



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 15th September 2021 at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere at 7pm

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Adrian Legge (in the Chair), Cllrs John Saunders, Peter Hamilton, Joanne Daley, Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Lisa Greasley, Fiona Wilkinson, Mike Stafford, Ian Telford & Cath Musetti Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) & 1 member of the public. SLDC/CCC Councillors: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes & Jim Bland. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
53.	<p>Apologies and absence: Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Peter Cook, Magda Khan, Christine Hallatsch, Leith Hallatsch, Alan Hands, Grania Nicholson; Absent without apology: Cllr Tim Shearer. SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones.</p>
54.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th August 2021 were approved for signature. (Proposed Cllr Lisa Greasley, seconded Cllr Ian Telford).</p>
55.	<p>Planning Minutes: The minutes of the planning meeting held on 25th August 2021 were noted. (Proposed Cllr Christine Cook, seconded Cllr Cath Musetti).</p>
56.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
57.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
58.	<p>Item to be discussed in private session: Mayor Legge proposed that the item on Local Government Reform be postponed until a future meeting, when the members from the Advisory Group are able to be present. This was agreed.</p>
59.	<p>Public Input: <u>Julie Tait, Director of the International Comic Arts Festival</u> Julie gave a brief history of the Comic Arts Festival, how it was founded and how it has developed over the last 10 years. It is a well-supported and well attended local festival, based in Kendal. There are tentative plans to extend the scope of the festival and Councillors were asked for their views. Councillors were very supportive and asked a range of questions. The Mayor thanked Julie for attending, wished her well with future plans and to let the Town Council know if any further assistance is needed.</p>
60.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: <u>Cllr Peter Cook</u> had circulated an update on the work of the LGR Advisory Group prior to the meeting. <u>Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp</u> had circulated an update of engagements and work on behalf of the Council prior to the meeting.</p>

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	<p><u>Mayor Legge:</u> gave a comprehensive account of his 15 engagements and meetings over the last month. Finalisation of arrangements for the Orrest Head opening featured heavily in his schedule as did further follow up meetings highlighting the problems in Bowness, with an interview on Radio Cumbria, a site meeting with Tim Farron MP and a meeting in Bowness with the local police Superintendent. There was also a positive meeting of the Windermere Ferry Advisory Group, at which plans for a new ferry were discussed in some detail. Mayor Legge feels that this issue is moving in the right direction.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lisa Greasley:</u> update covered the planting of the 2 Amalanchier trees at Birthwaite Gardens and the War Memorial, improvements to the cleaning regime of the public toilets, Windermere in Bloom trophies, plans to take down baskets and tubs at the end of September and the now announced closure of Holehird. In particular, Cllr Greasley drew attention to the problems being experienced with health and safety on the new Queens Park pump track. She has reported these to SLDC as a matter of urgency and District Cllr Andrew Jarvis also took note.</p> <p><u>Cllr Cath Musetti:</u> update covered the opening ceremony at Orrest Head on Sunday 12th September. It was a very successful and positive event and a credit to all involved. She led a formal Vote of Thanks to Mayor Legge for his tireless energy and efforts over the years, which have been instrumental in bringing this project to its conclusion. Councillors thanked Mayor Legge in the usual way.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Hamilton:</u> raised a problem with defacing of a parking sign in Bowness and the clerk agreed to report this to Cumbria Highways using the HMS system. Cllr Hamilton also underlined the problems recently experienced with consultation on new pavement café licenses and Cllr Andrew Jarvis agreed to take this up with the relevant team at SLDC.</p>
61.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> Attended the memorial to the late Kath Atkinson (Cllr and Chair of both Town and District Councils) along with representatives from WBTC (Mayor and Cllr Borer). It was a very appropriate and enjoyable event. Also enjoyed attending the Orrest Head opening ceremony and thanks to all those involved. He drew attention to the email sent out detailing the closure of the recycling facility at Booths and was very pleased to note that work to resurface Ellerthwaite Road has now been completed. In his District Council role, a lot of time is now being taken up with Local Government Reform with focus on legal and background work at the moment.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> updated on the new Code of Conduct which has been adopted and issued by SLDC. The changes are quite fundamental and it is important that Town Councillors are aware and adopt this. The Clerk agreed that this is in her workplan for the Autumn.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland:</u> Gave an update on progress with the roundabout at Bowness. There are some problems with design that need to be adjusted. The aim is still to complete the work between Christmas and Easter this/next year. The Clerk agreed to contact the project engineer and invite him to the next Town Council meeting to update councillors. Cllr Bland also underlined the issues raised in Mayor Legge's update on Windermere Ferry.</p>

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62.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report was noted and a number of questions of detail were answered. The Clerk added updates verbally on Winter Lights investigations for Bowness Bay, the recent grant funding received from CCC to assist with Covid re-opening (£12k with a further £5k potential) and her annual leave arrangements.</p>
63.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Meeting held on 2nd September 2021 The minutes of the group were noted. The Clerk highlighted an error in paragraph 8, where the final sentence should read "bring forward to 2022" not 2023. The following was approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The financial report for the period 1 April to 31 August 2021 was noted;The dates for setting the budget and precept for 2022/23 were agreed;The grant of £100 for Dalton Band performance at the Glebe bandstand was agreed;The reports from individual Advisory Groups were noted;It was agreed to change the Whats App group name to "Town Chat."The progress being made by the Mayor on the significant problems with visitor infrastructure was noted.
64.	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Invoices listed on the August Orders for payment were approved, with the addition of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Asst Clerk expenses: £377.59 which includes purchases of hand driers for toilets;NAYAX service charges on contactless income for August: £832.85Electricity toilet bills for August 21: £271.21Final Water bill for Baddeley Clock toilets: £83.47 (now transferred to SLDC)The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit of the 2020/21 Accounts by PKF Littlejohn had now been concluded and advertised in the usual way. The Accounts were approved with one minor issue raised (prior year balances re-statement given the change to accruals accounting). The Clerk was congratulated.
65.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 29th September: Planning sub-committee (Langstone House) Wednesday 20th October: Full Council (Marchesi Centre) Wednesday 20th October at 3pm: Elleray Woods site inspection and on site meeting. Wednesday 27th October: Planning sub-committee (Langstone House)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9pm</p>

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