



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllr Leith Hallatsch(in the chair), Mr J Saunders, Mrs J Borer, Mr Ross McMillan, Mr I Telford, S Lilley, Mike Stafford, Ms K Atkinson, Lisa Greasley, Christine Hallatsch, Magda Khan, &amp; Peter Jewell. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), District Councillors Andrew Jarvis and David Williams. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
242.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Cllrs Mr A Legge, Sue Bloy, Grania Nicholson, Allan Winrow. District Cllrs Dyan Jones &amp; Ben Berry. County Councillor Steve Rooke, PCSO Sarah Blacow. Absence (no apologies): Cllr Peter Jewell</p>
243.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
244.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr Ian Telford - planning item 14 (e) - applicants are friends. All Councillors who declare an interest remain in the Council chamber when the item is discussed but take no part in the debate or vote on the recommendation.</p>
245.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
246.	<p><b>Proposal to discuss item 18 (Longlands Land) in private session:</b> This was agreed, due to the commercially sensitive content in the paper.</p>
247.	<p><b>Police Update</b> PCSO Sarah Blacow had tendered her apologies and was unable to attend the meeting, but will attend the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. A written report was sent and presented by the Clerk. Key issues are as follows: Since Christmas, there have been 99 calls for service, 37 of which were a crime. These included 4 for fraud (counterfeit Scottish £20 notes). There have been very few incidents of anti social behavior and none involving youth groups. There were 12 Road Traffic collisions and no serious injuries. 2 burglaries. The rough sleepers are back in the area and have been moved on from Ambleside. Please report to the Police if you know where they are camping. Cllr Greasley asked that the continuing problem with dog fouling on footpaths is reported.</p>
248.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> NONE</p>
249.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b> Cllr Lilley: attended the meeting of the Lakes Line User Group and re-iterated the good work that is done by this group. Help is needed with the annual passenger count and councillors were encouraged to sign up if they had the time. Discounted tickets are available now to school pupils at Queen Katherine and Kirkby Kendal and discounts are being trialed for 16 to 18 year olds.</p>

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	<p><u>Cllr Telford:</u> Drew to Members' attention the Golf Ladies coffee morning to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Half of the proceeds will go to the Bowness &amp; Windermere Community Care Trust.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Along with 4 other councillors, attended the Lakes Admin meeting. Cllr Saunders pointed out that the reports in the press about the Ferry Nab shower block are misleading and that SLDC are clearly working hard to resolve any problems with this facility. Attended the CALC County Council meeting, where there was a presentation from the Fire &amp; Rescue service. From April 2017, they will be launching Safe &amp; Well visits in our area, identifying those who are in need of assistance in the home. The aim is to prevent unnecessary accidents. It was agreed that it would be useful for the Clerk to invite a member of this team to a future meeting, to learn more about the service.</p> <p>Highways issues raised include the fact that residents permits will no longer be automatically sent out to households, who will have to apply, in order to reduce the instances of misuse. There was also positive news from the Parking Enforcement Agency (PEA), who are close to being fully resourced. It was agreed that their presence in an area makes a substantive difference to offences. The message was that, if there are any problem areas known, we should alert the PEA, who will respond immediately. The Clerk was asked to alert them to the continued problem with parking outside the old HSBC and at the Princes Road, Thornbarrow Road, Lickbarrow Road junction.</p> <p><u>Cllr Stafford:</u> Is pursuing the issue of potholes at Hammarbank Car Park with the LDNPA and CCC.</p>
250.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Williams:</u> reported that CCC will not be proceeding with the phase 2 improvements designed for the Glebe, due to lack of funding from the LEP.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis:</u> reported that the Yorkshire Building Society is to close in Windermere.</p>
251.	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>The Clerk updated Council verbally on the following issues:</p> <p>Progress report from UU on works to the Glebe and closure of the A592. All is going to timetable and the good communications are appreciated.</p> <p>Agenda for the Lakes Parish meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February.</p> <p>The Clerk's main workload has been consolidating and preparing reports on Longlands (on this agenda) and Windermere in Bloom (on this agenda). She will be meeting the manager from the Beatrix Potter experience on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> about support for Windermere in Bloom during their anniversary year. Also, has visited Elleray Woods and inspected the new carriage drive with the Town Steward. The work has been excellent and has resulted in an improvement to the woods. New signage may be needed. The main work in hand includes preparation for Ellerthwaite Square improvements, organisation of the Allotments AGM and setting up the pension scheme approved by Council. The Clerk will be reviewing website content in early February, so councillors were asked to send any comments or ideas in.</p> <p>Cllr Stafford asked the Clerk to contact CCC and ask if anything can be done to improve the wall around the Library gardens. There are a number of repairs needed.</p>

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252.	<p><b>Millerground:</b> Cllr John Saunders gave a photographic presentation updating on the work at Milleground. The following areas were covered: New signage and interpretation board. Further signage is planned to encourage public access to the lake from the location of the board. The site of the planned new play area (children &amp; adults) and picnic area. It is hoped that this will progress towards the end of this year and Cllr Saunders will keep Town Council briefed on this. There has been planting of wildflowers and hedges have been cut. The cutting back of undergrowth and trees has opened up the views beautifully and before and after shots were shown. It is thanks to the volunteers and schools who have helped with the clearance work that views and, eventually, the woodland floor will be restored. Infrastructure improvements have been made - new benches and renovated steps, with a banister, gravelling of pathways to improve access. The pathways have also been re-inforced to assist flood prevention. Wildlife is returning to the area, with sightings of otters and vegetation is starting to diversify, with water reeds returning to the area around the felled trees. Councillors asked a variety of questions and expressed great support for the project which aims to bring back a public facility that was a key part of growing up in the area in days gone by. The Mayor thanked Cllr Saunders for his presentation and also the Clerk for the work in installing the new projector and screen - all agreed that this is a great improvement for use of the chamber.</p>
253.	<p><b>Windermere in Bloom:</b> The Clerk presented the report which updates Council on arrangements for 2017. It was agreed that Cllr Christine Hallatsch will lead the event for 2017, with Cllrs Sandra Lilley and Lisa Greasley taking responsibility for certain areas, detailed in the report. Council noted the report and agreed the arrangements. Councillors also approved the expenditure on new brackets and half tubs, amounting to £1,068.75, to be met from reserves and the contribution of £50 to Cumbria in Bloom.</p>
254.	<p><b>Finance:</b> Councillors approved the following quotations: War Memorial gardening work 2017: £1,633.64 (Berry's Gardening Services) Shop Front Improvement Grant application of £282 towards new signage for the Northern Line, Windermere.</p>
255.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b> The following recommendations were made: <b>a)7/2016/5875: The Albert, Queen's Square, Bowness:</b> Construction of raised external seating area above existing paved beer garden and store room. Construction of new bin storage area. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVEMENT TO THE AREA. <b>b)7/2016/5901: Pavey Ark, Brantfell Road, Bowness:</b> Construction of detached two-storey house in the grounds of Pavey Ark (re-submission of 7/2016/5724). RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ALL THE POINTS MADE IN THE REFUSAL NOTICE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED,</p>

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	<p>CONCERNING THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDING.</p> <p>c)7/2016/5892: <b>35, Main Road, Windermere:</b> Erection of standard satellite dish, matt black. RECOMMEND APPROVAL.</p> <p>d)7/2017/5002: <b>Fizzy Tarte, 18 Ash Street, Bowness:</b> Erection of external canopy. RECOMMEND REFUSAL. NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE AREA AND BELIEVE THAT THE DECKING AREA IS TO BE DISMANTLED ANYWAY WITHIN 12 MONTHS (?)</p> <p>e)7/2016/5850:<b>Yan Birk, Langdale Crescent, Windermere:</b> Demolition of garage and extension to side and upward extension to form first floor together with alterations. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. LARGE DEVELOPMENT BUT GOOD SIZE PLOT.</p> <p>f)7/2017/5010:<b>The Portico, Heathwaite Manor, Lickbarrow Rd, Windermere:</b> Replacement oak framed windows with leaded light double glazed unit infills. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. GOOD IMPROVEMENT TO THE BUILDING.</p>
256.	<p><b>Tree Applications:</b> The following tree application was noted:</p> <p>a)T/2017/0007: 16, St Mary's Park, Windermere: Crown raise and prune 1 x thujaaplicata, which is covered by a Tree Preservation Order.</p>
257.	<p><b>Planning Decisions:</b> The planning decisions from the LDNPA, as detailed on the agenda, were noted.</p>
258.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> The following dates &amp; times were noted. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7pm (Full Council) Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm (Full Council)</p>
	<p><b>The Mayor concluded the public business of the meeting at 8.32pm and the following item was discussed in private session.</b></p>
259.	<p><b>Longlands Land:</b> Councillors noted the report received from the Clerk, discussed the content and asked questions of clarification. Town Council agreed to continue to support pursuing this potential project, particularly to establish answers to questions on responsibility for boundaries to the land - the road, the public footpath and the wall in particular from SLDC. The Mayor, Cllr Saunders and the Clerk will meet with SLDC in February and report back further.</p>
	<p><b>The meeting in private concluded at 9.10 pm</b></p>

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