



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

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

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Deputy Mayor J Saunders (in the Chair), Cllrs Ms S Lilley, Ms Magda Khan, Mr I Telford, Mr Ross McMillan, Mrs L Greasley, Grania Nicholson, Mr Mike Stafford, Ms Sue Bloy, Mrs JS Borer, Mr Adrian Legge. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Phil Ruston (Cumbria County Council), 3 members of the public, SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry, David Williams, Andrew Jarvis. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
133.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Apologies: Mayor Leith Hallatsch, Cllrs Ms K Atkinson, Mrs C Hallatsch, PCSO Sarah Blacow. SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones <b>Absence - no apologies:</b> Cllr Peter Jewell.</p>
134.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
135.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
136.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
137.	<p><b>Police Update:</b> Cumbria Police were unable to attend the meeting. Councillors had no issues to highlight.</p>
138.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> Mrs Barbara Smith addressed the Council regarding the re-submission of application number 5467 for Upper Oak Street (Brownells). Although pleased that the access arrangements have been changed, Mrs Smith felt that the changes made were minimal and did not address the key concerns raised by neighbours - namely, privacy and over-development. The objections from neighbours still stand. Another neighbour presented Councillors with photographs of the recent flooding, which the application fails to deal with and the issue of under-provision of parking, which is already a significant problem in the community. Mr Peter Hamilton addressed the Council regarding problems in Ash Street, Bowness. Mr Hamilton owns holiday letting businesses on Ash Street and, since the development of the Baha bar, the problems with street noise, swearing and fighting has significantly increased, with the bar opening some nights up to 4am. In his opinion, the bar now constitutes a night-club and has a detrimental impact on a residential neighbourhood. He and his partner have worked hard to develop their business as a top quality place to stay but now the visitor experience is being undermined and business suffering. SLDC Ward Councillor David Williams agreed to take up the issues with the licencing department of the Council. The Deputy Mayor thanked the public for their input.</p>

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139.	<p><b>Digital Inclusion Project:</b> Phil Ruston, Broadband Champion from Cumbria County Council addressed the Town Council about this project, which is being run in partnership with BT Openreach to roll out rural broadband. Already 95% of properties in Cumbria have access to fibre broadband and these figures are increasing. It is, arguably, the most significant infrastructure project to the County, however, to be effective, the opportunities to society and business must be taken up and developed. There is a lot of research which highlights the contribution that broadband can make to reduce social exclusion, particularly amongst the elderly and there are limitless advantages for expanding business and jobs. In order for communities to fully benefit from broadband, it is important that the message is spread and training delivered so that opportunities are understood. Phil asked for Council support for a training event to be held in Windermere in January 2018. Councillors gave their full support to this and the Clerk will liaise with Phil about detailed arrangements.</p>
140.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b> Many Councillors had attended the pre-meeting with CCC about the recent consultation on the future of the library building. Many questions had been asked and the Council officer had committed to ensuring that the Town Council is involved and consulted throughout the process in exploring opportunities with the Paradise Project (LDPP). <u>Cllr Greasley</u> had attended the Guides dinner, which was a very nice function, the Policy &amp; Finance meeting (full report at the 8<sup>th</sup> November Council meeting), the BWCCT AGM and Cumbria in Bloom at Penrith. <u>Cllr Legge</u> had received complaints about the Fizzy Tarte lighting and advertisements on Ash Street. He will write to the Lake District Enforcement team. <u>Cllr Bloy</u> had resigned as a BWCCT Trustee, to allow time to pursue other interests. <u>Cllr Saunders</u> had chaired the Policy &amp; Finance meeting.</p>
141.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b> <u>Cllr Ben Berry</u> gave a summary of meetings he had held with Trevor Avery of the LDPP and officers of Cumbria County Council about Windermere Library. It underlined the need to ensure that the community of Windermere and the Town Council are properly and openly consulted as ideas and options emerge for the library building. He also updated on the position with Windermere Ferry. The Local Government Ombudsman is reviewing the way in which decisions were made. <u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> Thanked all those who joined in on the Walk for Freedom, in such bad weather. Also updated on work he had been involved with to ensure that action is being taken in the local community to address flooding problems.</p>
142.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> The Clerk verbally updated Councillors on the following subjects: <u>Langstone House:</u> a meeting was held with a representative of SLDC to sort out a number of building management issues following the departure of the parking cashiers from the building. The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A heating engineer will visit as a matter of priority, bleed the radiators and re-set the</li></ul>

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	<p>heating timer, so that there is heating for all council meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A building survey will be carried out to include the state of the windows and the large cracks which have appeared.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that SLDC will still be carried out key health and safety activities, to include regular fire safety inspections (including monthly tests of the fire alarm), legionella inspections and safety guarantees for the lift, electricity and asbestos.</li> <li>• SLDC will arrange for regular cleaning, which had ceased and for someone to pick up post.</li> </ul> <p><u>Allotments Water:</u> Meeting held today with a local contractor who may be able to carry out the pipework to the specification given by United Utilities. A quotation will be obtained.</p> <p><u>Correspondence:</u> The following items of correspondence have been received and distributed to Councillors on email: Lakes School: Request for Buttons, Windermere &amp; Bowness Chamber of Trade: Report on flash flooding 30<sup>th</sup> September. LDNPA: Update on enforcement action Express Pizzeria &amp; Grill; Invite to LA23NET on 1<sup>st</sup> November (17.30 to 20.00): Cumbria Crystal at Windermere Works. LDNPA: The following plans on which the Town Council has provided comments will be going to the Development control committee on 1<sup>st</sup> November: 1 Hilltop, Old Hall Rd (5082), Windermere Steamboat Museum (5400 and 5530), Upper Oak Street - Brownells Site (5785). LDNPA: List of actions from recent Parish Forum meeting held in Ambleside.</p>
143.	<p><b>Grant Application for Christmas Market:</b> Cllr Ben Berry had submitted this application for £3,000 grant funding to assist the establishment of the Christmas Market in Windermere each year. Councillors approved this funding and wished the event every success.</p>
144.	<p><b>Polling District Review:</b> Councillors had received a hard copy of the SLDC proposals, to make changes to polling stations and districts in response to the Boundary Commission review findings and recommendations. Cllrs noted the proposals and had no specific comments.</p>
145.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b> The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <p><b>a)7/2017/5632: The Boundary, Lake Rd, Windermere:</b> Change of use from C1 (hotel/guesthouse to C3 (self-catering house). RECOMMEND APPROVAL. GIVES BUSINESS FLEXIBILITY AND NO EXTERNAL IMPACT.</p> <p><b>b)7/2017/5623: Fellfoot, Storrs Park, Bowness:</b> Proposed detached garage. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT.</p> <p><b>c)7/2017/5652: Hill Rising, Smithy Lane, Bowness:</b> Replacement of sub-standard dwelling house and garaging with associated hard and soft landscaping. RECOMMEND</p>

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	<p>REFUSAL. OVER-DEVELOPMENT, INAPPROPRIATE AND INCONGRUOUS TO AREA.</p> <p><b>d)7/2017/5636: Holly Lodge Guest House: 6 College Road, Windermere:</b> Single storey extension together with internal alterations and alterations to the west elevation. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. NON-CONTENTIOUS PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT.</p> <p><b>e)7/2017/5502: Cappelbarrow, Crook Road, Windermere:</b> Proposed 2 storey extension and detached garage. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. GOOD DESIGN AND APPROPRIATE FOR AREA.</p> <p><b>f)7/2017/5678:Storrs Hill, Storrs Park, Bowness:</b> Demolition of existing detached garage, extension of existing garden room, formation of recessed roof balcony and erection of ancillary accommodation outbuilding. NO COMMENT.</p> <p><b>g)7/2017/5641: Hodge Howe, Watersports Centre, Ambleside Road, Windermere:</b> New timber jetty and concrete slipway. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN.</p> <p><b>h)7/2017/5467:Brownells&amp; Sons Ltd, Upper Oak Street, Windermere:</b> 2 new dwellings (previously recommended for refusal): Revised drawings received by LDNPA 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017. RECOMMEND REFUSAL. OVER-DEVELOPMENT OF A TIGHT PLOT AND UN-NEIGHBOURLY, WITH CLOSE OVERLOOKING OF PROPERTIES.</p>
146.	<p><b>Tree Applications:</b> The following applications were noted:</p> <p><u>Conservation Area:</u></p> <p><b>a)T/2017/0170: Oakhill Veterinary Group, Lake Rd, Windermere:</b> Fell, crown raise, pollard and prune various trees.</p> <p><b>b)T/2017/0174: Oak Beck, Hoo Lane, Windermere:</b> Remove 2 cypress, 1 oak and 1 holly.</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Orders:</u></p> <p><b>a)T/2017/0175: Briars Cragg, Lindeth Drive, Bowness:</b> Remove crown from 1 Ash.</p> <p><b>b)T/2017/0173: Annisgarth Howe, Annisgarth Drive, Windermere:</b> Crown thin 1 Copper Beech and 2 Horse Chestnut.</p> <p><b>c)T/2017/0132: 8, Beechwood Close, Bowness:</b> Trim back trees.</p> <p><b>d)T/2017/0167: 35, St Mary's Park, Windermere:</b> Crown reduce Oak by 30%.</p> <p><b>e)T/2017/0166: Windermere Marina Village:</b> Remove overhanging limb from 1 Oak.</p>
147.	<p><b>Planning Decisions:</b> Councillors noted the list of planning decisions made by the LDNPA as listed on the agenda.</p>
148.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> Wednesday 1st November 2017: Elleray Woods Advisory Group (5.00pm) Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017: Full Council Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.32pm.</p>

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