



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council On 18th January 2024 at 7pm, Langstone House, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Windermere & Bowness Town Council (W&BTC) Cllrs Jenny Borer, Sandra Lilley, John Saunders, Kate Tripp, Fiona Poole, Kay Kennedy-Hardy, Christine Cook, Peter Cook, Caroline Kearney, Adrian Legge and Peter Hamilton. Also: Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk) and four members of the public. Also: Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Steve Bavin. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
145.	<p>Chairperson: Nomination for Chairperson for this meeting Cllr Kate Tripp was proposed as chair person by Caroline Kearney and Seconded by Sandra Lilley. This was agreed unanimously.</p>
146.	<p>Condolence and minute's silence were held in memory of the late Mayor Leith Hallatsch.</p>
147.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Marina Davis (holiday), Beverley Cullen (prior commitment), Kevin Heffernan and Jackie Cooper (illness), Christine Hallatsch (family commitment). Facilities Officer (FO) Rebecca Pinder (family commitment) W&FC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis and Dyan Jones (prior commitments) and Will Clark (illness)</p>
148.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th January 2024 were unanimously approved for signature.</p>
149.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Legge declared a non-pecuniary interest, as Chairman of the Windermere Branch of the Royal British Legion, in the grant application for the Burneside brass band for a performance at the Remembrance Parade.</p>
150.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: Cllr Legge was granted permission to speak on the item and to answer any questions.</p>
151.	<p>Items to be taken in private session: It was unanimously agreed to discuss the agenda items on co-option of a new councillor, award of cleaning contract and Elleray Woods Sculpture Trail in private session, after the close of the meeting, due to the confidential content.</p>
152.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: Cllr Jenny Borer passed on the condolences of our Town Twinning partners in Diessen am Ammersee. It was unanimously agreed to minute the thanks of the Town Council to our Westmorland & Furness Councillors for the support they have offered to the Town Council at this difficult time.</p>
153.	<p>Windermere Gateway project representative: It was unanimously agreed that the Chair of the Planning Subcommittee be authorised to attend project meetings on behalf of Town Council when needed.</p>
154.	<p>Clerk's Report</p>

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Elections: W&FC's website's list of Town Councillors is now up to date but has not updated the register of their interests. Clerk has chased.

Clerk Training: Clerk has completed CiLCA training and has now started working through the assignments.

Baddeley Clock: Quote from Cumbria Clock Winding company to fix current mechanism £3950 to electrify £2260 plus upgrade from 5-13amp supply. Clerk obtaining electrician quotes and will investigate alternative clock companies and will bring to Policy & Finance (P&F)

War Memorial Culvert: W&FC Highways Engineer has been in touch to say "Whilst having a co-ordinated repair plan would be desirable, I can see potential problems in terms of liability, possible easements and construction standards to name but three. Our works are small scale in nature and certainly don't justify the upgrading of the whole culvert." I have requested clarification that their manhole access means they won't need to use our section for access in future. I will then go back to working on the Environment Agency permit application to repair our section of the culvert independently.

Longlands Land: The consultation has had a good initial response on Facebook and the Drop in Evening.

Langstone House/New council office: W&FC were not able to consider changes to the plan and the New Office plan has gone out to tender. There has been considerable interest from companies wishing to carry out the cleaning work at Langstone House.

Finance: Clerk has met with a representative from Scribe accounting software and will bring a report to P&F.

Defibrillator: Christmas has delayed getting quotes from electrician. Clerk to bring report to P&F. W&FC Liaison Group: Next Liaison group meeting 2.2.24. Send items for Agenda to Kate.

Langrigge Play Area: Amended lease with the change we requested now received.

Parking: Clerk to chase request for clarification on Rectory Fields car parking with the National Trust in early 2024. Council approached for comment for news item in Westmorland Gazette noting Glebe Road is the W&FC parking fine hot spot.

Planning & Licensing: No updates on marshall grant application or Cumulative Impact Assessment as both are now with W&FC. Two members of Planning Subcommittee attending the LDNPA Development Control Committee site visit to the Gateway Project site on 10.1.24.

Facilities Officer (FO): There has been positive feedback about the Winter Lights

Public Toilets: December income up on previous year. Two blocked drains over the New Year period now cleared.

Town Steward (TS): TS has carried out sign cleaning. Cement work at Quarry Rigg and Langstone House Steps to be carried out this week if warm enough. Hole under springer at Langrigge Play Area to be filled in.

Elleray Woods: Storms over Christmas have resulted in no dangerous tree falls but have required footpath and drainage clearance.

Community Drop-in Evening: Communications group have looked through the evaluation sheets received and will bring a report to January Policy & Finance meeting.

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	Emails and phone calls: Ongoing at 50 a day.
155.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The payment of the invoices detailed on the Orders for Payment listing was unanimously agreed.b) The the budget monitoring position for the first 9 months of the financial year was unanimously accepted.c) The budget and precept of £139995.74 based on the updated information from W&FC was unanimously agreed.d) i. The payment of a grant of to Windermere Youth Project was unanimously agreed. ii. The payment of a grant of £100 to Burneside Brass Band for their performance at the Remembrance Day service was unanimously agreed.e) A decision to refer consideration of a donation to the North West Air Ambulance Service to the Policy & Finance Advisory group was unanimously agreed.f) The Town Council voted not to approve the new CCTV contract with Bedroq. The cost had risen significantly and there was no evidence the expenditure was resulting in reduction in crime or successful prosecutions.g) A new contract for the supply of electricity to St Martin's Christmas Tree with Yu Energy was unanimously approved.h) The provision of a replacement bench for Queen's Park was unanimously agreed. It is to be made from recycled plastic at £497.25. Westmorland and Furness Council will pay for the installation.
156.	<p>Langrigge Lease: The approval of the Langrigge Lease was unanimously approved. It was agreed that Cllrs Borer and Lilley would sign on behalf of the Council.</p>
157.	<p>Position on Windermere water quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. It was unanimously decided that the Town Council should publicly adopt the position "Windermere & Bowness Town Council fully support any project or initiative that will stop all sewage discharges into Lake Windermere. In particular, we welcome the "Lake Annecy Solution" proposed by United Utilities in their email to customers on 30 November 2023, and urge all relevant parties to progress this project speedily".2. It was further unanimously approved that WBTC would make this position public via their website and Facebook page supporting initiatives to stop sewage discharges into Lake Windermere, and specifically to endorse the proposed "Lake Annecy Solution".
	<p>The Chair then closed the meeting in public at 8:07pm and convened in private session to discuss the following items:</p>
158.	<p>Co-option of Town Councillor: It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Kendra Kennedy to the vacancy in Windermere Town ward.</p>
159.	<p>Award of cleaning contract:</p>

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	It was unanimously agreed to appoint Stars of Bowness to carry out the monthly cleaning of Langstone House.
160	Award of contract to fit defibrillator: The award of the contract to fit a defibrillator at Rayrigg Meadow was deferred until the February meeting pending the receipt of all quotations.
161.	Award of contract to create sculpture trail in Elleray Woods: A decision was made to defer this item to the Policy and Finance meeting for further discussion.
	Dates of Next Meetings: To note dates of forthcoming meetings as follows, starting at 7pm, unless otherwise shown: Wednesday 24 th January 2024: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House Thursday 25 th January 2024: Policy & Finance Advisory Group Meeting Wednesday 7 th February 2024: Full Council: Langstone House

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