



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th September 2022 at 7pm, Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Kate Tripp (in the chair), Cllrs Adrian Legge, Jenny Borer, Marina Davis, Lisa Greasley, John Saunders, Catherine Musetti, Leith Hallatsch, Christine Hallatsch & Esther Kirby. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Rebecca Pinder (Facilities Officer), Sgt Paul Mellard, Rebecca Grossett & 3 members of the public. SLDC/CCC Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes, Jim Bland, Westmorland & Furness Shadow Cllr Steve Bavin. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
	<p>The meeting was preceded by a 2min silence, in memory of our late Queen Elizabeth II.</p>
56.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies from Cllrs Peter & Christine Cook (holiday) & Magda Khan were received and noted.</p>
57.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on 10th August 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Adrian Legge Seconded Cllr Lisa Greasley.</p>
58.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 24th August 2022 were noted.</p>
59.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
60.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
61.	<p>Cumbria Police: Sgt Paul Mellard from the Ulverston & Lakes Neighbourhood Policing Team spoke about his role. He works from both Windermere & Ulverston stations and is supported by 3 PCSOs and Sergeant Becky Hunter. Sgt Mellard gave a summary of recent crime statistics, which revealed a similar pattern to the pre-Covid years. From September 21 to September 22, there were 634 reported crimes in Windermere & Bowness, which means that it is regarded as a low crime area compared to the higher statistics for Ulverston & Kendal. The policing teams will be aligned to support the areas covered by the new Unitary Councils as from April 2022 but this will take time to make a real difference on the ground. Councillors asked a number of questions about staffing numbers and the usefulness of the CCTV cameras that the Town Council funds. The key message that Sgt Mellard wished to get across is the importance of reporting crimes, as it is on the basis of these statistics that staff and resource are deployed across the region. The Mayor thanked Sgt Mellard for his time.</p>
62.	<p>Limefitt Holiday Park: Rebecca Grossett (General Manager) introduced herself and underlined the importance of Parkdene resorts having a good positive relationship with the local community. She was aware that there have been reported incidents of anti-social behaviour on the site recently</p>

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	<p>and wished to reassure the Town Council that these are taken very seriously and that the site works with the police closely and deploys its own stewards. She offered help with any litter picks that are being organized locally and will engage personally with the Council's facebook page.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Rebecca for attending.</p>
63.	<p>Public Input:</p> <p><u>Richard Glenister</u>, a local resident, addressed the Town Council on the subject of pavement licenses. He set out the series of events in connection with recent applications first for a premises license and then for a pavement license for Lago, on St Martin's parade - a quiet residential area. He was grateful for the Town Council's support and particularly that of the planning sub-committee, which had submitted a strong objection to the premises license and more recently the pavement license. It was confirmed that the premises license has been refused by SLDC. Mr Glenister raised the very perplexing question of why there is only a window of 7 days to object to a proposal for a pavement license, when it is so much longer for premises licenses and planning applications. Councillors from SLDC were able to confirm that this is not a local practice, but rather regulations that are set at national level and that there is little that can be done to change them. They did, however, highlight that, even if a license is granted, it can always be withdrawn if residents have evidence that the criteria on which the license is based are not being adhered to.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Mr Glenister for attending and bringing these matters to the attention of the Town Council and is confident that the planning sub-committee will continue to perform an excellent service in responding to planning and licensing.</p>
64.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Lisa Greasley</u>: was pleased to report that the sign for the Jubilee garden is now in place and looks good. Had attended an Ellera Wood site inspection that afternoon, which will be reported on at the next Town Council meeting on 5th October. Has worked on the bench survey, with the Facilities Officer. This is now a much larger list, taking in every public bench in the parish area and will, hopefully, be a valuable tool during and after local government reorganization.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders</u>: Had emailed an update about his attendance at the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade meeting. He also confirmed that the Chairman has resigned and there was no appointment of a successor at the meeting.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u>: Along with the Deputy Mayor, had attended the Kendal Proclamation of the new king, standing in for the Mayor. In talking to the Chief Fire Officer, it was pleasing to be able to confirm that Windermere station will soon be receiving a major upgrade. Invites are now being distributed for the Windermere in Bloom awards evening and she gave thanks to those Councillors who are helping. It is hoped that as many Town Councillors as possible will attend the evening on 18th October at 7pm, Marchesi Centre.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Hamilton</u>: Raised the issue of missing road markings outside the Nat West bank which could be a potential danger. CCC Cllr Jim Bland offered to look into that. Cllr Hamilton was very positive about the plans for the Christmas lights on Bowness Promenade</p>

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	<p>and reported the problems that are being experienced with the St Martins churchyard lights. The Facilities Officer was able to report that this had been dealt with.</p> <p><u>Cllr Cath Musetti</u>: Wished to thank Mayor Tripp for the excellent job done in reading the Proclamation at Bowness Bay. It was appreciated that this was done locally.</p> <p><u>Mayor Kate Tripp</u>: Covered issues that she has raised with CCC with regards to staffing levels on Windermere Ferry. Also had taken action to work with the bar operators in Robinson Place to re-open the grass area to the public. Mayor Tripp was very frustrated to report another postponed Windermere Gateway meeting and has made her feelings known to the organisers. She also covered timings and arrangements for the 1minute silence at the War Memorial and a service at St Martins on the eve of the Queen's funeral and also arrangements for Water Bird flying next week.</p>
65.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes</u> updated on the next meeting of Lakes Admin on 28th October.</p> <p><u>Cllr Steve Bavin</u> reported on the agreement of a logo for the new Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council, which will be sent out in a week or so. He confirmed that the new council will operate out of 3 key area offices in Kendal, Penrith and Barrow but that Kendal Town Hall will be the official address of the new Council. Finally, decisions have been made about where services will need aggregation between the two new Unitaries and where they will continue to share services.</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u>: Had read the Proclamation of the new king in Kendal, on behalf of SLDC. Had attended a positive open day at Goodly Dale Windermere Health Centre and updated on the trial of the Big Belly litter bins on the Glebe (6 weeks).</p> <p><u>Cllr Bland</u>: confirmed a quiet month and nothing of significance to report.</p>
66.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway. There were no questions.</p>
67.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group:</p> <p>The Chair of the Advisory Group, Deputy Mayor Leith Hallatsch, presented the minutes and asked that they be noted. The following recommendations were then discussed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The updated Training & Development policy, which was approved (Proposed Cllr John Saunders, seconded Cllr Christine Hallatsch)The updated Mayoral Protocol, which was approved (Proposed Cllr Lisa Greasley, seconded Cllr John Saunders).The latest financial position update was noted.The allocation of 50% of the Facilities Officer costs to core Town Council and 50% to the ringfenced public facilities account, to recognise the split of work in the new Job Description was approved. (Proposed Cllr Lisa Greasley, seconded Cllr John Saunders)The re-design of public planting, as set out in Cllr Greasley's report was approved. (Proposed Cllr John Saunders, seconded Cllr Christine Hallatsch).

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	<p>f) It was agreed that the contract for the external provision of public planting will no longer be tendered, with effect from 2023 and the Clerk was authorised to notify the current contractor. (Proposed Cllr Christine Hallatsch, seconded Cllr John Saunders).</p> <p>g) An initial investment of up to £20k in the revised planting scheme was approved, funded from Council reserves. (Proposed Cllr Cath Musetti, seconded Cllr John Saunders).</p> <p>h) The reduction of the Windermere in Bloom budget from 2023/24 by £5k pa to recognise the savings that will be made from the amended planting scheme was approved. (Proposed Cllr Christine Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Adrian Legge).</p> <p>i) It was agreed that Town Council needs to re-iterate its deep concerns about the quality of water in Windermere Lake, as set out in the report from Cllr Peter Cook. (Proposed Cllr Christine Hallatsch, seconded Cllr John Saunders).</p> <p>j) It was agreed to place a Full Council discussion of the issue of water quality on to the October Council agenda. This will include recommendations that the Clerk contact the Environment Agency for clarification on what action is being taken by them, as the body responsible for water quality and armed with the powers to challenge the polluters, especially United Utilities. Also to challenge SLDC, who are responsible for the bed of the lake, on behalf of local residents. This should be done via the Lake Administration Committee, on which Town Council has representation and has previously made its concerns clear. (Proposed Cllr Jenny Borer, seconded Cllr Peter Hamilton).</p>
68.	<p>Recruitment Advisory Group: Cllr Saunders, as Chair of the Advisory Group, updated on progress being made in recruiting a new Clerk. Seven candidates had been shortlisted and interviews will be held on 21st, 22nd & 23rd September. The panel will comprise members of the Advisory Group, advised by the Clerk.</p>
69.	<p>Finance: Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payments list, which had been circulated with the agenda and, in addition, approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Plus: Pinfold Toilets August 22: £52.34 & Broad Street toilets £86.95• Eon: Electricity for St Martins Lights: August 22: £14.45 <p>Proposed Cllr Christine Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Adrian Legge.</p>
70.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 28th September 2022: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Wednesday 5th October 2022: Full Council, Marchesi Centre.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.10pm</p>

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