



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

14th September 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllr Mrs Lisa Greasley (in the chair), Mr J Saunders, Mr W F Smith, Mr P Jewell, Ms K Atkinson, Mrs J Borer, Mr I Telford, Mr A Legge, Ms G Nicholson, Mr A Winrow, Mrs Sandra Lilley, Mr Mike Stafford. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Harry Tongue & colleague, from Stephen Abbot Associates and 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
129.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Leith Hallatsch, Christine Hallatsch, Sue Bloy, Ross McMillan. District Councillors David Williams & Ben Berry.</p>
130.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th August be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
131.	<p>Declarations of Interest: The following declarations were made in respect of planning applications (minute no 138) Cllr Ian Telford in item (d). Cllr Jenny Borer in items (h) & (i). Cllr Bill Smith in items (h) and (i). Both Councillors remained in the chamber during the debate and did not participate in discussion (unless asked) and did not vote on the motions.</p>
132.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
133.	<p>Public Input: <u>Presentation from Stephen Abbott Associates concerning the forthcoming development application for Linthwaite House Hotel:</u> The Linthwaite House hotel has new owners who are wishing to invest. They wish to make improvements to the building and some commercial additions to keep the hotel competitive in a fast changing environment. The Town Council should expect four planning applications in total, possibly in October and this presentation is to assist the process and enable the Town Council to understand the context of the applications. It was stressed that the applications have not yet been finalised and that there is still room for flexibility. The presenters handed out brochures, showing the overall plans, which include: Main House - a new external conservatory with the aim of preserving the character of the building. A new kitchen expansion. A new Spa building. New detached suites, set in woodland to the north of the tarn. Altered entrance and exit sequence which is more intuitive. New parking area away from the gardens and a turning circle to enable the entry and view of the house to be appreciated. Members asked a number of questions which included the house's heritage, its visibility from</p>

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	<p>the main road, access to and from the new suites, to and from the new hotel parking, access from the Crook road and impact on local traffic and the “floating” lodges on the tarn. The Deputy Mayor thanked the presenters and the Town Council look forward to receiving the detailed applications in due course.</p>
134.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Mike Stafford</u>: wished to raise the issue of parking on Rayrigg Road, which appears to be becoming worse. The Clerk agreed to contact CCC. The closure of HSBC in Windermere was also discussed and it was agreed that each individual should make their own representations. <u>Cllrs Bill Smith, Allan Winrow, Jenny Borer, Lisa Greasley and John Saunders</u> had attended the joint meeting between the BWCCT public toilets sub-committee and the Council’s Policy & Finance Advisory Group. Councillors had found the meeting constructive and open, particularly on the subject of long-term finances and the new capital development at Quarry Rigg. It has aided understanding of the issues and it is recommended that a clear paper is presented to Members at the time of budget setting, to inform the decision about future support for the toilets.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bill Smith</u> reminded Councillors that the Autumn edition of the Hub is now out.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kath Atkinson</u> had attended the Windermere Catchment Strategy meeting (more below) and also the 597 bus meeting. The 597 bus continues to attract growing numbers of users and the new service to Kendal is proving to be well used.</p> <p><u>Cllrs John Saunders and Leith Hallatsch</u> had attended the CALC South Lakeland meeting, at which the new Police & Crime Commissioner (Peter McCall) delivered an interesting presentation on his future focus and commitments. He is very keen on community policing, which appears to translate into a drive for more special constables. He was urged to review policing in Bowness & Windermere, including support and back-up arrangements for officers, after the incident in the summer.</p> <p><u>Cllr Allan Winrow</u> had attended the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade. SLDC had attended and discussed future ideas for leisure provision on the Glebe. This was the same discussion as Town Council had experienced several months ago. Some good ideas were put forward and the Clerk was asked to follow up with SLDC what the next steps are. Cllr Jewell asked it to be minuted that he is strongly in favour of a world class crazy golf facility.</p> <p><u>Cllr Telford</u> wished to underline the difference that the deployment of Traffic Wardens had made to Windermere & Bowness. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to underline this and to request that this happen as often as possible.</p> <p><u>Cllr Sandra Lilley</u> reminded everyone about the Windermere in Bloom awards evening on Thursday 22nd September, starting at 7pm. All help will be appreciated and access to Ladyholme has been arranged for 5pm onwards.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u> had attended the opening of the Chinese artist exhibition (organized by Lancaster University and held at Brockhole). It was a very interesting evening and is highly recommended.</p> <p>Also attended the Windermere Catchment Strategy meeting, where United Utilities updated key stakeholders with the plans for the new pipeline between Bowness & Tower Wood. This coincided with widespread public information and consultation in Bowness & Windermere.</p>

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	<p>The project will progress over the next 2.5 years and is internationally important, aiming to reduce phosphate emissions into the Lake to unprecedented levels. The new pipeline will provide bigger infrastructure and the treatment plants at Tower Wood, Bowness and Ambleside will receive upgrades, so that the pressure of piping and cleansing waste is vastly improved. The A592 will have at least one closure during this period, as the pipeline will be run down the middle of the road, but disruption will be minimised and, where possible, contra flows will be used. Residents will be assisted with access to properties during the most disruptive phases.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> - attended the artist exhibition at Kendal Town Hall, which was excellent. Also attended the Kendal Torchlight Carnival on behalf of the Mayor. Despite bad traffic and terrible weather, the event was fabulous, the floats were beautiful. The Clerk agreed to write to Kendal's Mayor and thank them for a great show.</p> <p>Several councillors highlighted the fact that the Rotary posters for Rock on Windermere are still attached to lamp-posts. The Clerk agreed to email Windermere Rotary.</p>
135.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports: None in attendance.</p>
136.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk's written report was noted. The following items were added: The presentation slides from United Utilities regarding the catchment strategy and work to start on the Glebe this Autumn. Notification of the location of the United Utilities compound at Braithwaite Fold to service the above works. Councillors agreed that they could find no problem with the proposals and the Clerk was asked to reply as such. A press release from United Utilities concerning the above works. Road closure and speed control along Glebe road to assist the above works. The Clerk updated Councillors on two matters that have been referred to the Police: a car parked on the play area at Langrigge Park (registration number provided) and the theft of shrubs from Town Council containers at the road entrances to Windermere. After attending the meeting of the Ambleside & Windermere Lions last week, the Clerk has obtained a pledge of £2,000 of grant funding towards the Langrigge Playground equipment. A list of councillors contact details was made available. The Clerk also briefed councillors on the deed of surrender which must be signed in order to facilitate progress on the re-instatement of the Victorian Carriage Drive in Elleray Woods. A portion of the current footpath leased from SLDC by the Town Council will need to be surrendered, so that it can be leased by the LDNPA. The LDNPA will then dedicate it as a public footpath and take over responsibility for the path's maintenance once constructed. This is a largely administrative change to the Council's land-holdings in Elleray Woods and the Clerk has delegated authority to sign the deed. Councillors were asked if they were happy to continue the process under the Clerk's delegated authority or if they would prefer to have this issue addressed separately on the agenda of the next meeting on 28th September. It was agreed that the Clerk should sign the relevant documents and return to SLDC.</p>

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137.	<p>Finance: The payments as listed on the agenda were approved, with one addition. A further payment of £75 to Thomas Bland, as he is also owed honorarium from 2015.</p>
138.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made: a)7/2016/5550: 9 Beechwood Close, Bowness: Extension to existing terrace. NO COMMENT b)7/2016/5509: Knotts Farmhouse, Patterdale Rd, Windermere: Window replacement. NO COMMENT c)7/2016/5482: Chalet Cormorant, Louper Wier, Ghyll Head, Windermere: Erection of pressed steel storage shed (retrospective)and proposed erection of wooden extension to existing chalet. NO COMMENT d)7/2016/5562: 3 Langrigge Court, Bowness: Proposed canopy to rear. NO COMMENT e)7/2016/5549: Brackenthwaite House, Black Beck Wood, Windermere: Alterations to windows. NO COMMENT f)7/2016/5420: 5 Maple Court, Cross St, Windermere: New dormer to east and west elevation and extension to top ridge south elevation to form high level window. RECOMMEND REFUSAL AS THE DESIGN IS OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE LOCAL AREA. g)7/2016/5570: Greenclose, Phoenix Way, Windermere: Demolition of garage, conservatory and blockwork yard wall. Ground floor alterations and extension. RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS THIS IS A MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE BUILDING. h)7/2016/5589: The Arts Bar & Grill (ex Spinnery), Brantfell Rd, Bowness: Proposed advertisements. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL AS CONCERNS RAISED PREVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. i)7/2016/5590: The Arts Bar & Grill (ex Spinnery), Brantfell Rd, Bowness: Paint external render in County Cream (dulux weathershield). Change external signage due to re-branding. No Comment.</p>
139.	<p>Tree Application: T/2016/0117: The Phoenix Centre, Phoenix Way, Windermere: Crown reduction and shaping by 40% due to massive basal cavity (Field Maple). Decision as to whether the tree should be subject to a TPO. Noted.</p>
140.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates & times were noted. Wednesday 28th September 2016: Full Council (nb planning training session with National Park due to commence at 5pm). Wednesday 12th October 2016: Full Council Wednesday 26th October 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>

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