



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

23rd May 2018 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mayor L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Mrs JS Borer, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms S Lilley, Ms Sandra Britton, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mr Adrian Legge, Mr M Stafford, Ms K Atkinson & Ms Grania Nicholson Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk). The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
20.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Ms Magda Khan & Mrs Lisa Greasley, SLDC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis, Ben Berry & Dyan Jones & PCSO Sarah Blacow.</p>
21.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Annual Meeting held on 9th May 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
22.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Peter Hamilton in planning application 7/2018/5267. Cllr Hamilton did not take part in the debate on this item and abstained from voting.</p>
23.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
24.	<p>Police Report: PCSO Sarah Blacow could not attend the meeting and gave her apologies. She sent the following update: There have been a lot of problems in the area with counterfeit bank notes. Mainly £50 and Scottish & Irish notes. Messages have been sent to all retailers. There will be a police presence at the Boat Show this weekend and crime prevention advice will be given to boat owners. Windermere Youth Project are holding a fund-raising event on 29th May (10am to 2pm) by the Casino in Bowness. It would be lovely to see any Councillors there that can make it. The Mini police scheme is going well and the children have their uniforms. Water safety training will take place at Lake Wardens on 21st June. Park Life will be held on 1st June 2pm to 4pm on Queens Park.</p>
25.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
26.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Mike Saunders</u> raised the appalling congestion and parking situation at the weekend and was particularly concerned about Rayrigg Road, which is becoming a real danger. The Clerk agreed to raise this issue with the local police. <u>Cllr Peter Hamilton</u> highlighted the problems, particularly in Bowness, with A Boards. It was agreed, after discussion, that the best way to get action on this issue is to use the reporting tool on the Cumbria Highways website to report any offending boards individually. The County Council have confirmed that they will take action.</p>

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Mayor Hallatsch attended the Mayor making in Kendal and it was a fabulous evening. Cllr Jenny Borer reported on the events over the weekend to celebrate 20 years of twinning with Diessen, commemorated by a full programme of events for visitors from Diessen, including the Burgermeister and his wife. From Saturday afternoon (19th) to Tuesday lunch-time, there was a full programme of activities. Highlights included the unveiling of the plaque at Bowness Bay which will name the new footpath Diessen Promenade. This was followed by dinner at the Hydro, which was a great success and a wonderful locally baked cake with the joint town coats of arms as decoration. The weather was sunny, Windermere looked beautiful and the Diessen band played their Alpine Horns in a number of locations to great effect. All in all a real success. Cllr Borer gave special thanks to Mayor Hallatsch and Cllr Christine Hallatsch for all their support.

Cllr Saunders had attended 4 long and important meetings and reported in full as follows:

- a) **Millerground:** The final lay-out for the pathways is being drafted to form the specification which will go out to tender in the next few weeks. It is hoped to have work start on site towards the year end, with the play area being developed next year. Even with the successful fund-raising, there is a shortfall on the whole project of approximately £140k, to finalise the play area and put in the zig zag path to the beach. The group are looking to raise this over the next 3 - 4 years. SLDC have confirmed that they will be unable to provide the Changing Places area but will provide new toilet facilities in the Leisure complex.
- b) **Bowness & Windermere Forward:** This is now progressing very well, with new members from the business community. A project management sub-committee has been formed, which will meet monthly. The initial list of projects includes Grot Spots review, Sustainable transport & parking (taking forward the Windermere Town Council study recommendations), a Tourism map and bringing Prom Art to the Glebe. There have been problems with SLDC on this issue and the Clerk agreed to pursue this on the group's behalf. There was a presentation to the meeting by Hannah Letty of the LDNPA about key issues for Windermere & Bowness with the Local Plan. It was very encouraging that the LDNPA have clearly listened to local concerns, many voiced by the Town Council and have aimed to address these in the Local Plan.
- c) **CALC South Lakeland meeting with County Council:** Many issues of interest were covered, including the large balances that remain unclaimed on the Local Community budget, the financial over-spends still being experienced by Highways, a review of the way in which the delegated highways funds to Councillors works, looking to make this more effective, a letter to the Minister about the problems being experienced with train services.
- d) **Windermere Gateway meeting (LDNPA) in Kendal:** This was a meeting packed with senior officials and politicians, as well as some representation from the local

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	<p>community. Steve Radcliffe introduced the event, which took the form of presenting 6 scenarios for the Windermere station/Orrrest Farm area and feedback was sought from those present on each one. The proposals were not limited to the housing and hotel ideas that have previously been presented, but covered the whole traffic flow around Bowness & Windermere. Some of the scenarios would result in substantial change to the town centres and approaching roads, as well as the railway station. Some issues that were raised included: the existing congestion which has reached unmanageable proportions, the unsuitability of the bus system, the lack of trains, the possibility of charging tourists to enter the National Park, Park & Ride, tiered car parks, pedestrianisation, bus lanes, walking and cycling routes. There is a lot to take in and the LDNPA are engaging with expert transport planners. The proposals are at an early stage of discussion and any specifics would need full public consultation further down the line.</p> <p>The Mayor and Councillors thanked John for giving up his time, attending all these meetings and feeding back to Council so thoroughly.</p>
27.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports: NONE PRESENT</p>
28.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk updated verbally on the following issues: Results of the Parish Representative elections to the LDNPA Central & SE Distinctive area - Cllr M Kidd from Staveley with Ings Parish Council will be proposed to the Secretary of State. The Clerk was asked to invite Mr Kidd to a future Town Council meeting. Responses have been received to the Town Council's letter about the tree removal in Albert Square Bowness. Cllr Williams has voiced support and Cllr Bland has spoken at length with the Clerk and will be speaking to CCC officers with the aim of resolving the issue and making the area look cared for. The Town Council may need to support any proposals with annual maintenance work from the Town Steward. Response received from LDNPA Aboriculturist re tree works at Brookside Cottages, supporting the radical work that is proposed. The response has been passed to Cllr Greasley for information. Windermere Ferry Advisory Group - Clerk has asked CCC what is happening about re-forming this group. The request has been passed to Stephen Hall, Asst Director and the Clerk will chase a response. Paradise Project: Clerk has requested information about the future direction of this group. A Steering Group meeting has been convened for 7th June at 10am in Windermere Library. It was agreed that Cllr Greasley should attend as Town Council representative and that Cllr Legge also attend if possible, as the Clerk is on leave. Marchesi Centre have responded to confirm that they do not need a replacement for Cllr Kath Atkinson as their committee is fully constituted. The Town Council had proposed Cllr</p>

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	<p>Greasley with support from Cllr Britton. Their attendance will not be needed.</p> <p>The new list of Councillor representatives on local groups has been updated and circulated and is on the Council's website. Hard copies were made available at the meeting.</p> <p>The LDNPA have responded to the Council's questions about planning. They have underlined that, where the LDNPA recommendation is different to the substantive comments of the Town Council (other than in the case of design matters or where TC comments conflict with other statutory consultees), applications are determined by the Development Control committee. Town Council is notified of when the Development Control committee meets and are invited to send a representative to make representations in person. A full report also accompanies the decision of the LDNPA. Re Lighthouse - this was referred to Development Control committee for a decision due to Town Council concerns. If there are any specific issues about unauthorized works or breaches of planning control, the Town Council should contact the planners at LDNPA asap.</p> <p>Proposal from Simone Backhouse, of Phoenix Centre: It is possible to purchase dinner plate size poppies to affix to lamp-posts to commemorate the ending of the First World War. Each poppy has the name and age of a fallen service man for first world war. It was agreed that the Town Council would support this project and provide a donation of £250 to the British Legion.</p>
29.	<p>General Data Protection Regulation 2018:</p> <p>The Council noted and approved the Clerk's workplan to ensure that every effort is made to comply with the new regulation over the course of the coming civic year.</p>
30.	<p>Finance - Annual Accounts:</p> <p>Councillors reviewed the following reports/documents and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The 2017/18 internal audit report;b) The 2017/18 Annual Governance Statementc) The 2017/18 Accounts. <p>The Mayor and Clerk will now sign these and submit to PKF Littlejohn for external inspection. The Public Inspection period will begin on 4th June to 13th July and the accounts will be published on the website prior to this.</p>
31.	<p>Finance - Invoices for Payment:</p> <p>The following invoices were approved for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Mayor's allowance for the 2018-19 Civic Year: £2,000.b) Internal Audit Fee (Margaret Lees): £200c) Lakes Line User Group: Subscription for 2018: £13.00d) Kendal Concert Band: Grant for playing the Glebe Bandstand on 24th June: £100.00.e) Viking Order for stationery, stamps and cartridges: £154.94 + £19.39 VAT.f) Gary Hancox: Planting budget for town centre beds and tubs and the Baddeley Clock gardens project. £1,000g) CALC: Purchase of Good Cllrs Guide (20 copies): £70.00.

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	h) JJC Hire: Skip for allotments: £186.00.
32.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <p>a)7/2018/5260: Claife Cottage, Windy Hall Road, Bowness: New parking area and vehicle access. Works include new retaining walls, surfacing, drainage and fencing. Recommend Approval, as this is an improvement.</p> <p>b)7/2018/5261:Yews, Storrs Park: Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 2 storey extension. Upgrade of electrical and plumbing, including solar thermal and solar PV. <u>Recommend for Approval. Improvement.</u></p> <p>c)7/2018/5270:Corner Cottage, Old Hall Rd, Windermere: Erection of two 4 bedroom 2 storey detached houses with integral garages to meet local needs including new vehicular access (re-submission of 7/2017/5604). <u>Recommend Approval. A more considerate and appropriate development than previous applications and issues of over-development and vehicular access have been dealt with.</u></p> <p>d)7/2018/5267: 18, Ash Street, Bowness: Proposed canopy. <u>Recommend Refusal. The modern design of the canopy is incompatible with the conservation area architectural vernacular, which is largely Victorian. Perhaps a period design, using cast iron would be more appropriate.</u></p> <p>e)7/2018/5103:Brackenmere, Beemire Lane, Birthwaite Rd: 2 storey extension to front of property. <u>Recommend approval. Considerate development.</u></p> <p>f)7/2018/5274: 145a Craig Walk, Bowness: Replacement and enlarged existing lean-to porch to existing 1st& 2nd floor flats. <u>Recommend approval. Improvement.</u></p>
33.	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree works application were noted. <u>Trees within the Conservation Area:</u></p> <p>a)T/2018/0055: Applethwaite Green Elderly Persons Home, Phoenix Way: Remove re-growth & treat stump of 1 silver birch; crown reduce 1 Oak & 1 Cypress; crown raise 1 Whitebeam.</p> <p>b)T/2018/0059: Cumbria Fire Service, Ellerthwaite Rd: Remove and treat stumps 1 Ash coppice, Ash & Willow, Sycamore, Oak & Horse Chestnut, Ash & Elder. Crown raise 2 Oak, several mixed broad leaves, 1 Beech & 1 Silver Birch.</p> <p>c)T/2018/0060: Fox Rock, Queens Drive: Remove 3 hollies, remove lowest branches 1 Oak & crown clean and crown thin by 10% and deadwood. Crown reduce, lift and clean 1 Oak, Crown reduce 1 Acer.</p> <p>d)T/2018/0061: The Promenade, Lake Rd, Bowness: Crown reduce one tree by 50%.</p>

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	<p>Trees covered by an existing Tree Preservation Order (TPO): e)T/2018/0050: Little Garth, Oakland, Carriage Drive, Windermere: Fell 1 Silver Birch, Reduce 2 Sweet Chestnuts and 1 group of conifers.</p>
34.	<p>Planning Decisions: The planning decisions taken by the LDNPA as listed on the agenda were noted.</p>
35.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 20th June 2018: Full Council Wednesday 11th July 2018: Full Council Thursday 19th July 2018: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (4pm) Wednesday 25th July 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>

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