



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting 14th April 2021 following Annual Parish Meeting via Zoom online

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Cllrs Adrian Legge, Jenny Borer, Peter Cook, Leith Hallatsch, Christine Hallatsch, Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Lisa Greasley, Kate Tripp, Fiona Wilkinson. Magda Khan & Peter Hamilton (from 7pm) Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Rebecca Pinder, Assistant Town Clerk (from 7 to 7.30pm) SLDC/CCC Councillors: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes, Jim Bland (from 7.30pm) The meeting opened at 18.35pm</p>
275.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Ian Telford, Catherine Musetti, Grania Nicholson, Mike Stafford, Alan Hands & Tim Shearer. SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones.</p>
276.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th March 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>
277.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 24th March 2021 were noted.</p>
278.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
279.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
280.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
281.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: <u>Cllr Lisa Greasley:</u> Updated on a meeting held with SLDC and confirmed that the dangerous path to the Bowling Club in Queen's Park has been put on the high priority list for fixing, that the proposals for a swimming shelter at Millergound will be put to Better Leisure, the Bench survey is ongoing. Also met with Nick Berry at War Memorial, which is looking good and hedging is complete. Will discuss options for compost bins with Clerk. Attended two meetings on Elleray Woods dealing with signage on the access project and the site inspection. Residents of Queens Park will shortly receive an information leaflet setting out the works that will take place to improve the play area. Finally, the re-instatement of the wall outside Quarry Rigg toilets looks excellent and is a good piece of work completed by the Town Steward. SLDC may be looking to install an outside tap and a chemical disposal unit at newly refurbished Millergound toilets and it was agreed that this should be avoided if at all possible, as there is not sufficient space or facilities there for motor homes. <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> Attended project meetings with the LDNPA finalizing plans for the final stage of the access project, comprising the path to the summit, summit improvements at Orrest Head, new benches and interpretation panels in the woods. Funding is now in place and the project can start quite quickly. The completion could be as early as this summer. Also conducted the site survey visit in Elleray Woods, with the advisory group and wished to</p>

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	<p>pay tribute to the excellent work that is being carried out there by the Town Steward, including a new drainage culvert, which is making a great difference.</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch</u>: Highlighted the contents of the stewards' report (circulated to all councillors) and wished to thank SLDC for providing this very useful service. It was especially good to see the positive feedback the stewarding has received from the general public.</p> <p><u>Mayor Saunders</u>: Attended the 2021 visitor meeting and confirmed that the arrangements for road signage and re-direction (if necessary) have been finalized. They will be put into place if the A591 backs up to Plumgarths and will include the use of Crook Road, which, although not ideal, could be needed. The final report is now finished and will be circulated. Also noted that, with recent restrictions lifted and good weather, Millerground is attracting a lot of visitors. The Clerk confirmed that the toilets there are now open. Mayor Saunders also attended a meeting on the Gateway project and finally the CCC South Lakeland Local committee meeting - an email had been circulated about this. The most interesting item was a presentation on the condition of the newly installed cycle routes, which have not been sufficiently maintained and are proving inaccessible with cyclists preferring to continue to use the roads.</p>
282.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u>: Attended a Cumbria Better Connected group meeting and was co-signatory to the letter of support to the proposals that are being prepared by the County Council to make improvements to the Lakes Line. Has dealt with lots of small issues raised by residents, most note-worthy being securing work done to fill the pot holes at Ellerthwaite Road/Park Avenue, which have been in a very bad state for some time. The key challenges ahead relate to the re-opening of the visitor economy and how small businesses are coping with the changes.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes</u>: Agreed that overseeing the re-opening of businesses and the return of visitors in large numbers will be the key issues this summer. Attended a question and answer session in Kendal on climate change and environment issues and was pleased to see some excellent ideas coming forward.</p>
283.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently progressing. She answered questions from councillors and added the following items: Town Steward report for March 21 Thank-you letter from St Martin & St Mary School for grant contribution towards swimming pool.</p>
284.	<p>Financial Issues:</p> <p>Councillors approved those items included on the Orders for Payment list which had been circulated with the agenda and in addition approved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Town Steward: £1,539.57 (includes the rubber tiles for Quarry Rigg).NAYAX: Service charges of £101.10 for contactless in March (income nearly £1k);Thomas Graham: Toilets stock: £1,576.19

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	<p>d) Viking: Stationery: £255.82</p> <p>e) CALC: Annual subscription to CALC and NALC: £774.16</p> <p>f) Jewson: Hardware supplies: £87.26</p> <p>g) NPower: toilets electricity March 21: £176.49</p>
285.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group:</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 1 April 2021 were noted and the following decisions made on the recommendations:</p> <p>a) That the financial report and out-turn projection for the 2020-21 financial year be noted. (Note 3)</p> <p>b) That the Town Council structure report and recommendations be approved, apart from the arrangements for councillors to participate in the policy & finance advisory group, which were the subject of intense debate and not resolved. This issue will be further discussed at the next Policy & Finance meeting and an amended recommendation will be made to Full Council in May.</p> <p>c) That the Mayoral Protocol as set out in the report be approved and take effect from May 2021 (Note 4);</p> <p>d) That Cllr Christine Hallatsch be appointed as lead councillor for Windermere in Bloom for a further year and report on progress (Note 5);</p> <p>e) That the Council continues to make a small contribution to Cumbria in Bloom in 2021 (Note 5);</p> <p>f) Allotment rents should remain at the same level for 2021 and invoices be issued as soon as possible (Note 6);</p> <p>g) A review of allotment rents and a comparison report should be produced and brought to Policy & Finance Advisory Group in Autumn of this year (Note 6);</p> <p>h) That the letter drafted by the Local Government Reform Advisory Group be approved and submitted as the Town Council's response to the consultation (Note 8);</p> <p>i) That Bowness South councillors note the situation with regard to the Glebe Bye-law and liaise to discuss any action that can be taken to record problems with alcohol on the Glebe through the summer, to feed back to SLDC, possibly prompting a new protection order.</p> <p>j) That the proposed annex to Standing Orders, setting standards for Zoom meetings, be approved (Note 12);</p> <p>k) That the Clerk is asked to write to Cumbria Highways, requesting that pedestrian safety in key areas of Bowness is urgently reviewed in light of the expansion of businesses into public space (Note 13);</p> <p>l) That the arrangements for holding Town Council meetings in person from July 21 onwards, to meet government requirements, are approved (AoB).</p>

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286.	Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings commence at 7pm via Zoom unless otherwise stated: Wednesday 28 th April 2021: Planning sub-committee (Zoom) Thursday 29 th April 2021: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (Zoom) Wednesday 12 th May 2021: Full Council (AGM) Zoom Wednesday 19 th May 2021: Planning sub-committee (Langstone House) Wednesday 9 th June 2021: FULL COUNCIL CANCELLED Wednesday 23 rd June 2021: Planning sub-committee (Langstone House) Thursday 1 st July 2021: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (tbc) Wednesday 14 th July 2021: Full Council (Marchesi Centre)
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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