



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

23rd August 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Cllrs Mr J Saunders (Deputy Mayor), Mrs L Greasley, Ms S Lilley, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms Magda Khan, Mr I Telford, Ms Sue Bloy, Ms Grania Nicholson. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Simone Backhouse of St Cuthberts' PFA and 1 Member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
89.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Cllrs Mrs JS Borer, Ms K Atkinson, Mr Adrian Legge, Mr Ross McMillan, Mr Peter Jewell, Mr Mike Stafford. PCSO Sarah Blacow, SLDC/CCC Councillors Ben Berry &amp; David Williams.</p>
90.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
91.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
92.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
93.	<p><b>Police Update:</b> Sergeant Bill Nolan and PCSO Sarah Blacow were unable to attend the meeting and sent the following written report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There have been a few incidents of vehicles being broken into and there was a reminder make sure vehicles are secure and no items of value on display.</li><li>• All has gone well with the joint work on dog bag dispensers. They have been well used and there has been positive feedback from the community. Thanks to the Town Council for support.</li><li>• A street safe was held at Memorial Buildings with Home housing. Residents seem very happy with their new homes.</li><li>• Working with banks to prevent fraud, focusing in particular on scams that are aimed at the elderly.</li></ul> <p>Councillors noted the report. There were no issues to feed back to the Police, but Cllr Greasley highlighted the problems with a rough sleeper in Victoria Gardens and confirmed that any incidents should be reported direct to the Police.</p>
93.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> NONE</p>
94.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b> Cllr C Hallatsch: made a report for Cllr Borer on the Diessen exchange visit. All had gone very well and there was an extensive list of places that the visitors had been able to see, thanks</p>

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	<p>to transport from Mountain Goat. Special thanks to Peter Bayliss. There had been a very nice buffet to say goodbye to the guests, held at Cllr Borer's home and attended by the Mayor and Cllr Hallatsch.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> reported on the recent public toilets sub-committee also attended by Mayor Hallatsch. It was a very positive meeting and the finances for the year are on track. Overall reserves have decreased to £14k, after finalizing the funding for the Quarry Rigg toilets re-build. At Quarry Rigg, there are still some initial problems being experienced, but all is in hand. The re-painting project is underway. The sub-committee discussed the letter from Windermere Town Council and confirmed that they will be responding to meet the deadline for budget setting.</p> <p>Questions were asked about charging for disabled use at Quarry Rigg and it was confirmed that this was a specific decision by the sub-committee at the inception of the project.</p> <p><u>Cllr Nicholson</u> let councillors know about grant of up to £100 being made by Tenants group of Impact Housing. If details are provided to the Clerk, she will put an article in Windermere Now.</p> <p><u>Cllr Bloy</u> asked about progress with the Steamboat Museum. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite Lakeland Arts to a meeting in the Autumn to provide an update.</p>
95.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b> NONE</p>
96.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> The Clerk updated Councillors verbally on the following items: Benches &amp; public planting: meeting now arranged with Deborah Clarke of SLDC for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Bench by new wall at Railway Station. Network Rail are unable to install the renovated WI bench initially, due to insurance issues, so a temporary bench will be installed. However, they may be able to swap the bench in the medium term. The Clerk will pursue this in the early Autumn. Email received from 2 residents of Storrs Park expressing opposition to the 2 additional days of racing on the lake (4 in 2018). This had been copied to Councillors for information. Update on the Cumbria Childrens Dyslexia Project, which was grant funded by the Council. Final paperwork has been submitted for the project to become a charity. A pilot project is being run by 6 schools in the West, which is funded separately by the Hadfield Trust. It is hoped that this pilot will enable the full project to start in September 2018. CALC Training Courses - list received for Autumn and circulated to Councillors. A new course has been developed called The Effective Councillor over 2 modules. Kendal based courses are on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September if anyone is interested. Other courses are Penrith and Whitehaven. Lakes Line User Group - minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July and agenda for 4<sup>th</sup> September - circulated to Councillors. Invite to a Preview evening for a new exhibition by Miroslav Balka at the Lake District Holocaust Project, on 8 September at 6.30 to 8pm. Guest speaker is the senior curator at Tate Liverpool. Councillors can just turn up.</p>

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	<p>3 x Tree Applications have been copied to us to note and comment and, given the Clerk's holidays, they are mentioned here for note or query: Baddeley Clock gardens - crown lift a holly tree, which has a TPO. Baddeley Clock gardens - Fell 2 conifers, 1 Cherry, 1 Willow, 1 Magnolia, 1 Poplar, 1 Yew, 1 Holly, 1 Purple Plum. Crown lift Yews and Dawn Redwood. Cllr Greasley agreed to phone Graham Nicholson (SLDC tree officer) to get more information. 1 Crown Rigg, Kendal Road, Crown lift an Oak and Crown reduce a Yew by 2m. Finally, the Clerk reminded Councillors that she would be on leave from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> September inclusive.</p>
97.	<p><b>Finance:</b> The payments as listed on the agenda were agreed, with the following addition: Mike Edmondson Ltd - digging out of soil and pipes at Ellerthwaite Square and delivery of walling stone. £500.00 + £100.00 VAT. Viking Stationery Order: £185.87+26.37 VAT. £212.24 in total. Councillors also approved the grant payment of £1,000 to the 597 Bus.</p>
98.	<p><b>BWCCT Public Toilets sub-committee:</b> Councillors noted the minutes from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.</p>
99.	<p><b>Baddeley Clock Millennium Gardens:</b> Councillors discussed proposals to improve this area, which has been neglected over the last couple of years. The proposal is to plant the 7 containers with perennial blooms, similar to Ellerthwaite Square. The Town Steward can undertake the work and St Cuthberts school are also keen to get involved as an education project for the children. The cost will be in the region of £1,000 and would need to be funded from Town Council reserves. Councillors asked questions of clarification and asked that some consideration be given to planting of herbs and fruits if possible. Also to recognize that the roses are Diessen roses and not to be taken out. Simone Backhouse provided further details of how the project could work with the school and Councillors thanked Simone for attending. The project was approved and £1,000 of funds will be made available from Council reserves.</p>
100.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b> The following recommendations were agreed: a)7/2017/5514: <b>South Fellside, Fellside, Kendal Road, Bowness:</b> Single storey dwelling in lieu of the existing approval two storey dwelling reference 7/2016/5883. <b>Recommend for Approval as an improvement that is in keeping.</b> b)7/2017/5488: <b>Land to west of A592, Bellman Landing, Storrs Park, Windermere:</b> Replacement boathouse and short term holiday letting accommodation. <b>Recommend Rejection, as this proposed development is not at all in keeping with the design and look of the area and other boathouses. The materials are not acceptable and are insensitive to the local vernacular.</b> c)7/2017/5440: <b>ArdRathain, Windy Hall Road, Bowness:</b> Extension to the rear, new terrace/balcony. Internal and window alterations. <b>Recommend Approval, as this is a good improvement.</b> d)7/2017/5518: <b>7 Fir Tree Crescent, Bowness:</b> Construction of a single storey extension</p>

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	<p>and internal alterations to existing bungalow. No objections, but it was noted locally that the planning consultation has been with adjacent properties, when the development impacts on Glebe Drive at the back.</p> <p>e)7/2017/5519: Fallbarrow Caravan Site, Rayrigg Road, Windermere: Variation of condition 4 on permission 7/2014/5515 (removal of condition 6 on permission 5694 to allow siting of 23 statics in place of 32 touring pitches) to allow for an amended layout of holiday statics. The Council discussed this at length and came to the conclusion that, as the Town Council pointed out the need for touring spaces on 5694, which resulted in the loss of 32 touring pitches, they should support these 4 pitches. However, they request that the LDNPA look to put a condition on the approval that the pitches should be kept as touring pitches for at least 10 years (20 would be better), in order to prevent them being turned into more permanent pitches.</p> <p>f)7/2017/5530: Windermere Jetty Museum, Rayrigg Road, Windermere: Installation of temporary water tank of storage of treated water for a period up to March 2020. The Clerk read out an email from Mr Mather, who lives opposite, objecting to this further eyesore on the horizon from his and neighbouring properties. The development has resulted in 3 years of dirt and disruption and there could be another 2 years. This is one step too far. Councillors have sympathy with Mr Mather's position and are very frustrated at the way this development has been handled, but they accept the need for the treated water, which it is understood is vital to the renovation of the old boats. They do, however, request that the LDNPA put a condition on the planning that the tank be camouflaged and landscaped so as to limit the eyesore.</p> <p>g)7/2017/5531: Windermere Jetty Museum, Rayrigg Road, Windermere: 2 free-standing entrance signs, 1 freestanding entrance display notice board, 2 pined fascia signs on lakeside walls, 3 flags, 1 illuminated name inside lobby. <b>Recommend approval.</b></p> <p>h)7/2017/5455: 35 Orrest Drive: Windermere: Double storey extension. <b>No comment.</b> Councillors could not resolve a position on this. There were concerns that this development will be too overbearing on the area, but could not confirm that it would be over-development of the site.</p>
101.	<p><b>Tree Applications:</b></p> <p>The following works to trees covered by TPOswere noted.</p> <p>a)T/2017/0107: 11 Park Road, Windermere: Reduce one copper beech by 5m.</p> <p>b)T/2017/0115: Fallbarrow Park, Rayrigg Road, Windermere: Crown raise trees and remove willows. The Clerk read out emails from Carole Shaw (Chairman of Windermere Lake User Forum) and Harold Lefton (resident of Belle Isle). Both correspondents stated their objection to the way in which the lakeshore is being transformed in this area, by tree removal, lodges development and advertising. Town Councillors had sympathies with these views and would want to protect the amenity value of the lake, but also pointed out the contribution of the park to the local economy and also the context of an extremely long lake shore, which has many wooded areas. A balance has to be achieved. As such, they lend support to the suggestion by Mr Lefton that the LDNPA conduct a</p>

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	review “in the round” of how the site is managed, with particular reference to the lake shore.
102.	<b>Planning Decisions:</b> Councillors noted the planning decisions made by the Lake District National Park, as listed on the agenda.
103.	<b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September: Full Council Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October: Full Council. Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2017: Elleray Woods Advisory Group site visit (3pm) Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2017: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (4pm) Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda). Deputy Mayor to chair.
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</b>

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