



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

20th September 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Cllrs Mr J Saunders (Deputy Mayor), Ms S Lilley, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms Magda Khan, Mr I Telford, Ms Sue Bloy, Mrs JS Borer, Ms K Atkinson, Mr Adrian Legge, Mr Ross McMillan, Mr Mike Stafford. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk). The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
104.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mrs L Greasley & Grania Nicholson. SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry, David Williams and Andrew Jarvis, PCSO Sarah Blacow. Absence (no apologies): Cllr Peter Jewell.</p>
105.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd August 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
106.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Ian Telford in planning item (d), as applicants are friends of the family.</p>
107.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
108.	<p>Police Update: Police were not able to attend, due to pressure on time. Several councilors mentioned the problem throughout the summer with coach parking and the police are aware. The Clerk was asked to pass on the magnitude of problems experienced recently on Bellsfield Terrace, where, parked vehicles and coaches had made it impossible even for a transit van to access. Emergency vehicles, if needed would not be able to access the street.</p>
109.	<p>Public Input: Keith Hasty, from the Christmas Lights committee, updated Councillors on plans for this festive season, which includes new lighting for the tree which used to be lit up in Library Gardens and the use (discreetly) of some twinkle type lights. He also updated on some good ideas to increase support from local businesses and gave thanks to the Town Council for the annual grant. The Mayor thanked Keith for his update and re-iterated the Council's support for the Christmas Lights.</p>
110.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Mayor Hallatsch:</u> had attended the paintings exhibition at the Holocaust project, which was very interesting and moving. Also enjoyed a fantastic night at Windermere in Bloom awards and at the Kendal Torchlight Parade. <u>Cllrs Legge & Saunders:</u> Attended the Paradise project meeting at the Library. There is nothing tangible to report as yet, but early signs are that this looks like a positive and exciting project for Windermere. <u>Cllrs Stafford & Lilley:</u> Attended the Lakes Line User group meeting. There are ongoing</p>

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	<p>problems with removing overgrown vegetation from the lines and the meeting particularly drew attention to the problems of multiple companies running the railways. Cllr Lilley will attend the AGM, which follows an important meeting in Carlisle with operators and she will report back at the next Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley</u>: Reported on a new initiative by the Friends of the 597, to raise funds online via the Skipton Building Society. Also looking at the potential to become part of the Integrated Care Hub for Windermere, which would have many advantages. Very much enjoyed Windermere in Bloom awards. The event looks to have a good future.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u>: Attended the United Utilities meeting at Castle Green, Kendal (with Mayor Hallatsch). It was a very useful meeting and many questions were answered about the Phase 2 work, to start this Autumn and Winter. The works are still on target to complete in 2020 and a new approach has been designed to the digging on the A592. There will be further closures in Jan to March 2018, but UU will operate contraflows where possible. The Car Park on the Glebe will be closed due to the size of crane and extent of works to upgrade the pump station and there will also be disruption from the need to upgrade the Electricity supply, which runs adjacent to the Glebe.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders</u>: Reported on the Bowness & Windermere Forward meeting and the improvements that are taking place. The group now has funding to employ a support officer for a year, funded by SLDC. The Millerground project is progressing, with a very positive meeting recently with the Landscape Architects, Galpins. Also chaired the Car Parks Advisory Group prior to tonight's meeting. Thanks to Cllr Sue Bloy, the Car Park survey had been completed and had yielded some very interesting results. All 4 Ward surveys are complete and the group have started on the task of preparing the report for Council.</p>
111.	<p>Windermere in Bloom Update:</p> <p>Cllr Christine Hallatsch reported as follows: The Awards evening was held on 7th September at the Hydro. It was extremely well attended (121 winners and their guests, 4 presenters, 10 Councillors and cubs and scouts). It seemed to be universally enjoyed and feedback has been very positive, with only the most minor of negative issues raised (eg the need to be able to identify properties from the photo display). 99% of certificates have now been issued, thanks to Sandra Lilley, Ross McMillan and Muriel. The Hydro did the town proud and looked lovely. The staff were extremely good. The buffet and bar arrangements were excellent and everyone enjoyed the chips. Special thanks go to Sandra Lilley, Ross McMillan and Grania Nicholson (for their sterling support on the evening), to John and Gill Saunders for the photographic display and to the Clerk for the lovely cards that were sent out in place of certificates for some individuals. The entire Council then gave thanks by way of applause for the fantastic job done by Christine Hallatsch - a lot of hard work and dedication was recognized. The Clerk will be arranging a wrap up meeting for the Windermere in Bloom councillors to take place in October.</p>
112.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis had sent his apologies, but provided a written report on the following: Express Pizza and Grill in Bowness - he has sent in his personal objection about the exterior</p>

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	<p>appearance and spoken to the planning officer about the colour of the woodwork, other advertising, illuminated sign in the window, additional illuminated signage projecting from the building. The compliance officer has agreed to look into all these matters.</p> <p>Attended the welcome service of Deacon Maggie Patchett at Ambleside Parish Church. Maggie is the new Methodist minister for Windermere, Ambleside and Hawkshead and will have a role in developing a ministry to tourism. It was good to be able to welcome Maggie.</p>
<p>113.</p>	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had been on annual leave for 2 weeks and tabled a written report. Main points: The external audit of the Accounts for 2016/17 has been completed and an unqualified opinion issued. There are no matters arising. The Clerk will advertise as necessary.</p> <p>A meeting held with the Parks & Open Spaces officer from SLDC (Deborah Clarke) on 31 August, which covered the upcoming improvement work to Baddeley Clock gardens and the public planting outside the Belsfield. SLDC will attend a Town Council this Autumn to update further. They are aware of the Town Council's plans to improve the Millennium Gardens and plant the containers and this work will compliment that. It was agreed that WTC and SLDC will work together on refurbishment and replacement of public benches, using the bench survey recently completed. SLDC will give consideration to the proposal from Mayor Hallatsch that the small triangle that has been fenced off on the Glebe, close to the parallel parking spaces, be developed as a picnic area. This needs further discussion but initial responses were positive.</p> <p>SLDC have confirmed that a 25 year lease will be agreed with Town Council for the Bowness Bay public conveniences. This will entail some minor legal costs, which the Town Council will need to fund.</p> <p>Westmorland Youth Orchestra have a concert planned for Lakes School for 25th November at 7.30pm. There are 4 complimentary tickets available for Town Councillors (in addition to invites to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor). Any councillors interested, please contact the Clerk.</p> <p>LDNPA Parish Forum is to take place on 10th October at 7pm at the Ambleside Parish Centre. Councillors are welcome to attend and provide subjects for update by the LDNPA officers.</p> <p>The Council have been offered two complimentary tickets to "By Jeeves" at the Old Laundry Theatre on Monday 9th October. Any Councillors interested should contact the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded Cllrs of the need to complete a gifts and hospitality form if any free events are attended. These are available from the Clerk.</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk updated on 2 meetings held that morning, with the Bench Project and Sight Advice, who had used the Council chamber for training.</p> <p>Councillors asked a number of questions and made the following requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That business signage standards be raised with the LDNPA as a suitable topic for the Parish Forum. b) That a photograph and clear location details are added to the website for Langstone House, to assist visibility and visitors.
<p>114.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The payments as listed on the agenda were agreed, with the following additions: Town Steward payment for August: £999.53, Horton Landscaping, watering in August:</p>

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	£1,268.40 + £253.68 VAT (£1,522.08 in total), Jewson: £47.28 + £9.46 VAT (£56.74 in total), BDO (External Audit): £400 (£480.00 with VAT), Hyrdro Hotel: £708.33 (£850 with VAT)
115.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <p>a)7/2017/5541: Communication Station & Premises Unit, 3 Victoria Street Windermere: Replacement of 14.7m high roof-mounted flagpole with 15.45m high flagpole, transfer of 0.6m wide diameter dish onto new pole. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (replacement).</p> <p>b)7/2017/5512: Gatesfield, New Road, Windermere: Refurbishment and alteration of existing accommodation and change of use of workshop to form 2 accessible dwellings at ground floor and 1 dwelling at 1st floor. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENTS.</p> <p>c)7/2017/5520: 50 Windermere Park, Windermere: Extensions and alterations to dwelling, amendments to planning permission ref 7/2016/5618. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. Enhancement.</p> <p>d)7/2017/5540: Oak Howe, Upper Oak Street, Windermere: Work/live unit connected to adjacent builders - amended scheme (retrospective). RECOMMEND REFUSAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE WALL HEIGHT. This is unneighbourly and insensitive to the needs of the conservation area.</p> <p>e)7/2017/5548: Eastbourne Hotel, Biskey Howe Road, Windermere: Change of use to House in Multiple Occupation (sui generis). RECOMMEND APPROVAL but there is no mention of parking and this needs to be provided on site, as the area is already at breaking point for car parking needs.</p> <p>f)7/2017/5536: 10 Old College Park, Phoenix Way, Windermere: Proposed balcony to north east elevation. NO OBJECTIONS.</p> <p>g)7/2017/5573: Express Pizzeria & Grill, Lake Road, off St Martin's Place, Bowness: One illuminated fascia sign - retrospective. RECOMMEND REJECTION. These signs are in no way in keeping with the conservation area and are an eyesore.</p> <p>h)7/2017/5573: Tapios, Crescent Road, Windermere: Retrospective planning application for bi-folding windows on the front elevation. NO COMMENT.</p>
116.	<p>Tree Applications: The following works were noted.</p> <p>a)T/2017/0134: 2 Wordsworth Court, Brantfell Road, Bowness: Fell a goat willow growing in a fence to the rear of the property. Councillors also noted the 10 applications that had been sent to the Clerk whilst she was on leave and not included on the agenda. Councillors will contact the LDNPA direct if there are any specific issues.</p>
117.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 11th October: Full Council. Wednesday 11th October 2017: Elleray Woods Advisory Group site visit (3pm) Thursday 19th October 2017: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (4pm) Wednesday 25th October 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda). Deputy Mayor to chair.</p>
	The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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