



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs Jenny Borer, Ms Sandra Lilley, Mrs Marina Davis, Mrs Christine Cook, Mr Peter Cook, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Tim Shearer, Mrs Fiona Wilkinson. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLD Cllrs Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes &amp; Brian Rendell. CCC Cllr Jim Bland and two members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm and was preceded by a presentation of memorabilia and a painting from HMS Undine by Frank Sanderson.</p>
88.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Cllrs Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mrs C Hallatsch, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mr Alan Hands, Ms Grania Nicholson &amp; Mr Mike Stafford. SLDC Cllrs Dyan Jones and Ben Berry.</p>
89.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record, with one minor amendment made on the text.</p>
90.	<p><b>Planning sub-committee Minutes:</b> The planning minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were accepted by Council with one minor amendment (to a planning reference number) made on the text.</p>
91.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
92.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
93.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> A local resident, Anita Baxter, spoke about the possibility of setting up a community lunch in Windermere. There was support from councillors and the question was posed as to whether this is an activity that could be funded from the Well-Being reserve (currently has a balance of £4,300). The clerk agreed to check and to relay the results to Cllr Magda Khan, the lead councillor for Health &amp; Well Being.</p>
94.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Updates:</b> <b>Elleray Woods:</b> Cllr Legge briefed Council on developments as regards Elleray Woods and the Orrest Head summit. He had attended meetings with LDNPA, who are fundraising to finalise the accessible path, using the old carriage drive and also have proposals to improve the summit. Photographs were shown of the summit, which is often muddy and waterlogged and there is a wide variety of bench seating, some in better condition than others. The LDNPA have installed a counter, which indicates that 39,000 people visited the woods and summit between May and September this year. With this many visitors to such a highly regarded attraction, which has one of the best views over Windermere and the Lake District, it is time to seriously consider how the summit should be improved. There are 3 options:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Simply improve the drainage and surface of the summit ground;</li><li>b) Improve the drainage and surface and install new benches which have good design and condition;</li><li>c) Do both (a) and (b) and possibly install a summit feature (example photographs were shown), which would provide further seating and the potential to provide a small amount of further interpretation of the views. Also, there is the potential to place remembrance plaques around a feature, which will enable those who have loved the view to contribute to its future.</li></ul>
<b>Action Agreed</b>	<p>As the land in Elleray Woods and on the summit is in the ownership of WTC, Town Council will be asked to approve any proposals, but Cllr Legge asked that Councillors start to think about the options above and be prepared for a more formal discussion as an agenda item on the next meeting in November. Cllr Legge also indicated that he will be putting forward a proposal as part of the budget for next year, to pledge some Town Council funding to enable the project to be finalized. So far, the work in Elleray woods has been completed by the LDnPA without any funding from the Town Council.</p>
<b>Action Agreed</b>	<p><u>Cllr Greasley</u>, in her capacity as lead councillor for Parks and Gardens, updated on her discussions with Graham Nicholson from SLDC about proposals to improve Lickbarrow Common, which will result in the views being re-opened, some tree felling and re-planting. Also she had met with Steve Radcliffe from the LDNPA about the possibility of extending the use of Hammarbank to accommodate some coach parking, given that the land is in public ownership. Also attended the Windermere Endowed Schools meeting, along with Cllr Christine Hallatsch and the usual grants were made to local schools.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u> updated on the recent Lakes Administration meeting, at which under-representation from District Council became an issue and the meeting was almost postponed. To ensure the correct balance, Cllr Legge stood down from the meeting. However, the issue had made local press and the democracy website. There have been undertakings from SLDC that there will not be a repeat of these circumstances.</p> <p>Cllr Borer also underline and praised the work done by the Chamber of Trade to get the works to the Glebe Car Park delayed until after half-term and the Clerk undertook to write to them.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u> has agreed with the British Legion to put together a display in a section of the War Memorial this Autumn, using the lamp-post poppies purchased by the Town Council last year. She has also now finalized watering of the railway station hanging baskets, which have been much appreciated throughout the summer. Cllr Lilley was also instrumental in some of the practical arrangements for the Well-Being event held on 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Marchesi Centre.</p> <p><u>Mayor Saunders</u> attended the Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward meeting recently at which a new joint chairmanship by "Flock" (Janett and Sophia of LA23) was agreed. Adrian Faulkner was elected as Deputy Chair. The main message from the meeting is the need for a lot more</p>

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<p><b>Action Agreed</b></p>	<p>business representatives to be recruited to this group if it is to fulfill its initial ambitions. Also attended a CALC South Lakeland meeting at which there was a presentation from the Cumbria Alcohol and Drugs advisory service (CADAS). The information was passed onto Cllr Khan in her role as Health &amp; Well Being councillor. In his representative capacity, the Mayor attended the Kendal torchlight parade, always a very enjoyable event. Attended the Well Being fair on 28<sup>th</sup> September, which was well attended and good feedback has been received. Attended the meeting of the CCC South Lakeland group and has emailed the full report, as there are many items of interest for Councillors and this way they will receive the information in a more timely fashion. Some of the issues covered include the “Working Together” initiative and life expectancy statistics in Cumbria, which are very surprising in places. Attended the Windermere &amp; Bowness Chamber of Trade meeting, which included an update on the sculpture trail which has now been finalized in planning and papers were distributed. Fundraising to put the trail in place is still underway. Finally, Councillors were reminded that this weekend is coach survey weekend and to get out and about if possible and take photographs of badly parked coaches to contribute to the case that is being made about the need to take action to sort out further parking availability.</p>
<p><b>95.</b></p>	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors’ reports:</b>  <u>Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> reported on a bad area of flooding on the Newby Bridge Road, which has also been reported to Cllr Jim Bland, for him to liaise with CCC highways. He has also received complaints from locals about the flower-beds on the Glebe and the continuing parking problems, especially in Bowness.  <u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> raised the issue of drainage work recently done at Baddeley Clock, which does not address the critical problem side of the area and he has contacted CCC.  <u>Cllr Jim Bland:</u> has been dealing with issues of speeding along the A592 and there are early proposals to standardize speed on this stretch of road, but it will not happen quickly as is quite a complex and costly exercise.</p>
<p><b>96.</b></p> <p><b>Action Agreed</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk’s Report:</b>  The Clerk had not circulated a report, as the agenda was issued early, to allow for the Clerk’s holiday. The Clerk returned on 14<sup>th</sup> October and is up to date with emails and correspondence.  Two main issues have arisen: A transport conference to be held by Friends of the Lake District on 12 November 9 to 5 at Kendal Green Hotel. 5 Councillors have already volunteered to attend and it was agreed that they should do so. The Clerk will arrange.  An update from St Martin’s and St Mary’s Primary School PTA on their fund-raising to improve the swimming pool. This was read out by the Clerk and it was agreed that much progress has been made and £35k raised so far including the pledge from Town Council. There is a further £10k to identify and various grant funding schemes are being explored.  Thank-you letters have been received from Friends of the 597 and the Windermere Christmas Market to recognise their grant funding.  The Clerk gave a presentation to the Bowness Ladies Luncheon Club yesterday, outlining the work of the Town Council which was very well received and enjoyable.  A further 1,000 native bulbs were also delivered yesterday to the Clerk’s house to be planted</p>

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<p><b>Action Agreed</b> <b>Action Agreed</b></p>	<p>in Elleray woods - Cllr Greasley will be organizing a work party to plant the bulbs. Also, after tonight's meeting, the Clerk will be in a position to finalise the Town Council's application for the Local Government Foundation Award and will update Council.</p> <p><u>The Town Steward report</u> for September was received and it was noted that Gary Hancox has been busy in Elleray Woods, preparing for the tree felling work in the new compartment. This has entailed completing the stone walling and installing a new fence to complete the enclosure of the area. There have been some problems with builders damaging kerbstones and the parking surface, but the Town Steward has arranged that these will be rectified.</p> <p><u>Sarah Blacow, the PCSO</u>, submitted a written report, which was read out by the Clerk. This covered recent break-ins in the area and the continuation of high profile policing wherever possible to counter anti-social behavior. Crime prevention work has included public information at Booths on scams and frauds, working with children on safety prior to bonfire night and road safety with children. Also, it was recognized that the mini-police have recently cleared 27kg of litter from around Baddeley Clock. Under-resourcing continues.</p> <p>Finally, Gillian Holmes from CCC has sent a summary of feedback received from the Well-Being event on 28<sup>th</sup> September and the Clerk will circulate to all Councillors.</p>
<p><b>97.</b> <b>Agreed Action</b></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>The payments as listed on the agenda were approved. The following payments were also approved: Horton Landscapes watering in September (£1,218.48), Expenses for Windermere Well Being network event amounting to £323.69, to be met from the £5,000 set aside reserve, Town Steward invoice £913.43.</p>
<p><b>98.</b></p>	<p><b>Polling District Review:</b></p> <p>Cllr Borer had undertaken to look at the detailed consultation on this issue recently issued by SLDC. The paperwork was complex and difficult to access and Cllr Borer and Lilley met with Tom Benson from SLDC electoral services to obtain assistance in understanding the issues. Tom has been most helpful in identifying the proposals and took on board the feedback that the consultation paperwork needed to be simplified. To this end, he issued an email to all parishes which summarized the proposed changes succinctly.</p> <p>The conclusion for Windermere &amp; Bowness is that there are no changes proposed and therefore no action to take, but the process and liaison with SLDC had made the exercise worthwhile for both councillors.</p>
<p><b>99.</b> <b>Agreed Action</b></p>	<p><b>Standing Orders:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated the proposed changes to Town Councillors prior to the meeting, which had been recommended by the National Association of Local Councils. These changes were approved and the Clerk will arrange for printing of copies of the new standing orders.</p>
<p><b>100.</b></p>	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b></p> <p>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October: Planning sub-committee Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6.15pm Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Full Council</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.25pm.</b></p>

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