



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

15th January 2020 at 7pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Ms Sandra Lilley, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs Jenny Borer, Mr Peter Cook, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ian Telford, Fiona Wilkinson and Mike Stafford. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Polly Straker, SLDC. SLDC/CCC Councillors: Kevin Holmes, Andrew Jarvis and Jim Bland and 5 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
130.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Tim Shearer, Grania Nicholson, Alan Hands. SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry, Dyan Jones, Brian Rendell.</p>
131.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th December 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record with one amendment on the Bowness Roundabout has been annexed to the signed copy.</p>
132.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The planning minutes of 9th December were accepted by Council.</p>
133.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
134.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
135.	<p>Co-option of Councillor: It was agreed that this item be taken in private session at the end of the meeting, due to the personal nature of the application forms.</p>
136.	<p>SLDC Presentation: Polly Straker, of SLDC, gave a presentation which explained the new staffing structure and the organization into Localities. The services that are included in localities were explained in a short video. Polly is the locality head for the Lakes area and the Council's key contact point on a number of issues. The new structure will be supplemented with software to enable customers and residents to report issues and training will be given when this is introduced. The Grounds Maintenance contract will be managed by Nicola Metcalfe and this will include all the SLDC owned open and green spaces in Windermere. Some of the main projects in this area include Queens Park (Windermere Park for All), Changing Places at Millerground, Parking improvements at various locations, Beresford Gardens improved planting and potential uses for the old toilets at Ferry Nab. Polly confirmed that SLDC are aware of the problems with the quality of the flower beds at the Glebe. She explained that there has been a lot of planting and lots of spring bulbs, but the lack of maintenance and weeding has hindered their growth and show. This will now be corrected. Nicola Metcalfe is the key contact and it was suggested that Cllr Greasley</p>

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	<p>organize to meet with Nicola and Polly on site to further understand the problems and suggested improvements.</p> <p>Councillors took the opportunity to ask a lot of questions, which included Lickbarrow viewpoint, changing places, the placing of the Diessen Bavarian Lion, Baddeley Clock gardens and street sign replacements. The number and range of questions underlined how much Councillors valued the session. The Mayor and Councillors thanked Polly for attending and for being so helpful.</p>
137.	<p>Public Input:</p> <p>A local resident addressed the Council to explain the problems that she is experiencing with the traffic and lack of parking in Bowness, particularly on Kendal Road, where she owns a small business. This road is narrow and the increase in traffic, particularly large vehicles like trucks and buses has vastly increased the risk of accidents and damage (she has experienced damage to her business signs 3 times recently). The tighter control that the Belsfield have introduced over their parking has had the effect of exacerbating problems elsewhere in the area. It really is time that something is done to deal with the problem and, even though the resident was aware that Town Council do not have the responsibility, any assistance or support would be welcome. The Mayor, SLDC and CCC councillors gave specific advice ranging from petitions to CCC, how to approach the police and the opportunities that follow from CCC having increased the resources on their parking enforcement.</p>
138.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates:</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u> had attended the planning sub-committee meeting with the Belsfield, which was very useful, had given a well-received presentation to the WI on the Town Council, had attended a long and very interesting/important meeting of the Lakes Line User Group and was pleased to see that her poppy installation at the War Memorial has survived the recent weather. The 5th anniversary of the friends of the 597 Bus is due on 23rd April and it is hoped that Town Councillors will support this.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> had attended the Windermere Endowed Schools meeting and confirmed that work to improve the footpath between Oldfield and Princes roads will go ahead. Cllr Greasley was happy to assist with moving the Diessen Lion from the Hydro to the Glebe.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u> explained that the sub-committee meeting with the Belsfield in advance of their forthcoming planning application, was of a very preliminary nature and it had been made clear that the purpose was information only. It was a very worthwhile meeting and Cllr Borer will report back in full to the next planning sub-committee on 29th January.</p> <p>Action <u>Cllr Stafford</u> reported on a very near miss of a major road incident on the Winster Road, caused by a coach travelling too fast on this very narrow and winding road. He will be speaking to Cumbria Highways about the possibility of banning coaches from this stretch.</p> <p><u>Cllr Hamilton</u> has been assisting on the Focus Group for communications.</p> <p>Action <u>Cllr Wilkinson</u> had been contacted by the Gazette about the issue of deer safety and the number of fatal accidents in the past months. The Clerk has not yet received a response from Cumbria Highways about the need for signage.</p> <p>She also raised the safety issues with the work that is taking place on the development at Cooks Corner and it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Highways or the LDNPA to</p>

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	<p>underline these problems and seek a temporary solution.</p> <p><u>Cllr Tripp</u>: has set up a Whats App group for councillors, already proving very useful.</p> <p><u>Mayor Saunders</u>: Attended 2 Chamber of Trade meetings pre and post Christmas and has been impressed with the increased attendance and the quality of the leadership. It is important that Town Council support the Chamber, who are coming up with some very good ideas for local improvements. The Mayor underlined his disappointment with the timing of the 2nd Shake Up event that has been organized by Bowness & Windermere Forward, as it clashes with Policy & Finance Advisory Group and removes 6 councillors from being able to attend. It was agreed that as many Town Councillors as possible will attend.</p> <p>Attended the Christmas Fair which was larger this year and with a successful ice rink. Feedback from local people has been mixed.</p> <p>From discussions with SLDC councillors, it has been agreed that the Town Council will put together a list of priorities for the next 5 years, where input and assistance from SLDC will be welcome and needed. This will help the partnership work more effectively. Policy & Finance Advisory Group will make a first attempt at a list at their meeting on 23rd January.</p>
139.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis</u>: Gave an update on the situation with the Braithwaite Fold caravan park -(re-tendering of the management contract).</p> <p><u>Cllr Holmes</u>: Updated on the Windermere Lake Action Plan Steering Group meeting that took place in December 2019.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bland</u>: As well as updating his latest understanding of the situation with the Bowness roundabout, also explained some recent problems with Windermere Ferry, mainly due to key staff sickness.</p>
140.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had provided a written report and added the following issue verbally:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The Westmorland Red Squirrels Group have reported that they believe there are now 3 or 4 red squirrels in the immediate area of Elleray Woods. The group are now very busy working in other National Trust areas and have requested that an additional volunteer be given permission to work on controlling grey squirrels. The Clerk has requested further information about the individual.
141.	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following payments have been received since the agenda was published and were also approved: VFMS: £35 + VAT to move the Diessen Lion from the Hydro to the Glebe, Viking stationery order: £112.96 + VAT.The quotation from Berrys Garden Services for planting and gardening work at the War Memorial this year was approved at £1,801.08.The quotation for Windermere in Bloom Hanging baskets, which is urgent, was also approved at £6,300 + VAT to plant, erect, care for and water and take down 108

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	lamp-post baskets from May 2020 throughout the summer.
142.	Dates of Next Meetings: Thursday 23 rd January 2020 at 6.15pm: Policy & Finance Advisory Group Wednesday 29 th January 2020 at 7pm: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 12 th February 2020 at 7pm: Full Council.
	The Mayor Closed the public session to consider the applications for co-option to the vacancy on the Town Council
142	Co-option of Town Council to the Applethwaite Ward: As there were 2 candidates and 2 excellent applications, a secret ballot was held to decide on the candidate to fill the final place on the Council. There was a majority vote in favour of co-opting Catherine Musetti to the Town Council. It was also agreed that Jo Daley should be given the option to be put on a waiting list to be automatically appointed when a further vacancy should arise. In the meantime, Jo should be asked if she would like to take part in any of the Council's advisory groups.
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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