



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th November 2022 at 7pm, Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Kate Tripp (in the chair), Cllrs Leith Hallatsch (Deputy Mayor), Adrian Legge, Jenny Borer, Christine Hallatsch, Marina Davis, Lisa Greasley, John Saunders, Peter Hamilton. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk designate). SLDC/CCC/W&F Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes, Jim Bland, Steve Bavin and 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.05pm</p>
87.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies from Cllrs Christine Cook (illness), Peter Cook (attending LGR session), Catherine Musetti and Esther Kirby (work commitments). Also from SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones. Mayor Tripp welcomed Sally Parkyn to the Town Council meeting, hopefully the first of many.</p>
88.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record. (Proposed Cllr L Hallatsch, seconded Cllr L Greasley).</p>
89.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 26th October 2022 were noted. (Proposed Cllr A Legge, seconded Cllr L Hallatsch).</p>
90.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Jenny Borer declared an interest related to the grant application for Town Twinning, as she is a member of the Twinning committee. She did not vote on this item, but remained in the meeting room.</p>
91.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
92.	<p>Item to be discussed in private session: The following items was approved for discussion in private session, due to the personal content: Co-option of Town Councillor for Bowness North (Proposed Cllr J Borer, seconded Cllr L Hallatsch).</p>
93.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
94.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Lisa Greasley:</u> Informed the meeting that UU, after the pre-session, had committed to providing a Water Butt, free of charge, for the Bowness Bay garden. She had attended Policy & Finance Advisory group last week and the Windermere Endowed meeting yesterday evening. She was happy to report progress is being made on presenting a draft agreement and replacement lease to the Town Council, for managing the land and the play area. Cllr Greasley attended the Cumbria in Bloom AGM and will continue as the Town Council's representative unless another Councillor wishes to take this on. Also, had joined the Town</p>

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	<p>Steward in cutting back hedges at Bowness Bay toilets, enabling the signage to be more visible and had reported a continuously sounding alarm at the toilets to Healthmatic.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Hamilton</u> Was pleased to reported on the Comic Arts Festival in Bowness, which seems to have been a success and it was good to see such a variety of visitors in the area.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u>: Reported on her attendance at the Licensing by the Bishop of Carlisle and the installation by the Archdeacon of Westmorland & Furness of the Revd Lawrence Basham as Curate-in-Charge (Team Vicar designate) for the Parishes of the South Lakes.</p> <p><u>Cllr John Saunders</u>: Attended the Chamber of Trade, at which SLDC Leader Jonathan Brooks discussed with the meeting issues related to housing in our area. It was a good in-depth discussion.</p> <p><u>Mayor Kate Tripp</u>: Had attended a very positive LGR meeting with new W&F Councillors held at Langstone House and organized by the LGR group. She thanked Cllr Peter Hamilton for stepping in for her at the Comic Arts festival dinner but she was able to attend the opening event. For the first time, Mayor Tripp attended and gave out awards for Windermere in Bloom and was impressed at the commitment both from Councillors (especially Leith & Christine Hallatsch and Lisa Greasley) but also from local people, many of whom were clearly delighted with their awards. She reported on a new red plaque that has been put in place at White Cross Bay to commemorate the building of the Sunderland planes. Mayor Tripp gave a detailed report from the recent meeting of the Windermere Vision group (was Windermere Gateway) and was pleased to say that the project still seems to have potential. It will provide 150 homes with the aim of making the area an “amazing place to live.” There will be some self-build and a small proportion of affordable housing. The project is looking to retain the feel of the farm area, maintaining trees and stone walls. There are still issues around access and, surprisingly, Thwaites Lane is still being considered as an access point. The problems with this have been highlighted by locals and Councillors many times. Cllr Saunders re-iterated public concerns on this. Public consultation on outline plans is due to start in the new year and she has asked if Urban Splash (the consultants on the project) can attend a Town Council meeting to brief further. Encouragingly, the potential plans for a railway passing place, to significantly increase train capacity, look to be back on the cards. Also, there are plans to move the National Trust HQ from Grasmere to this site. Finally, Mayor Tripp was at the War Memorial at 11am on 11 Nov for an informal commemoration of Armistice along with many others. She also attended the formal Remembrance on Sunday 13th November, to lay the wreath, and wished to thank Cllr Adrian Legge, who had done an excellent job leading the parade. It was a credit to the Town.</p>
95.	<p>District & County Councillors’ reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u>: Agreed with the report on the Comic Arts Festival and the variety and diversity it brings to the tourism industry at this time of year. His time is almost completely taken up with Local Government Reorganisation and particularly the financial planning. There is so much to report on that he asked Town Council to contact him directly if they have any specific questions. He did add that the Big Belly refuse bin trial has ended and appears to have been a success and that, for now, the bins have been removed. There was a</p>

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	<p>question about replacement bins and Cllr Peter Hamilton was able to report later that the bins in Bowness had been replaced with normal bins.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> Reported on the Flood and Coastal Forum and investments in the area, particularly in Kendal. He also attended the Local Resilience Forum and reported on the Emergency Register (VIPER) and drew attention to the plethora of information that is online and of great use. He had chaired a Lakes Administration meeting recently, that had been mainly focused on planning issues.</p> <p><u>Cllr Steve Bavin:</u> Provided an update on the proposals for a Council Tax reduction scheme for W&F and the public consultation that is on-line.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland:</u> Underlined the comments made above about the lack of a practical highways solution for the Windermere Vision.</p>
96.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway. She had spoken that morning to SLDC and was able to confirm that both the Feasibility and Viability studies for Langstone House are almost complete and that it is expected there will be consultation with the Town Council in the new year.</p> <p>There were no further questions or observations but Councillors wished to specifically thank Beccy Pinder for her hard work on the Comic Arts Festival and the Bowness Lights.</p>
97.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Finance</p> <p>The notes of the meeting were accepted and the following recommendations were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The latest budget monitoring information (up to 30th September) was noted; (Proposed Cllr C Hallatsch, seconded Cllr L Hallatsch).The Budget & 3 Year financial forecast, set out in the report of the Clerk and RFO was approved. (Proposed Cllr L Greasley, seconded Cllr L Hallatsch). This set a Council expenditure budget for 2023/4 of £132,300 and an income budget of £145,814 and a precept for 2023/4 of £136,864. It also included a budgeted deficit on the toilets account of £8,200 for 2023/4 which, if it materializes, will be funded from the ringfenced toilets reserve.Charlene Ireby (Parish Clerk for Lakes Parish and Patterdale) was appointed at the Internal Auditor for the 2022/23 Accounts; (Proposed Cllr L Greasley, seconded Cllr L Hallatsch).The payment of £2,000 towards Winter Lights in Windermere was confirmed and the Clerk was asked to contact the Community Group and clarify future plans for the parade, given that this has not taken place for several years. Future grant payments may be dependent on the parade. (Cllr L Greasley proposed, Cllr L Hallatsch seconded). The following Grants were also approved:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Town Twinning: £1,000 (Proposed Cllr C Hallatsch, seconded Cllr L Hallatsch)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windermere Christmas Market: Policy & Finance Advisory Group had recommended a smaller grant than requested of £700, to equal the Bowness market contribution. This was challenged and a counter proposal put forward by Cllr Jenny Borer, seconded by Cllr Peter Hamilton that the full amount of £3,000 be paid, given the difference in the two markets. A vote was taken and 3 councillors were in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions. The Mayor had the casting vote and voted against the counter proposal, taking those against to 4, meaning that the counter proposal was rejected. There was then a vote on the original proposal (proposed Cllr L Greasley, seconded Cllr John Saunders) of a grant of £700. 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 against. This proposal was carried.• Great North Air Ambulance: £500 (Proposed Cllr C Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Lisa Greasley). <p>e) The quotation for 22 new town centre planters was approved and Cllr Greasley delegated to place the order. (Proposed Cllr John Saunders, seconded Cllr C Hallatsch).</p>
98.	<p>Finance: Other:</p> <p>a) 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">• Enviroguard: Unblocking Braithwaite Fold toilets: £294.00• SLDC: Parish Street lighting charge 2022/23: £1,361.85• NAYAX: Fees for contactless payments: £405.16• Viking: Cartridges: £146.04;• Water Plus: Rayrigg Rd toilets October 22: £146.42• Water Plus: Quarry Rigg toilets October 22: £52.34 <p>Proposed Cllr L Hallatsch, seconded Cllr John Saunders.</p>
99.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 30th November 2022: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Wednesday 7th December 2022: Full Council, Marchesi Centre.</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the meeting in public and moved into private session for the following item</p>
100.	<p>Co-option of Town Councillor</p> <p>It was agreed that Sandra Lilley be co-opted as Councillor for Bowness North and Cllr Lilley was welcomed back onto the Town Council. (Proposed Cllr L Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Lisa Greasley)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>

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