



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 19th April 2023 at the Marchesi Centre, following the completion of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Kate Tripp (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Leith Hallatsch, Cllrs Jenny Borer, John Saunders, Peter Cook, Christine Cook, Christine Hallatsch, Adrian Legg, Lisa Greasley, Sandra Lilley, Marina Davies, Peter Hamilton. Also: Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk), Caroline Kearney, Councillor designate & and 6 members of the public. W&FC Councillor: Andrew Jarvis, Steve Bavin, Dyan Jones & Will Clark. The meeting opened at 7:10pm</p>
152.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies were accepted from Facilities Officer - Rebecca Pinder</p>
153.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th March 2023 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch, Seconded: Cllr Lisa Greasley</p>
154.	<p>Planning Minutes: The minutes of the planning meeting held on 22nd March 2023 were noted. Proposer: Cllr Christine Cook, Seconder: Cllr Sandra Lilley</p>
155.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Borer & Greasley declared membership of the Marchesi.</p>
156.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
157.	<p>Items in Private Session: It was agreed that the following item should be discussed in private session at the end of the meeting due to the personal or confidential content of the reports: Pay Award to the Town Steward</p>
158.	<p>Public Input: Tim Keenan - Windermere Food Farm thanked the Council for the opportunity to report on the project which over the previous year had involved over 100 volunteers. He was grateful for the support of local businesses who had bough seeds and tool and donated funds. They were using community food waste to create compost and mulch. They had planted a heritage orchard. Most of the harvest had been donated to the local food bank. Future plans included making an accessible memorial garden, pond and education area. The project aimed to build community resilience. The immediate goal was to increase the yield and to do that they</p>

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	<p>needed to purchase a sturdier polytunnel as storms destroyed their original purchases. They will be submitting a grant application to Council to ask for financial support with this project.</p>
159.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p>Cllr Lisa Greasley reported that she is in the process of getting three quotations for the sculpture trail in Elleray Woods. The new planters will be planted up by the end of May. In the Jubilee Garden the mural is complete and the access ramp donated by the Windermere Mission has been installed. The clerk has been asked to write a letter of thanks to the Mission who donated the ramp. Sadly, the large Lime Tree near the garden has to be removed as it is diseased. The planning subcommittee have been requested to ask that a replacement tree be planted when the application to fell comes in.</p> <p>Cllr Jenny Borer attended the Orrest Head & Elleray Wood meeting which said farewell to the Town Clerk Julie Hartley and Committee Chair Helen Jones. She noted it was a very fitting acknowledgement of the great work they have done for the community particularly on Orrest Head.</p> <p>Cllr Sandra Lilley was planning to attend the 597 Bus Group AGM on 20th April and wanted to reassure the community that it was not closing. She reported that the Ladyholme Centre roof had fallen in but that urgent repairs were underway. She also reported encouraging interactions with Goodly Dale Health Centre regarding patient communication.</p> <p>Cllr Leith Hallatsch reported that he and colleagues had attended the Kendal Mayor's charity dinner at Carus Green which had been a very successful evening and raised funds for two very deserving charities.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Hamilton was concerned about recent crimes which had occurred in Bowness. He was particularly worried about pavement surfaces and street furniture which may have contributed to the fall and serious injury of an elderly pedestrian on Ash Street.</p> <p>Mayor Kate Tripp had attended the Lakes Line Rail User Group (LLRUG) and reported that My Cumbria card holders now get a discount on local trains. The ticket machine in Windermere is being moved outside and a water fountain will be put in its place. The group are also monitoring the Trans Pennine recovery plan and note that Trans Pennine have recently banned scooters and hoverboards on their trains but not ebikes. She reported that sign language departure boards had been developed and one may be installed at Oxenholme. The LLRUG also reported that 80% of first-time visitors to the Lake District arrive by train but only 7 % of subsequent visitors.</p> <p>The Mayor also attended the Town Twinning meeting which discussed the upcoming event and future plans. She attended the CALC update on W&FC. She attended the very useful Policy & Finance, Orrest Head & Elleray Woods meeting and also attended the Kendal Mayor's charity dinner.</p>

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160.	<p>Westmorland & Furness Councillors' reports:</p> <p>W&FC Cllr Dyan Jones reported the April switch to new rubbish services had mainly gone smoothly thanks to the staff. The new Broad Street carpark recycling facilities were a great improvement. She notified Council that the Ambleside recycling centre was currently closed for essential maintenance for two weeks. Ambleside does not take mattresses but the Kendal site will.</p> <p>W&FC Cllr Will Clark noted that his door is always open and he is looking forward to working more closely with Windermere & Bowness after being more Lakes Parish based previously.</p> <p>W&FC Cllr Andrew Jarvis reported that a lot of road resurfacing work in Windermere had happened recently. He wanted to quell concerns about the 597 Bus Group at the AGM on April 20th it would be reported that it was running at a loss this year. This was intentional as they were using up the large lottery grant they got the previous year so had not fund raised this year. The group and the bus route are financially secure. He also reported that W&FC would have their first AGM on 20th April.</p> <p>W&FC Cllr Steve Bavin encouraged the community to participate in the government's current consultation on holiday lets.</p>
161.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p><u>Elections:</u> All 13 candidates elected unopposed.</p> <p><u>War Memorial Culvert:</u> work had been scheduled to begin 27.3.23 but Cumbria Landscaping are still waiting on EA permits being processed.</p> <p><u>Longlands Land:</u> Bowling Club committee have come back with revised peppercorn rent and lease term which will be discussed at Policy & Finance on 27.4.23</p> <p><u>Public Toilets:</u> The new security lights have been fitted at Millerground. The Facilities Officer is continuing to chase up the outstanding items from our meeting with Healthmatic from 14.3.23</p> <p><u>Langstone House/New council office:</u> The new office building was recommended for approval at the 22.3.23 Planning Subcommittee meeting. Clerk has emailed to ask for timeframe and input into internal layout. The Langstone House plans are on the agenda for the Planning Sub Committee meeting 26.4.23</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> The end of year accounts have been signed off by the internal auditor</p> <p><u>Elleray Woods:</u> Very successful meeting, site visit and farewell on 29.3.23. Town Steward is chasing up results of Tree inspection work. Tarmac work beginning on 15.5.23, it will take 2-3 days. The cost of tarmac has increased 5% but they have held the price of labour. Newt survey taking place on 20.5.23</p> <p><u>Local Government Reorganisation:</u> Transition to W&FC complete. Next liaison meeting 19.5.23</p> <p><u>Langrigge Play Area:</u> As at previous meeting, Windermere Endowed have sent a draft set of terms to the Clerk for review and they are still waiting to hear back from their solicitors on completion of the lease. Clerk has chased but still waiting.</p>

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	<p>Planning & Licensing: Report on CIA has been redacted and is now waiting approval by FC before sending to W&FC.</p> <p>Facilities Officer: the invoices for the allotments have been sent out and a replacement lock put on the shed. The final tree wrap for the Bowness Christmas lights has been arranged with Blachere. Purchase and installation will come out of the existing budget.</p> <p>Town Steward: Main areas of work have been the installation of a access ramp in Jubilee Garden, the rest of the planters are now in place and planting will begin soon and bat boxes made by local school children have been installed in Ellera Woods.</p>
162.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group held on 23rd March 2023: Mayor Kate Tripp presented the minutes of this meeting, which were accepted after one amendment.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch, Seconded: Cllr Jenny Borer</p> <p>The following recommendations were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. That the contents of the end of year accounts are approved. (Minute reference 3) Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch, Seconded: Cllr Christine Hallatschb. That the draft annual report be approved. (Minute reference 3) Proposed: Cllr Sandra Lilley, Seconded: Cllr Jenny Borerc. That the amended fixed asset register be approved. (Minute reference 3) Proposed: Cllr Lisa Greasley, Seconded: Cllr Christine Hallatschd. That the amended risk assessment be approved. (Minute reference 3) Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch, Seconded: Cllr Lisa Greasleye. That the amended budget for 2023-24 be approved. (Minute reference 5) Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch, Seconded: Cllr Christine Cookf. That a grant of £100 be awarded to the Town Twinning Association. (Minute reference 6) Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch, Seconded: Cllr Lisa Greasley. Vote: Unanimousg. That the £50 grant to Cumbria in Bloom be approved. (Minute reference 7) Vote: 10 in favour, 1 against, no abstentions, passed by majority.h. That the council approve funding for the booster aerial (£500) to be met from the ear-marked toilets reserve. (Minute reference 8) Unanimously passed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. That the facilities officer obtains quotations for water saving measures and a new door opening from Bowness Bay ladies. (Minute reference 8) Proposed: Cllr Lisa Greasley, Seconded: Cllr Leith Hallatschj. The Continental Landscape quotation of £1700 + VAT for the Langrigge work be approved. (Minute reference 13) Unanimously passedk. Funding for the additional planters, soil and plants for library garden to be approved from the existing budget (£1,569). (Minute reference 13) Unanimously passed
163.	Finances: Payment of invoices listed on the updated April Orders for payment were approved unanimously.
164.	Grant Application: A request for a grant of £500 to fund a Coronation Afternoon Tea event for the elderly members of the Marchesi Centre had been received. There was a proposal to fund this event. Proposed: Cllr John Saunders, Seconded: Cllr Leith Hallatsch. Vote: 10 in favour, 1 abstention, passed by a majority. To mark the occasion of the Coronation in a manner befitting the wishes of the King, it was proposed that a tree be planted in each of the main centres of the parish, with commemorative plaques to be placed nearby. In Windermere to replace a tree that has died in Birthwaite Gardens, to plant another tree on the Glebe possibly a replacement for the Lime Tree and another in Troutbeck Bridge (location to be determined). Cllr Lisa Greasley volunteered to source the plants. Passed unanimously.
165.	Grant Application Policy: To accept the revised grant application policy recommended by the Policy & Finance Advisory Group. Proposed: Cllr Christine Hallatsch, Seconded: Cllr Lisa Greasley
166.	Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA): Cllr Christine Cook, as Chair of the planning sub-committee presented the finished redacted report for submission to W&FC, police and bar watch as well as publication on the website. The clerk was asked, in view of the issues raised in the CIA, to request funding from W&FC for marshals which had been so effective when W&BTC funded them with their Covid grant in 2021. Agreed unanimously.

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167.	Elleray Woods Advisory Group: Council were asked to note the minutes with the additional clarification that LDNP have been asked to carry out remedial work on the footpath with part of the remaining project funds. Proposed: Cllr Lisa Greasley, Seconded: Cllr Leith Hallatsch
168.	United Utilities impact on Windermere Lake water quality: Cllr Pete Cook reported on his ongoing effort to engage with United Utilities and other parties to work towards improving the quality of the water in the Lake. He requested the opportunity to present proposals for discussion at the Policy & Finance meeting.
169.	Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 27 th April 2022: Planning sub-committee (Langstone House) Thursday 28 th April 2022: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (Langstone House) Wednesday 4 th May 2022: Annual General Meeting Council (Marchesi Centre)
	The Mayor concluded business in public at 8:50pm and moved to private session for the following agenda items:
170.	Town Steward: Terms & Conditions: The following was agreed: An uplift in the daily rate of the Town Steward as proposed in the report, commencing from April 23 Proposed: Cllr Lisa Greasley, Seconded: Cllr Adrian Legg
	The Mayor concluded the business of Full Council at 9pm

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