



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

26th April 2017 at 7.00pm, Langstone House, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Cllrs E Greasley (Deputy Mayor), Mr I Telford, Ms S Lilley, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Allan Winrow, Mr Mike Stafford, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ross McMillan, Ms K Atkinson, Ms Sue Bloy, Mr Adrian Legge, Mr Peter Jewell, Mr John Saunders & Mrs Jennifer Borer (arrived 7.15pm). District Cllrs: Ben Berry & Andrew Jarvis Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Mark Ducie, Cumbria Fire & Rescue, Karin Grandal-Park, Leonard Cheshire Homes, Simone Backhouse, Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
322.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Ms Grania Nicholson, District Councillor David Williams and County Councillor Steve Rooke.</p>
323.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th April 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
324.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Ian Telford in planning item (a) as the builder is a close friend. Cllr Jennifer Borer is Tree applications for Crag How, Woodland Road.</p>
325.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
326.	<p>Presentation from Mark Ducie, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service: Mark's presentation provided information about the Safe & Well team, outlining the following. The Safe & Well approach is an extension of the previous Home Visits team. The team has a targeted approach to Home Visits, proactively identifying, via data, those who are likely to be most vulnerable not only to fire hazards, but other accident hazards. The aim is to identify safety adjustments for older people in particular, to enable them to remain in their own home. In addition to home visits, the team also deliver road awareness training in schools, CPR training in the community (particularly use of defibrillators and counseling for young people for whom fire starting may be a risk. It is a much wider variety of services than previously and work is delivered on contract to the County Council, to inspect aids and adaptations in the home. Although home visit locations are planned proactively, the service will also respond to requests and self referrals. The contact details for the service are: Phone: 0800358 4777 or email: hart@cumbria.gov.uk. The clerk agreed to put some posters on the local noticeboards. Councillors asked a number of questions dealing with use and security of data, road safety training and self-referrals. The Mayor thanked Mark for taking the time to visit the Town Council and make the presentation, particularly at such a busy time for the service, with the problems in Maryport.</p>

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327.	<p>Public Input:</p> <p>a) Karin Grandal-Park (Volunteer Coordinator) of the Leonard Cheshire Homes spoke to thank the Town Council for its grant support last year toward musical activities, which have been very successful. She also gave more information about Holehird. There are 27 residents with degenerative diseases and the aim is to provide palliative care and quality of life support. Basic nursing care is funded by the NHS, but the additional services that are provided to residents, to give them the additional quality of support has to be found from fund raising and charitable donations. There is a wealth of volunteer support at Holehird and many local groups also contribute. Karin finished by inviting Town Councillors to the May Day extravaganza on Monday May 1.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Karin for making the time to come to the Town Council and gave reassurance that the Council would continue to support in any way it can such a valuable resource in our community.</p> <p>b) Mr Michael Broadhead addressed the Council on the subject of the planning application for a replacement boathouse at Calgarth. He provided detail in a letter and underlined how important the boathouse is to the history and landscape of the area. It was designed by Herbert North and is a lovely structure to look at against the lake backdrop. The key drawbacks on the planning application are that it is 8feet higher than the existing boathouse, therefore much more imposing on the landscape. The living space is almost 4 times larger at the first floor level. The structure is incongruous, being largely glass rather than stone and timber, and will not blend in with the vernacular boathouses in the vicinity. Surely there must be a way to repair and renovate the historic structure already in place and that would be preferable. Mr Broadhead asked Town Councillors to take this into account when reviewing the application later in the meeting.</p>
328.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley:</u> Made Members aware that the wall and seat at the station entrance have been demolished, presumably by a car accident. Replacement will be needed at some stage. Attended the 597 Bus AGM on 27th. All is mostly well, but continued Town Council support will be needed to keep the service going. Attended a positive Cumbria in Bloom meeting and was happy to see the local litter picking reported in the Westmorland Gazette.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Attended the CALC AGM, where there was a presentation from the Environment Agency, highlighting that local flood reports are now available and are important reading for communities. Also attended the CCC South Lakeland meeting, where issues associated with the Cartmel Traffic orders were discussed. High Fibre Broadband installation was also on the agenda. 120,000 properties can now access this but there has only been 35 % take-up. For further expansion to take place, there needs to be a higher take-up and anything the Council can do to encourage this is welcome. Cumbria Police also reported that their key focus areas are cyber crime (on the increase), prevention of terrorism and child crime. Chaired a meeting of the Millerground Committee. There have been some problems of momentum but the project now looks to be back on track. Attended Windermere & Bowness Forward meeting the previous evening. Very poorly attended and only 2 local businesses were represented. There is the possibility of a new Chairperson.</p>

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	<p><u>Cllr Legge:</u> Chaired the Elleray Woods Administration meeting immediately prior to the Council (minutes will be on the next Town Council agenda). Also attended the Millerground meeting and was very pleased to see that the Swimsafe event will be taking place again this year in July, providing wild swimming experience for almost 2,000 children. The Leisure operators have changed but the same staff remain. There was also discussion about the pop up café which will be in place temporarily during Swimsafe.</p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Assisted on the train station over Easter as a volunteer to help direct visitors to the correct location. Very enjoyable. Also has been busy encouraging Windermere in Bloom sponsorship from local businesses.</p> <p><u>Cllr Hallatsch:</u> Very much enjoyed the Elleray Woods carriage drive celebration. Represented the Town Council at the British Legion dinner, which was, as always, excellent. Looking forward to the Town Twinning visit to Diessen later this month, accompanied by Cllrs C Hallatsch and J Borer.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer:</u> Distributed the framed certificates that have been prepared for the Town Twinning visits, commemorating 25 years of twinning between Diessen and Windermere.</p>
329.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Ben Berry</u> reported that there will be no cardboard boat race this year, but there are other ideas in train to replace the event. Also gave an update on recycling rollout progress and plans for the Christmas Market, which are progressing well. There is a new website: windermerechristmas.co.uk</p> <p>Also involved in putting pressure on CCC to resolve problems with Windermere Ferry payment mechanisms.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis:</u> nothing significant to report.</p>
330.	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk gave a verbal report which covered the following:</p> <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update on progress with Ellerthwaite Square;• Re-letting of 2 vacant allotments - one is now re-let and one is in progress.• Closure of Accounts, which is well underway and the accounts will be advertised in June/July to public inspection.• New updates completed to the website include pages on Benches, Community Centres, Winter Lights and Glebe Bandstand. Also now using twitter more regularly.• Bench Project: basement at Langstone House has been secured to be used in bad weather, thanks to SLDC. Bench at Mission will be next to be repaired and moved to a suitable location. Working on a benches policy to bring to May AGM.• Windermere in Bloom sponsorship is going strong this year, with the involvement of businesses in Bowness.

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Correspondence:

- Clerk has written to Cumbria County Council, asking for reassurance and further information about the payment procedures on Windermere Ferry (ccd to councillors on email).
- A response has been received from Cumbria Police about the siting of the speed monitor on Rayrigg Road and Sergeant Nolan has promised to put it in a position closer to Rayrigg Motors next time and Councillor Borer also made the point that the corner of Rayrigg Road is really where the device is needed.
- A holding response has been received from the LDNPA about proliferation of footway obstructions in Windermere & Bowness. Encouraging response, citing a voluntary code that they have put in place in Keswick. They will provide us with a fuller response before the next Council meeting on 10 May.

Information:

- Consultation has started on the Lake Action Plan 2017-22. Town Council views will be put forward via our representatives on the Lakes Admin group, but individual responses can be submitted via the website: haveyoursay@southlakeland.gov.uk.
- LDNPA: notification of appeal by the owners of Brookdene against refusal by LDNPA.
- South Lakeland Community News: sent to councillors on email.
- Inspection report for Langrigg Play area - all areas are low risk and no matters arising.
- Finally, the new look Quarry Rigg toilets are now open from 8am to 8pm, 40p charge. A formal opening will be arranged in due course.
- The Clerk distributed preference forms for the May 10th AGM.

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Finance:

- a) Councillors discussed the grant application from the BWCCT and Simone Backhouse was present to answer any questions. It was decided to award a grant of £570, with the possibility of further funds should the need arise.
- b) Councillors approved expenditure of up to £150 to purchase a new sewn Union Flag for the Library gardens. The Clerk will now place the order.
- c) Councillors approved the invoices listed on the agenda for payment.
- d) The Clerk had received a quotation for grounds maintenance at Langrigg Play area. £1,600 + VAT for fortnightly grass cutting April to October, twice weekly litter pick and spraying for knotweed if necessary. This is an increase of £100 on previous year. There is a budget of £2,000. Councillor approved this quotation but asked that this

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	work be put to competitive tender in the Autumn of this year.
332.	<p>Local Plan: The Clerk explained that the LDNPA had issued consultation on the sites identified for development within each parish, including for housing and employment. This includes the current plans for the Glebe. Responses received will form part of the discussion and agreement of the new Local Plan and will have a 15 year horizon. Councillors had all received copies of the relevant part of the current Local Plan and discussed the way forward. Some issues were highlighted as follows: The feasibility of extending the development area in front of the old garden centre (WN05H) onto the derelict land. The point was made that the current plan is only to use the woodland. If this can be used, why not the derelict land. A number of councillors commented on the very difficult access to the land to the East of Lakeland (WN04H) and that this needs very careful consideration. The Clerk agreed to email Councillors with a deadline for their individual comments. She will then prepare a composite response to the LDNPA to meet the June deadline.</p>
333.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made: a)7/2017/5165: Infield House, Troutbeck Bridge: Single storey extension to provide disabled facility modifications. Recommend Approval as this is a good improvement. b)7/2017/5193: Calgarth Boathouse, Old Hall Road, Troutbeck Bridge: Demolition of existing 2 berth boathouse, jetties and 3 bed apartment. Construction of new 2 berth boathouse, jetties, slipway and 3 bedroom apartment and associated site works. Recommend refusal. The design of this boathouse is out of keeping with the local vernacular and replaces an arts and crafts boathouse which has local historical importance. The building is imposing, a good 8ft higher than existing and the living space is more appropriate to a house than a boathouse. The case for full replacement rather than renovation of the existing building is not convincing. c)7/2017/5116: 11 Broadfield, Troutbeck Bridge: Extensions to side, front & rear. Recommend approval but note that this is RETROSPECTIVE. These buildings have been in place for some time. d)7/2017/5208: Land opposite Chapel Ridding, Patterdale Road, Windermere: Structures for timber working and storage (re-submission of 7/2016/5015). Recommend approval. e)7/2017/5210: St Andrews, Lake Road, Bowness: Variation of condition no 2 on approval ref 7/2011/5340 - to enable the bar/restaurant areas to be replaced with 4 guest suites. Recommend refusal. It is believed that a previous application proposed guest suites, which were later amended to bar area. Our prevailing opinion then was that the access and parking pressures would be too significant to enable this to be a feasible proposal. f)7/2017/5209: Jackson & Graham, Lake Road, Windermere: Proposed forecourt parking improvements. Recommend approval. g)7/2017/5213: Old Fallbarrow Cottage & Old Fallbarrow, Fallbarrow Rd, Bowness: Demolition of the existing extension to the rear of Old Fallbarrow Cottage and the erection</p>

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	<p>of a new, replacement extension with minor alterations to Old Fallbarrow. Recommend approval.</p> <p>h)7/2017/5231: Low House, Cleabarrow, Windermere: Alterations and extensions to the existing property to include a 3 storey side extension. Recommend approval. A significant improvement to the architecture of the building, but there needs to be a condition that parking is provided for the extra accommodation on site not on street.</p> <p>i)7/2017/5207: 20 Crescent Road, Windermere: Air Conditioning unit Recommend refusal. The location is very prominent and would be better behind the lanterns and properly shielded.</p> <p>j)7/2017/5242: Millbeck Stock, Windermere: Erection of a shared bike and bin store for 3 properties in Millbeckstock Barn. Recommend approval.</p> <p>k)7/2017/5240: Cannon Hey, Storrs Park, Windermere: Detached carport Recommend approval.</p> <p>l)7/2017/5200:Elleray Cottage, Elleray, Windermere: Further information now received about land ownership, as requested by the Town Council at its meeting on 12th April. Final recommendation can now be made. Recommend approval with a proviso that at least 6ft 6in of footway should be guaranteed, to enable access for all.</p>
<p>334.</p>	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree applications were noted: The following applications are within the Conservation Area and are not currently covered by a TPO.</p> <p>a)T/2017/0060: Broad Street Car Park: remove row of conifers.</p> <p>b)T/2017/0061: Biskey Howe, Windermere: various thinning and felling works.</p> <p>c)T/2017/0055: Crag Howe, Woodland Rd, Windermere: Fell 1 birch.</p> <p>The following application is covered by an existing TPO: a)T/2017/0052: Crag Howe, Woodland Rd, Windermere: Fell 2 cypress</p>
<p>335.</p>	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates & times were noted. Wednesday 10th May 2017: Council Annual Meeting (AGM). Wednesday 14th June 2017: Full Council Wednesday 28th June 2017: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>

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