for Payment:</p> <p>a)The invoices set out on the agenda were approved for payment. The following invoices, received more recently, were also approved:</p> <p>£348.65 (inc VAT) for the 2 new grit bins for Elleray Woods, already approved by Council in April 2018.</p> <p>£250 for native British daffodil bulbs for Elleray Woods, approved by Council in April 18 and funded by the Civic Society (funding already received).</p> <p>Finance: Grant Applications:</p> <p>b)Town Council approved the grant applications set out on the agenda, ie:</p> <p>Friends of the 597 Bus: £1,000.</p> <p>Chorley, Croft & Culcheth Pipe Band: £100 (performing on Glebe on 19th August).</p> <p>South Lakes Original Songs Band: £50 (performing on Glebe on 25th August)</p> <p>Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights: £2,000</p> <p>Shop Front Improvement Grants x 3: totalling £1,245.50.</p>
108.	<p>Birthwaite Gardens:</p> <p>Council considered the request by a local resident to replace the cherry tree planted by the Town Council to commemorate 50 years of peace in Europe, now in poor condition, to recognise the centenary of the end of World War One. The Council approved this course of action and the Clerk was asked to deal with this over the next few months</p>
109.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>All meetings will start at 7pm at Langstone House unless otherwise stated. Notification of any agenda items/motions should be sent to the Clerk no later than 7 working days before the meeting.</p> <p>Wednesday 10th October (upon conclusion of the planning sub-committee)</p> <p>Wednesday 7th November.</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the meeting in public at 8.20pm.</p>
110	<p>Councillor Co-options:</p> <p>Two applications for co-option were approved and two new town councillors welcomed:</p> <p>Mrs Kate Tripp (Windermere Town Ward)</p> <p>Mr Alan Hands (Bowness South Ward)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>

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