



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

14th December 2016 at 7.30pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	Present: Cllr Leith Hallatsch(in the chair),Mr J Saunders, Mrs J Borer, Mr Ross McMillan, Mr I Telford, Mrs C Hallatsch, Magda Khan, S Lilley, Mike Stafford, Mr A Legge, Ms K Atkinson, P Jewell Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk),District Councillor Andrew Jarvis & County Councillor Steve Rooke. The meeting opened at 7.25pm.
209.	Apologies and absence: Apologies:Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Grania Nicholson, Sue Bloy & Allan Winrow. District Cllrs David Williams & Ben Berry
210.	Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 th November 2016 be signed as a true and accurate record.
211.	Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest from Councillors in items on this agenda.
212.	Requests for Dispensations: NONE
213.	Proposal to discuss item 17 (Council Pension Scheme) in private session: due to the personal nature of the information contained. This was proposed by Cllr J Borer, seconded by Cllr Kath Atkinson and approved.
214.	Police Update: Local police sent their apologies and were unable to attend.
215.	Public Input: NONE
216.	Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Mike Stafford</u> updated Council on the position with the Fire Station wall. He has spoken again to the Fire Service and to the surveyor. After much confusion, there are undertakings that the wall will be repaired in the very near future. <u>Cllr Peter Jewell</u> briefed Council on attendance at the Community Rail Partership AGM. Key issues discussed were the delay in electrification of the Windermere line (into the 2020s) due to the passing loop, timetable information board in Booths and the trial of the new "scholars ticket" for 16-18 year olds, providing a 25% concession for those attending Kendal 6 th forms. <u>Cllr John Saunders</u> attended the CCC South Lakeland meeting of CALC. Items of interest were the petition for a 40mph speed limit on the A591 between Staveley and Ings and the summary of the huge amount of work done by Cumbria Highways rectifying damage caused by last years' flooding. It was also reported that Councillors and public should report any need for footpath repair work and potholes (given the additional funds now made available nationally). The highways hotline phone no has changed to 0300 303 2992 and the Clerk was asked to amend the Windermere Town Council website. The timetable for highways schemes was also clarified - new schemes for consideration need to be notified before March each year, for funding allocation between April and July each year. The Clerk will include

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	<p>discussion on highways schemes for a Council in February 2017.</p> <p>Also attended CALC meeting, where there was a presentation on the CCC Highways restructure and the 3 area managers. Peter Hosking is now a key contact for the South Lakeland area and Nick Raymond.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u>, along with many other Councillors, had attended the Christmas Market and found it very enjoyable and a credit to Windermere. There had been very large crowds and it must have had a positive impact on business activity that weekend. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the organizers and thank them for their hard work, offering Town Council support for any future events.</p> <p><u>Mayor Leith Hallatsch</u> had been extremely busy in the run-up to Christmas, attending local events and supporting local good causes, on behalf of the Town Council. He had opened the Christmas Market, acted as public announcer at the Jingle Bell jog, attended the Town Twinning Christmas carols and enjoyed that very much. Along with the Deputy Mayor, he had attended the Fairtrade evening and listened to a very interesting talk on coffee. He had supported the Winter Lights switch on, which was improving - the fireworks were especially good. The Clerk was asked to write to the Winter Lights committee and thank them for all their efforts on behalf of the local community. Finally, he had attended two nativities at local schools - one as Mayor and one as a grandfather. Special mention was given to St Cuthberts and their fantastic nativity in the modern style.</p>
217.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>District Councillor Jarvis</u> echoed the praise given for the Christmas Market, which he had enjoyed attending. He had recently attended a meeting of various agencies aimed at joining resources to tackle poverty in South Lakeland. The importance of feedback from the community of any groups at risk was stressed.</p> <p><u>County Councillor Rooke</u> attended the 597 bus meeting, which was very positive. The discussion extended to the issue of loneliness, particularly amongst the elderly and there was a general discussion as to local groups that can help, including a group that meets in the Marchesi. Also re-iterated the message from Cumbria Highways about getting in touch direct, either via the Highways Hotline or email betterhighwaysouthlakeland@cumbria.gov.uk</p>
218.	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk presented the written report circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and answered questions.</p> <p>The following items were added to the report:</p> <p>a) The Clerk gave a verbal update about the Ellerthwaite Square project. As Cumbria County Council will be carrying out safety upgrades to the junction in 2017-18, there will be no need for the Town Council contractor to remedy the tarmac footway in full. Patching is all that will be needed. This means that there will be no requirement for an extraction licence and that the Town Council can go ahead with the contractor appointed. There are some conditions for the works, namely that a professional traffic management firm is used and paid for and that the utility checks on site are carried out by a qualified person. It is fully expected that, even with these additional costs, the amount that will be saved by not needing to tarmac in full, will keep the project in or under approved budget. The Clerk will</p>

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	<p>now liaise with Jack Charnley and establish a start date.</p> <p>b) The Clerk gave a verbal update from the meeting of the Paradise Project on Monday 12 December. The project, which is aiming to enhance and develop the Holocaust Project presence in Windermere Library, is at an early stage. A bid is due to be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund to meet the costs of consultants who will perform the feasibility study. It is not expected that the feasibility study will be completed until October 2017 and it is at this point that clear options for the project and the library building will be reviewed and consulted on.</p> <p>c) The Langrigge Play area new equipment is due to be delivered on Friday (16th) and installed prior to Christmas.</p> <p>d) The Planning Inspectorate appeal decision on 18 Ash Street, Bowness (Fizzy Tarte). The Inspectorate has ruled that the temporary decking and canopy should be removed but has awarded more time for the business to do this - up to 1 year.</p> <p>The Clerk answered questions from Councillors and undertook to contact SLDC about a potentially hazardous over-hanging tree in Longlands Play area.</p>
219.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Councillors approved the list of payments as set out on the agenda, with two additions: £30 to Windermere Social Club (meeting of Bowness & Windermere Forward) which is paid by Town Council and refunded by SLDC. Also £2,758.80 to Playdale - final payment for the Langrigge Play equipment.</p> <p>Councillors approved a Shop Front Improvement payment to Burston Books for £437.33 and a grant of £100 to the PFA of St Cuthberts School, towards the costs of the international food festival in 2017.</p> <p>Cllr Lisa Greasley was approved as an addition to the list of delegated signatories for cheques and payments, to replace Cllr Bill Smith.</p>
220.	<p>Cumbria County Council Budget Consultation:</p> <p>Councillors decided to respond individually as tax-payers to the consultation and not to send a joint Town Council response.</p>
221.	<p>Orrest Head & Elleray Woods:</p> <p>The minutes from the Advisory Group meeting of 9th November were noted and the proposal to name the new walled garden path "Helen's Walk" was approved.</p> <p>The proposal from Cllr Adrian Legge to include Orrest Head in the national chain of beacons to commemorate the end of the First World War in 2018 was approved.</p> <p>Cllr Legge also updated Council that work has started in Elleray Woods, marking out the route of the Carriage Drive. The LDNPA have confirmed that work on the actual carriageway will commence first week in January.</p>
222.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>The following recommendations were made:</p> <p>a)7/2016/5761: The Coach House, Blackwell, Windermere: Alterations and minor extensions to local needs dwelling house. NO COMMENT</p> <p>b)7/2016/5723: Knotts Farmhouse, Patterdale Road, Windermere: Window replacement. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS AN APPROPRIATE IMPROVEMENT TO THE PROPERTY</p>

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- c)7/2016/5740:Maple Bank, Longtail Hill, Bowness: Replacement of existing single storey house with a new 3 bed dwelling. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THE DEVELOPMENT IS IN KEEPING AND HAS NO IMPACT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- d)7/2016/5765:20 Quarry Brow, Bowness: Extension and alterations RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL AS AN APPROPRIATE IMPROVEMENT TO THE PROPERTY.
- e)7/2016/5766:Millbeck Stock, Windermere: Erection of new bike store NO COMMENT
- f)7/2016/5767:The Arts Bar and Grill, Brantfell Road, Bowness: Removable, retractable canopy over exterior seating area. RECOMMEND APPROVAL - LOW IMPACT AND IN KEEPING.
- g)7/2016/5772:St Andrews, Lake Rd; Change of use from bar and restaurant to guest suites. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL.
- h)7/2016/5774:Lake Frontage at Storrs Park, Windermere: Proposed boathouse with packaged sewage treatment plan (re-submission of 7/2015/5363) NO COMMENT
- i)7/2016/5775:The Flying Pig, Rayrigg Rd; Retractable canopy over outdoor seating area. NO COMMENT
- j)7/2016/5760:Bowfell Close, Middle Entrance Drive, Bowness: Replacement dwelling and associated works. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT
- k)7/2016/5769: Lakeside edge on land to south of Spooner Landing. Replacement jetty on Windermere Lake within curtilage of Crowmire Woods, to replace former dilapidated jetty. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL AS GOOD IMPROVEMENT FOR AREA.
- l)7/2016/5787:Oakfield, Meadowcroft Lane, Storrs, Bowness: Proposed extension to lounge and dormer bedroom. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENT AND IN KEEPING
- m)7/2016/5726:Brantfield Cottage, Brantfell Road; Single storey extension at 1st floor level. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENT & IN KEEPING.
- n)7/2016/5785:J Brownell & Son Ltd, Upper Oak St, Windermere: Demolition of part of existing building. 2 new houses for local occupancy. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL AS APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT (contributing to local housing) AND LOW IMPACT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- o)7/2016/5804: 37 Main Road, Windermere: New Juliet balcony. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENT AND APPROPRIATE.
- p)7/2016/5780:Windermere Social Club, New Road: Single storey extension and alterations. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. GOOD IMPROVEMENT FOR AREA.
- q)7/2016/5805:Poppi Red, Lake Rd, Bowness: Change of use from retail to usage for sale of hot food for consumption on and off the premises. RECOMMEND REJECTION. WTC HAS ALREADY COMMENTED ON THE SAFETY ISSUES OF A TAKE-AWAY IN THIS LOCATION WHICH IS A TRAFFIC HOTSPOT. ALSO THE SIGNAGE IS GAUDY AND OUT OF KEEPING. IT MAKES THE AREA LOOK WORSE NOT BETTER. WTC HAS ALSO COMMENTED BEFORE THAT ALL NEW TAKE-AWAYS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS WHICH MAKE THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR LITTER BINS AND EMPTYING THEM OUTSIDE THEIR PREMISES.
- r)7/2016/5806:The Heaning, Heaning Lane, Windermere: Change of use from 6 self-catering units and proprietors accommodation to 6 holiday letting or permanent occupation units, as approved for Heaning Barn Cottages and Stable Cottages (in curtilage of The Heaning). RECOMMEND APPROVAL BUT SHOULD ENSURE THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT PARKING.
- s)7/2016/5807:Sugar & Spice Cafe & Bistro: 11 Main Road, Windermere: Continued use of ground floor of the property as a cafe/bistro RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THIS HAS WORKED WELL.
- t)7/2016/5809:5 Hodge Howe, Windermere: Single storey extension to existing semi-detached dwelling to side of house. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL ON CONDITION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT IS OUTSIDE 1M FROM THE BOUNDARY OF NEIGHBOUR (NOT CLEAR ON PLANS)
- u)7/2016/5813:The Oaks, Lindeth, Windermere: Change of use of specialist school to mixed use

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223.	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree applications were noted:</p> <p>a)T/2016/0192: 6 Park Avenue: Fell 2 Lawson Cypress, crown raise 1 western red cedar not currently covered by TPO.</p> <p>b)T/2016/0185: Storrs Hall Hotel: Fell 2 Beech covered by a TPO</p> <p>c)T/2016/0187: Kerris Place, Bowness: Fell 1 conifer covered by TPO</p> <p>d)T/2016/0178: Tree Tops, Storrs Park, Fell and Coppice a number of trees covered by TPO.</p>
224.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates & times were noted. Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7pm (Full Council) Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7pm (Full Council, lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the public session of the meeting and the Town Council went into private session to discuss the Council's pension scheme.</p>
225	<p>Council Pension Scheme: The report prepared by the Clerk was noted. In order to comply with the Workplace Pension legislation, the Town Council agreed to set up a pension scheme, using NEST as the provider. The pension contributions will be set as 4% employee and 4% Town Council. It was noted that the Clerk is the only eligible employee.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm</p>

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