



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

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

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b>            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, Mr Tim Shearer, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mr Alan Hands, Ms Grania Nicholson &amp; Mr Mike Stafford..            Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Mr Ian Telford, SLDC Cllr Kevin Holmes &amp; CCC Cllr Jim Bland and 4 members of the public.            The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
101.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b>            Apologies: Cllr Fiona Wilkinson, Marina Davis, Christine Hallatsch and Leith Hallatsch.            SLDC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis, Dyan Jones, Brian Rendell and Ben Berry.</p>
102.	<p><b>Minutes:</b>            It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record, with one small amendment made on the text.</p>
103.	<p><b>Planning sub-committee Minutes:</b>            The planning minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were accepted by Council.</p>
104.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b>            Cllr Jenny Borer in Town Twinning grant application (item 111a).</p>
105.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b>            NONE</p>
106.	<p><b>Item to be taken in private session:</b>            It was agreed that the application for co-option should be taken in private session at the end of the meeting, due to the personal content.</p>
107.	<p><b>Public Input:</b>            NONE</p>
108.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Updates:</b>  <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> Windermere Ferry Advisory Group (meets twice per year). The meeting covered the problems that have been experienced with the Ferry in the last 6 months and it was underlined how old the Ferry is (30 years old) and that it has recurring maintenance problems, especially the cables, which CCC has replaced. The issue of the LED sign at Plumgarths roundabout and its unreliability was also covered and there are plans to improve this. There are early plans to replace the Ferry and this is a 5 year process. The next meeting is March next year.  <u>Cllr Lisa Greasley</u> covered Remembrance Sunday which was an enjoyable service and the War Memorial looked very tidy and attractive. There is a crack in the memorial and water could be leaking into it. There are a number of other small maintenance issues which will be sorted out next year. Thanks were given to Cllr Sandra Lilley for putting together the display of poppies which were used on the lamp-posts last year.            The 597 bus are having a Christmas Meal to obtain support for the service.</p>

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<b>Action Agreed (Clerk)</b>	<p>Cllr Greasley went out at half term Sunday and did note a lot of badly parked coaches, but was not able to photograph, particularly outside the Lamp-lighter. Also attended the opening of Castlefield play area in Ambleside and underlined what a good example this is of a successful neighbourhood project that has improved a small local play area. Also attended the Annual Meeting of Cumbria in Bloom. The Annual report is on their website and is worth a read.</p>
<b>Action Agreed (Cllrs)</b>	<p>Recently, there have been 2 incidents of deer being run over near the woods at South Craig Cllr Greasley and Nicholson witnessed one incident and had difficulties in gaining assistance. It was agreed that the clerk will contact the County Council to request signage that warns motorists that this may be a hazard. Given that it is a widespread problem, it is suggested that a sign at each entrance to Bowness &amp; Windermere would be welcome (6 locations) and it was agreed that Town Council would pay for the signage if necessary. Also it was suggested that the Clerk also ring Radio Cumbria to warn about deer.</p>
<b>Action Agreed (Mayor)</b>	<p>Cllr Nicholson confirmed that the appropriate procedure is to ring the RSPCA. Finally, daffodil bulb planting in Elleray Woods will take place on Sunday 1 December between 11 and 12pm. The ground will be prepared. All are welcome.</p>
<b>Action Agreed (Clerk)</b>	<p>Cllr Stafford reported on a dangerous skip that has been removed. Cllr Hamilton thanked the Town Steward for finalizing the painting of the railings at Ash Street. He has also made links with a couple of local businesses who are happy to support the Town Council on any appropriate projects. They may come along to a future meeting. Cllr Lilley: reported on the Chamber of Trade Sculpture Trail. She had recently walked the proposed route with members of the Chamber. It looks like a very good project which is getting local support and should progress next year. Mayor Saunders: Attended the Fair Trade Group meeting at Carver Church which was very enjoyable. Also participated in a Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward planning workshop. There was a Millerground Committee meeting to discuss problems with the fencing around the play area. The WTC seat is in place on the top view with a lovely plaque. Attended the Gateway Project meeting as the representative of Windermere Town Council. It is important that the Town Council is represented on this important project. Cllr Nicholson raised the issue of consultation leaflets being issued to residents of the area and that there is very little local knowledge as to what this project is about. Mayor Saunders agreed to take this up with the group. Finally, attended the Transport Conference organized by Friends of the Lake District. There was much expected of this, given Windermere &amp; Bowness' significant problems and real need for new ideas and vision. Whilst various options were discussed, there was no real conclusion as to the optimum way forwards.</p>
<b>Action Agreed (Clerk)</b>	<p>Cllr Hamilton suggested that the Town Council emphasise the importance of local businesses contributing to a solution on transport problems in Bowness &amp; Windermere. The Clerk was requested to invite Sion Thomas of SLDC to a Town Council meeting to update on plans to manage the transport strategy of the area, following on from the meeting hosted by the Town Council last year. This needs to be a specific item on an early agenda for next year. Cllr Pete Cook also spoke about the transport conference and made the point that, however hard the issue is to solve, it must not be left alone and the Town Council must keep putting</p>

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	on the pressure for the primary authorities to take action. This was supported by Town Councillors.
109.  Action Agreed (Cllrs)	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>District Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> updated on work that is being done at SLDC to improve the way in which the Lakes Admin meeting is managed. He also confirmed that there are more traffic wardens being recruited who will operate 24 hours a day. They will deal with on street car parking. Finally, Cllr Brian Rendell and Kevin Holmes have a balance of £700 left in their local members' budget which is available for a project and Langrigge Play area has been suggested.</p> <p><u>County Cllr Jim Bland:</u> updated on work to progress the improvement of the roundabout in Bowness but there will be a slight delay due to work needed on the drains. He also confirmed the option that is being pursued is Option 1 and this was reported in the press.</p>
110.  Action Agreed (Clerk)  Action Agreed (Clerk)	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting which updated on workload and projects. Two items were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Fire Risk Assessment at Langstone house has 2 recommendations for the Town Council - to switch off all power when the building is not in use (including Broadband connection) and to have a written evacuation plan for disabled persons. The Clerk set out the options for evacuation of disabled persons and it was agreed that Council would purchase of a special evacuation chair at a cost of approximately £300, that a written procedure be put in place and training sought from SLDC.</li> <li>b) The Clerk explained that the flower pots at the War Memorial are in a poor state and that they will require replacement. The Clerk will purchase the 6 pots over the Winter, ready for Spring planting and it was agreed that spending approval of up to £200 be approved.</li> </ul>
111.  Action Agreed (Clerk)  Action Agreed (Clerk)	<p><b>Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group:</b></p> <p>Councillors noted and accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019.</p> <p>The following recommendations were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <u>Grant Applications:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Winter Lights (£2,000)</li> </ul> <p>There was a general discussion about improvements that could be made to the display in Bowness and the possibility of lights in St Martins Church tree and the potential for Christmas trees on buildings or lamp-posts. The Clerk agreed to contact the Winter Lights committee and investigate this further for next year's display. It was requested that Street Lighting be put on a future agenda.</p> </li> <li>ii) Town Twinning (£500)</li> <li>iii) Marchesi Centre for £600 to contribute towards the Christmas Community Lunch</li> </ul>

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<p>Action Agreed (Clerk)</p>	<p>funded from the CCC Health &amp; Well Being reserve.</p> <p>iv) Great North Air Ambulance (£500).</p> <p>b) <u>Cumbria County Council consultation</u> on the proposals for a long lease on Windermere Library building to be awarded to the Paradise Project. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact CCC and convey the Town Council's views as set out in the minutes.</p> <p>c) <u>Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward Enhancement Fund:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that £1,700 of the reserve be authorized to be used on the Enhancement Fund, representing the final balance of the SLDC Shop Improvement Fund. This will leave £2,000 in this earmarked reserve.</li> </ul> <p>d) <u>Elleray Woods Enhancement &amp; Access Project:</u> The recommendation to set aside £5,000 of the Council's reserves for this project was approved.</p> <p>e) <u>Toilets Project:</u> That a decision on this project be postponed until Council in January 2020.</p> <p>f) <u>Banking:</u> That the recommendation to transfer the Council's banking to Barclays be approved on the basis that they will provide a secure on-line banking service and a local branch for the paying in of monies.</p> <p>It was noted that the Council's budget and precept for 2020/21 will be on the agenda for decision at the 11 December Council meeting.</p>
<p>112.</p>	<p><b>Orrest Head and Elleray Woods:</b> Cllr Legge first updated on the prior meeting of the Elleray Woods Advisory Group and progress made with compartment 18 thinning, the Wainwright 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The minutes of this meeting will be presented to Full Council in December.</p> <p>He also updated on the LDNPA project meeting, which he attends on a monthly basis. Good progress is being made with taking the path up to the summit and funds are being raised.</p> <p>Cllr Legge then asked for formal feedback and approval of a design for the summit, which can be fed back to the LDNPA. The options were presented to Full Council and the proposals to improve the summit surface were agreed. It was also recommended that the summit seating be improved and a suitable coherent scheme be designed. Councillors did voice concerns about the example stone structures and the solid mass that would not suit the summit of Orrest Head. Cllr Greasley has researched other options and explained that it is possible to provide ironwork summit seating in two or three locations, based on a wave</p>

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Action Agreed (Clerk)	design and which would have many practical advantages. It was agreed that the Clerk would put Cllr Greasley's suggestions in writing to the LDNPA as the Town Council's advice on summit design.
113. Agreed Action (Clerk)	<b>BT Payphone Removal Consultation:</b> SLDC have asked for Town Council comments on the BT proposals to remove payphones at the Junction of Whinfell Road/Park Road and near to the Sun Hotel in Troutbeck Bridge (deadline 11 December 2019). The Clerk explained that the current stance of SLDC is that not a single one of the payphones should be removed unless a community actively agrees to its removal or if the community wishes to adopt the phone box and change its use. It was agreed that the Town Council should support SLDC on this subject.
114. Agreed Action (Clerk)	<b>Finance:</b> The payments as listed on the agenda were approved, including the Town Steward payment for October of £1,200. The following payments have been received since the agenda was published and were also approved: CALC: Training fees for the Effective Councillor Course: £90, Viking Stationery order: £154.83 + VAT. Grant payments: £2,000 Winter Lights, £500 Town Twinning, £600 Marchesi, Great North Air Ambulance: £500.
115. Agreed Action (Clerk)	<b>Council Diary 2020:</b> The list of meetings was approved and will be published on the website and Council noticeboards.
116.	<b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2019: Planning sub-committee Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2029 at 4pm: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019: Full Council
	<b>The Mayor then closed the public meeting and the following agenda item was considered in private</b>
117. Agreed Action (Clerk)	<b>Co-option of Councillor:</b> It was agreed that Ian Telford be appointed as Councillor for the vacancy in the Windermere ward and Ian was welcomed back to the Town Council. (Proposed by Cllr Greasley and seconded by Cllr Adrian Legge). Unanimous.
	<b>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</b>

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