



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 20th October 2021 at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere at 7pm

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Adrian Legge (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Peter Cook, Christine Hallatsch, Leith Hallatsch, Joanne Daley, Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Lisa Greasley, Mike Stafford & Cath Musetti. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Rebecca Pinder (Asst Town Clerk) & 1 member of the public. SLDC/CCC Councillors: Kevin Holmes & Jim Bland. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
66.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs John Saunders, Ian Telford, Magda Khan, Alan Hands & SLDC Cllr Andrew Jarvis. <u>Absent without apology:</u> Cllrs Grania Nicholson, Peter Hamilton, Fiona Wilkinson, Tim Shearer.</p>
67.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th September 2021 were approved for signature. (Proposed Cllr C Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Leith Hallatch).</p>
68.	<p>Planning Minutes: The minutes of the planning meeting held on 29th September 2021 were noted with 2 minor amendments agreed for clarity. (Proposed Cllr Jenny Borer, seconded Cllr Kate Tripp).</p>
69.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
70.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
71.	<p>Item to be discussed in private session: Mayor Legge proposed that the item on Local Government Reform be discussed in private session, due to the sensitivity of the content. This was agreed.</p>
72.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
73.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: <u>Mayor Legge:</u> Gave a summary of his engagements over the last month, which included attending the Mayor Making at Kendal, meeting the LDNPA Ranger in Elleray Woods to review signage & two meetings of the LGR Advisory Group. He also presented Cumbria in Bloom awards at Gatesfield (along with Cllr Greasley) and at the Windermere in Bloom celebration evening. The Windermere in Bloom event was very enjoyable and had a strong community feel. Thanks were given to Cllrs Christine Hallatsch, Leith Hallatsch and Lisa Greasley for all their hard work to make it happen this year. Flowers were presented. <u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch,</u> as lead councillor for Windermere in Bloom, expressed her thanks to all those who had helped to make the event a success for the community. Lists of winners of trophies and photographs will be distributed to the press and to administrators of the facebook page and the Council's website.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Lisa Greasley highlighted the need for more volunteers to get involved with Cumbria in Bloom, particularly judging. Also updated on Queen's Park and was pleased to see that work had started on the Bowling Club path. There is potentially going to be an official opening event, with demonstrations by the bikes but this has yet to be confirmed with SLDC.</p> <p><u>Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp:</u> Had thoroughly enjoyed the Guides event at Brockhole and was pleased to see such a good community spirit in the young people there. Also attended the Kendal Torchlight reception - a great event and good opportunity to network locally. Took part in her first Lakes Line Rail User Group meeting and was very welcome to this active and positive group which achieve so much as volunteers. A meeting was held online with the secretary of the Visitor Engagement Group and Cllr Tripp gave lots of detailed feedback as to the challenges experienced by the local community in the recent very busy period. This included all those issues raised in numerous Town Council meetings. Lots of photographs were also sent to underline the issues raised, particularly with parking. Finally, attended the CALC AGM online (with Cllr Leith Hallatsch) although nothing of note to report back.</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch</u> had attended a meeting with the County Council and the Police to examine the feasibility of installing speed indicator devices in a number of locations around Bowness & Windermere. Six potential locations were identified and the next stage will be to look in more detail at feasibility. The police representative will lead on this.</p>
74.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> Updated on various issues, including customer connect (now in place for 5 years), the very good performance of SLDC in getting financial help to those affected by Covid and the latest LGR Programme Board. He also announced the potential move of the physio service from Lancaster to Kendal Leisure Centre.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland:</u> Updated on LGR and the LDNPA Partnership plan. He also answered questions from Councillors about progress on the Bowness roundabout and re-surfacing work around Oldfield Road area. He agreed to raise the need to finish off the work around Oldfield Road with the Highways project manager.</p>
75.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk's report was noted. The Clerk added updates verbally on</p> <p><u>Winter Lights:</u> Confirmation that there will not be a parade or fireworks this year, but that the lights will be erected as normal. The Clerk had obtained the help of a local electrician to examine the lights at St Martins Tree and agreed a simple piece of work to replace the junction box. It is hoped that new lights can be erected for this season and options to purchase new strings are being explored. Also, the Clerk has submitted a proposal to Highways to utilize 10 street lights around Bowness Bay for Christmas lights installations on brackets. Awaiting the outcome of this.</p> <p><u>Additional Bins:</u> The clerk read out the email from SLDC which listed the locations where it would be feasible to place and empty additional litter bins (9 in total) and utilize the £5k funding from Cumbria County Council Covid fund. Councillors agreed the locations. There was some disappointment that, at this stage, Millerground is not included, but the Clerk agreed to pursue a separate solution to this with SLDC.</p>

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	<p>Pavement outside Barclays Crescent Road: This had been reported over the phone by Cllr Telford and it is acknowledged that the broken paving slabs are now in a dangerous state and that someone is likely to be injured. The Clerk took photos and has reported this onto the CCC HIMS system for rectification.</p> <p>Toilets - work this Autumn/Winter: The Clerk and Asst Clerk had met prior to the meeting and agreed work streams and an overall timetable for re-tendering of contracts for cleaning and maintenance and an option appraisal based on over a year of managing the toilets. It was agreed that the timetable be shared with all councillors so that it is clear who needs to be involved when.</p> <p>Cllr Leith Hallatsch asked whether there would be a Christmas Market on the Glebe and the Clerk undertook to check this with Better Leisure.</p>
76.	<p>Local Focus Hub Meetings: There was a full discussion and it was agreed that the Mayor write to the organisers of the focus hub meetings and ask that Town Council be invited to attend, as the major residential and visitor hub in the area.</p>
77.	<p>HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Mayor Adrian Legge updated Council on preparations for this important event next year and it was agreed that Town Council will approve the lighting of a beacon on Orrest Head on 2nd June 2022, as part of the national line of beacons.</p>
78.	<p>Finance: a) Invoices listed on the October Orders for payment were approved (proposed Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp), with the addition of: Increased Expenses for Clerk with purchases for Windermere in Bloom event (+ £45.55) Cllr Christine Hallatsch: Windermere in Bloom expenses (£291.07) Kendal Trophies: Engraving of Windermere in Bloom trophies (£196.50)</p>
79.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 27th October at 3pm: Elleray Woods site inspection and on site meeting. Wednesday 27th October: Planning sub-committee (Langstone House) Thursday 4th November: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (Marchesi Centre) Wednesday 10th November: Full Council (Marchesi Centre)</p>
	<p>The Meeting in public was brought to a close by the Mayor. The following item was discussed in private session</p>
80.	<p>Local Government Reform: There was a discussion as to the strategic approach the Town Council should adopt to achieving greater local involvement in decision making and distribution of income generated by local assets. It was agreed that the LGR Advisory Group continue to work on the options identified and to liaise with the Secretary of State, LDNPA and SLDC.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm</p>

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