



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b>            Cllrs Mayor L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Mr A Legge, Mr M Stafford, Mrs JS Borer, Ms K Atkinson, Mr J Saunders, Ms G Nicholson, Ms S Lilley, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Ross McMillan.            Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC/CCC Cllr Ben Berry, Andrew Jarvis, David Williams            The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
23.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b>            Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Lisa Greasley, Ms S Bloy, Mr I Telford, SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones.            Absent (no apologies): Cllr Peter Jewell</p>
24.	<p><b>Minutes:</b>            It was resolved that the minutes of the Council AGM meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record, with 2 amendments, recorded on the text, to the appointments to outside bodies.</p>
25.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b>            NONE</p>
26.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b>            NONE</p>
27.	<p><b>Public Input:</b>            NONE</p>
28.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b>  <u>Cllr Mike Stafford:</u> Was pleased to announce that the Fire Station stone wall has now been made safe. He also has inspected works at the Glebe and informed Town Council of the good job done overall.  <u>Cllr John Saunders:</u> Attended the opening of the Good Time Holidays office, along with the Mayor and Cllr Hallatsch. Also went along to the site meeting at Troutbeck Bridge to assess the proposal for 2 new bus shelters that the Town Council has made funds available for. There are problems with the proposed site next to the Sun Inn, as it will lead to loss of a local car parking space. CCC agreed to consult residents on this and also to investigate the possibility of utilizing the space where the BT Telephone Box is currently located. There will now be further delays with this project.            The first meeting of the Car Parking Advisory Group was held earlier on in the evening and Cllr Saunders was elected Chair, with Cllr Ross McMillan assisting in taking notes. It was agreed to meet on a monthly basis to try and tackle this complex and difficult problem. The aim of the group is to eventually come forward with some sensible and fair recommendations. To do this, the first task is to understand the problem more clearly and to gather some objective data. It was agreed to base this analysis on different categories of users, analyzing the position on each road in the area.  <u>Cllr Jenny Borer:</u> Along with the Mayor and the Clerk, attended the Key Stakeholder Meeting held by United Utilities to update on the progress with the Catchment Strategy. Overall</p>

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	<p>progress with the pipeline down the A592 has been acceptable - there have been no accidents and very little environmental impact - 99% of trees retained and great efforts have been made to minimize the impact on ecology and community. The key challenge had been the digging on the A592, due to the very hard rock, which had broken a machine (one of only two in Europe). UU have adopted new work practices and have finished 1.5km of the new pipeline. Aim was for 2.3km. Need to do 6.5km in total. Still very confident that this can be achieved in the timescales (end date is March 2020). UU are using foam concrete, which is more expensive but much higher quality and flexibility around the pipeline. Season 2 will begin in November 17 to March 18. Key learning lesson has been to pre-agree all the road traffic signage. UU will be starting the enormous job at Glebe Road pumping station in November 17. This will entail closure of the Glebe Road car park from January to March 2018. There is no other option. UU are looking to procure the closed toilet block on Glebe Rd. There will also be works across the Glebe by NWE to install an upgrade to the power supply, which is crucial for the new pumping mechanisms. This could entail a closure of the Bowness Bay toilet block and the LDNPA TiC.</p> <p>Cllr Borer was also pleased to note the progress with the installation of speed indication devices on Rayrigg Road.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Attended the Ladyholme meeting. All is going well and bookings are on the increase. The 597 bus numbers are increasing and, currently, this looks to be sustainable in the short term. Helping with the Lakes Line User Group passenger surveys and is very pleased to represent the Town Council on this excellent group.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch:</u> With the Mayor, attended a local Diamond Wedding Anniversary at Alexander Court and took a bouquet and card on behalf of the Town Council. Lovely event.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch:</u> Made an official visit to the Lakelovers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Also attended the BWCCT toilets sub-committee and updated Council on key items discussed, including the current closure of two of the new toilets at Quarry Rigg, where there has been a technical problem with the functioning of the doors. It is hoped to resolve this shortly.</p>
29.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Berry:</u> underlined the importance of parking as a key problem and challenge facing Windermere. This has come up as a key subject in meetings he has held with CCC officers. It is good that the Town Council is prepared to take a lead in identifying issues clearly and finding ways to resolve. Promised that CCC and WTC will work together on this one for a joint solution. There is currently no resolution to the CCC leadership under no overall control, but this should be sorted out shortly. Also updated on the Christmas Market and explained the thinking behind the price rises for stalls. The Town Council has received numerous complaints about this and it was recognized the Town Council and Mayor are not responsible.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis:</u> Updated on the issue he had identified with dodgy doorstep traders. The Advertising Standards Agency have recognized that the people involved are in breach. No prosecution for a first offence of this type.</p> <p><u>Cllr Williams:</u> Had wanted to raise the issue of Quarry Rigg toilets closures, but this had been answered by Mayor Hallatsch. New address given to Clerk.</p>

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30.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> The Clerk's report, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted. This dealt with progress on a number of projects, including Ellerthwaite Square, Dog poo bag dispensers, Year end Accounts, etc. The following points were added: <u>Town Steward's report for May:</u> All road sign spring cleaning has been finished. Nearly completed planting of baskets and tubs (still to do Longtail Hill). Lots of litter picking! Handrail now installed on the new steps leading into walled garden in Elleray woods. Looks really good. Will be spending more time in Elleray Woods in the next couple of weeks and installing the new signage designed to prevent cars using the access road or parking in the woods. <u>LDNPA Parish Member for the South Distinctive Area:</u> After the ballot results (which had to be amended), Cllr Louise Waterhouse, Chair of Lakes Parish Council has been elected. Cllr Sandra Lilley for Windermere, came in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>. <u>Baddeley Clock:</u> Thomas Bland, who has wound the clock every week for 27 years, is no longer able to do so, due to ill health. The Town Clerk and Town Steward will take over and try to do as good a job. The Town Council agreed to formally thank Thomas for all his work and contribution to the community, with a special one-off payment of £270 and an appropriate card. <u>Ellerthwaite Square:</u> Meeting with the Civic Society to discuss planting. Very positive and the Town Steward will now take this on, on his return from leave in July. It is expected to have the bed fully planted and complete by the end of July. The Clerk has received the contribution from the Civic Society of £2,800. <u>LDNPA Ranger:</u> Met with Graham Standring that afternoon, to discuss issues of mutual interest. Graham is due to leave the LDNPA for pastures new and will be missed, as he has done great work in progressing the Elleray Woods Carriage Drive restoration project. The Clerk updated about phase 2 funding for this project and the work being carried out by the LDNPA on Geese Management (oiling of eggs). It is very important that SLDC work with the LDNPA on this issue and attend meetings, particularly after the expensive work to the Lake Shore. Cllr Williams and Cllr Jarvis agreed to take these comments back to SLDC officers. <u>Cllr and FLAG group flood prevention meetings.</u> The Clerk updated on the local meeting which will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am Marchesi Centre. As many councilors will attend as possible.</p>
31.	<p><b>Finance:</b> The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following additions were also approved: Thomas Bland: £270 special payment for 27 years service to the community. Gary Hancox: £952 for Town Steward duties and £200 for planting float (£1,152 in total). Gordon Greaves Slate: £96 for Elleray Woods plaque - Helen's Walk. AGF Business Services Ltd: £63.84 for printing of Elleray Woods leaflets. United Utilities: Fee to request a quotation for a permanent water supply to the allotments (replacement cheque): £91.20.</p>

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	<p>John Charnley: £2,700 for Ellerthwaite Square, Labour only.  P Charnley: £120, for delivery of stones to Ellerthwaite Square.  Councillors also approved payment of the Shop Front Improvement Grant to The Barbers of Windermere for £431.25.</p>
32.	<p><b>Annual Accounts:</b>  The following items were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17</li> <li>b) The Internal Audit Report for 2016/17</li> <li>c) The Fixed Asset Register as at March 2017</li> <li>d) The Risk Register at March 2017</li> <li>e) The Accounting Statements for 2016/17, showing a year-end balance of £134,052.</li> <li>f) The re-appointment of Margaret Lees as Internal Auditor for the 2017/18 Accounting Year.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk was thanked for all her hard work on the accounts, which will now be sent to the external auditors. The public inspection period will begin on 26<sup>th</sup> June.</p>
33.	<p><b>Windermere in Bloom:</b>  The written report from the lead Councillor, Christine Hallatsch was noted and the following updates:  Cllr McMillan will be taking notes on the judging day, and Cllr Saunders will take photographs.  The arrangements for using the projector at the Hydro have been sorted out.  Signs are up on WTC noticeboards advertising the judging day and thanking sponsors.  Alluminium signs have been ordered for sponsorship thanks and will be erected before the invoices are sent out.  Staveley Crystal have agreed to do the engraving. All trophies need to be delivered by 1 August.  An additional trophy (Overall Winner) has been donated by Mayor Hallatsch.</p>
34.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b>  The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a)7/2017/5262: 20 Lake Rd, Windermere: Use of ground and first floor as health and well being practice (D1 use class). RECOMMEND APPROVAL. GOOD ADDITION TO MIX OF BUSINESS IN THE AREA.</li> <li>b)7/2017/5177:21, Cross Street, Windermere: Single storey extension and replacement flat roof with roof lantern. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENT.</li> <li>c)7/2017/5274: 1 Brow Close, Windermere: Formation of a parking space with dropped kerb to highway, together with porch and patio. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NO CONCERNS.</li> <li>d)7/2017/5280:Barclays Bank Chambers, 3 Crescent Rd, Windermere: Change of use from office to healthcare (physiotherapy practice room). RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NO CONCERNS.</li> <li>e)7/2017/5276:Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness: New entrance booth and barrier. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NO CONCERNS.</li> </ul>

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	<p>f)7/2017/5312:Highfield Cottage, Rayrigg Road, Windermere: Development of a 3 bedroom single family dwelling - non compliance with conditions 2 &amp; 5 of previous approval 7/2016/5881, to allow amended access arrangements. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p> <p>g)7/2017/5215:Longtail Howe, Meadow Croft Lane, Storrs: Front and rear extensions and alterations. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IN KEEPING WITH LOCAL VERNACULAR.</p> <p>h)7/2017/5228:2 Newholme, Lake Road, Windermere: Loft conversion. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NO OBJECTIONS.</p> <p>i)7/2017/5151:Cannon Belle, Storrs Park, Windermere: A new detached family home. RECOMMEND REFUSAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS IS AN INAPPROPRIATE DESIGN AND MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT SENSITIVE TO THE LOCAL VERNACULAR. THIS IS A CONSPICUOUS PROPERTY EASILY SEEN FROM THE LAKE AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE AREA.</p> <p>j)7/2017/5277:Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness: Removal of existing balconies and construction of new to main building. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NO OBJECTIONS.</p> <p>k)7/2017/5278:Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness: Removal of existing balconies and construction of new to North Block. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NO OBJECTIONS.</p> <p>l)7/2017/5282:1 Mountain View, Hodge Howe, Windermere: Extension to side of existing house to form new lounge to ground floor and master bedroom ensuite and bedroom to 1<sup>st</sup> floor. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENT.</p> <p>m)7/2017/5348: The Laundrama, Old Laundry Studio, Rayrigg Road: Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the Laundrama. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVING THE BUILDING AND HAS NO VISIBLE IMPACT.</p>
35.	<p>The following tree works applications were noted.</p> <p>a)T/2017/0077: Royal Windermere Yacht Club: Fallbarrow Road, Bowness: Cutting back 2 sycamore and 1 Cherry tree.</p> <p>b)T/2017/0080: 1 Crown Rigg, Kendal Road, Bowness: Remove 1 Silver Birch and reduce 1 Yew by approx 1m in height.</p> <p>The following application is covered by an existing TPO:</p> <p>c)T/2017/0074: Hodge Howe Wood, Ambleside Road, Windermere: Thinning and cutting back of rhododendron &amp; laurel within woodland and reduce its size 10m either side of the driveway.</p>
36.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b>          Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda)          Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Full Council          Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm.</p>

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