



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

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|           | <p><b>Present:</b><br/>Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor J Saunders, Cllrs Ms S Lilley, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs L Greasley, Mr Mike Stafford, Mrs JS Borer, Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs C Hallatsch, Mr Ian Telford, MsGrania Nicholson.<br/>Also: MrsJulie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC Cllr Andrew Jarvis and 1 Member of the public.<br/>The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>   |
| 167.      | <p><b>Apologies and absence:</b><br/>Apologies: Cllrs Mr Ross McMillan, Ms Sue Bloy, Ms K Atkinson. SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry, Dyan Jones, David Williams, James Bland. The Clerk announced the resignation of Cllr Bloy.<br/><b>Absence - no apologies:</b> Cllr Peter Jewell.</p>   |
| 168.      | <p><b>Minutes:</b><br/>It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November be signed as a true and accurate record with one amendment concerning the clarification of the landscape clearance on the Windermere Jetty Project. The Clerk will make the necessary amendment and re-circulate the minutes.</p>   |
| 169.      | <p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b><br/>NONE</p>   |
| 170.      | <p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b><br/>NONE</p>   |
| 171.      | <p><b>Police Update</b><br/>NONE</p>   |
| 172.      | <p><b>Public Input:</b><br/>A business owner from Bowness gave an update of the situation in Ash Street, where conditions have not improved from previous reports. The noise level and bad behaviour continues to have a significant and detrimental impact on the community. Residents have approached the Lake District National Park (who approved planning in the first instance) and the Police (about criminal behaviour) but it was highly recommended that a complaint is made to the SLDC licencing department, who have the power to assess the situation and withdraw licences if they have been misused. One Town Councillor attested to the gravity of the situation, having witnessed the area in the early hours of the morning recently. Town Council agreed that they would be in support of local residents in complaints to SLDC.</p> |
| 173.      | <p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b><br/><u>Mayor Hallatsch:</u> Attended the Remembrance Sunday service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council at the War Memorial. It was very pleasing to see the good support from Town Councillors. Also attended the Cancer Care event at Low Wood and, with Cllr Borer, the United Utilities strategy event in Kendal, which asked for local input into the plans for the area for the next 5 years. That afternoon, the Mayor attended the South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau AGM, where the move of the offices to Kendal was discussed. Councillors expressed regret at the SLCAB needing to move their head office from Windermere but</p>  |

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recognize that the bureau must secure its future and keep costs under control. It was recognized that there will be an outreach facility provided in Windermere Library.

Cllr Legge, with members of the Civic Society, had met with SLDC officers at Biskey Howe, to review the clearance work recently completed. Although the work done has, by and large, been very good, the key area that would restore the vista of the lake is still to be cleared. Cllr Legge will be meeting the Arboriculturalist from SLDC and agreed to raise the issue of the need to clear the footpath up Helm Road, which has become dangerous and the potential for safer steps and possibly a hand-rail. The Civic Society have offered the Town Council £500 next year to purchase some native daffodils for planting in Elleray Woods. The Town Council were happy to accept this offer. The topograph on Orrest Head has received further work to remove graffiti and, it is hoped that the latest work (by Cllr Legge and the Town Steward) will prove to be successful.

Cllr Greasley, announced the move of the South Lakes Carers' coffee mornings (first Tuesday of each month) to Nine Oaks. Also made various announcements of events in December, including the Jingle Jog (17<sup>th</sup>) and the Christmas Market (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>), as well as the Christmas Lights on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Attended the Remembrance ceremony at the War Memorial and had some feedback from participants, which Cllr Greasley will pass on direct to the British Legion.

Cllr Borer, updated Council about contact with a history professor, who is conducting research into the close relationship with Germany over the ages and immigration into Cumbria. Cllr Borer has put her in touch with Trevor Avery. Also announced the Twinning Advent celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Marchesi (2pm to 4pm). The Clerk will advertise.

Cllr Saunders, had chaired a long and detailed meeting of the Car Parks Advisory Group, in which many issues were resolved. The first draft of the summary report was distributed to Councillors and its recommendations will be discussed at the 10<sup>th</sup> January meeting. It was highlighted that the full report (146 pages) is available to any councillor who requests it. Also attended the South Lakes Local Committee and highlighted the following issues. Firstly the new Highways Management System (HIMS) is now up and running and, although there are teething problems, will be a very useful tool for councilors, providing up to date information on highways works in the area and enabling reporting of faults on-line. Secondly, it was reported that weed spraying of verges and pavements had not taken place in 2017, due to co-ordination problems between the District & County Councils. The County Council are now taking care of this. If areas have been missed, Councillors should contact either Peter Hosking (CCC) or Jim Maguire (SLDC). Cllr Saunders also reported on the Millerground project and the first plans have now been produced for the landscaping and paving to the beach area. It was agreed that the Town Council should be informed and consulted once plans are available and the Clerk agreed to raise this with SLDC Parks & Open Spaces officers.

Cllr Christine Hallatsch: reported on the need to keep a watchful eye on businesses that are in possession of Windermere in Bloom trophies. There had been a recent example of business owners moving on and needing to return the trophy.

Cllr Magda Khan: Attended the meeting of the Integrated Care in the Community group, chaired by CCC Councillor Ben Berry. The funds to finance grass roots public health projects

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|      | are available to the Town Council, who will manage them, and the Clerk has invoiced CCC.   |
| 174. | <p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p>Cllr Andrew Jarvis updated on a number of planning issues that he has been pursuing with the LDNPA, including the Express Pizzeria &amp; Grill (the exterior does now look much better) and the Magic Wok. Cllr Borer raised the issue of the article in South Lakeland News about the official opening of the Glebe. In the past, it was protocol to invite the Mayor and Ward Councillors to these types of events and this had not happened. Cllr Jarvis agreed to raise this with the SLDC leadership and the Clerk will follow this up with a letter.</p>  |
| 175. | <p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk updated verbally on the following items:</p> <p>Response from Cumbria Highways on the damage to Crescent Road. Temporary repairs may be made during the upcoming work to the A591.</p> <p>Windermere Christmas Celebration on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December. Volunteers are still needed.</p> <p>Consultation response sent from WTC to the Board of Trustees of the Paradise Project, as agreed at Council on 8<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>External Audit appointment for the next financial year (PKF Littlejohn LLP at a cost of £400).</p> <p>Temporary speed restriction on the A592 at Storrs to 30mph from 2<sup>nd</sup> January for 30 days, to enable UU works.</p> <p>Works to repair damage to Ladyholme noticeboard and weather-proofing can be done for £50. Agreed.</p> <p>Sale of Glebe toilet block to United Utilities agreed by SLDC. Clerk has requested that consideration be given to setting some funds aside to improve other public toilets in Windermere &amp; Bowness.</p> <p>Communication from the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner on an increase to Council Tax by 1.92%. It was agreed to provide a supportive response from the Town Council but to also request information on what the additional income will fund in the way of services.</p> <p>United Utilities works to the A592. Season over-view.</p> <p>LDNPA - response on a number of issues associated with inappropriate business signage in the conservation areas of Windermere &amp; Bowness.</p> <p>LDNPA - notification of approval of planning application for 2 new houses at J Brownell &amp; Son (WTC recommended refusal).</p> <p>Council owned property deeds have been picked up from THW for Clerk to familiarize with contents. They will be returned to safe storage at TWH.</p> |
| 176. | <p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>Councillors approved the payment to Viking as detailed on the agenda.</p>  |
| 177. | <p><b>Locally Important Projects:</b></p> <p>There was a discussion and ideas were put forward for the following potential projects:</p> <p>Cllr Christine Hallatsch: Disabled access improvements at the War Memorial.</p> <p>Cllr Adrian Legge: Phase 2 of the Elleray Woods Carriage Drive restoration (£5k full costs, apply for £2,500).</p> <p>Cllr Saunders: Facilities for disabled changing at Millerground (full cost in the region</p>  |

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|      | of £20k).<br>The Clerk agreed to speak to SLDC about these three ideas and the feasibility of taking forward grant applications.   |
| 178. | <b>Orrest Head &amp; Elleray Woods Advisory Group:</b><br>Council noted the contents of the meeting of the group and approved the following recommendations:<br>a) To respond to the Lake District National Park confirming that the Town Council has no objections to the proposed flood alleviation works in the woods.<br>b) That the quotation for £3,250 for new fencing is accepted and funded from Reserves.  |
| 179. | <b>Lake District Paradise Project:</b><br>The Mayor nominated Cllr Adrian Legge to represent the Council at these project meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Borer and received approval. Cllr Legge was duly appointed. It was also agreed that Cllr Greasley will act as a deputy if Cllr Legge cannot attend meetings.   |
| 180. | <b>Local Council Award Scheme:</b><br>The following draft policies were approved by Council:<br>Health & Safety<br>Equalities<br>Some clarification of the wording of the Community Engagement Policy was needed. The Clerk will amend and bring this back to a future Council for approval.   |
| 181. | <b>Co-option of Councillor for Applethwaite Ward:</b><br>Co-option of Sandra Britton, proposed by Cllr Stafford and seconded by Cllr Lilley was approved.  |
| 182. | <b>Planning Applications:</b><br>The following recommendations were agreed:<br>a) 7/2017/5701: Flat 2, Derby Square, Windermere: Enlarged window opening to make a door and Juliette balcony. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.<br>b) 7/2017/5746: 59, Windermere Park, Windermere: Rear extensions to bedroom and kitchen. Front extension to form porch and new steps. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.<br>c) 7/2017/5733: 137a Craig Walk: Replacement of windows RECOMMEND APPROVAL.<br>d) 7/2017/5741: Linthwaite House Hotel, Crook Road, Bowness: Erection of gates to service entrance. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. |
| 183. | <b>Tree Applications:</b><br>The tree applications as set out on the agenda were noted.  |
| 184. | <b>Planning Decisions:</b><br>The planning decisions made by the LDNPA, listed on the agenda, were noted.  |
| 185. | <b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b><br>Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017: Full Council<br>Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 with earlier start time of 6.30pm: Urgent items only<br>Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018: Full Council  |
|      | The meeting closed at 9.10pm.  |

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