



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

28th September 2016 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllr Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr J Saunders, Mr W F Smith, Ms K Atkinson, Mrs J Borer, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Ms Sue Bloy, Mr Ross McMillan, Mr A Legge, Ms G Nicholson, Mr A Winrow, Mrs Sandra Lilley, Mr Mike Stafford, Mr P Jewell. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), District Councillor David Williams, Theresa Wooll, Sally Johnson & Joan Pollard from the Fairtrade Network and 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
141.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllr Mr I Telford, District Councillor Ben Berry.</p>
142.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th September be signed as a true and accurate record with one spelling amendment.</p>
143.	<p>Declarations of Interest: The following declarations were made: Cllr Sue Bloy in item 14c (153 on minutes) - planning, due to her partner being the architect on the application. The councillors remained in the chamber during the debate and did not participate in discussion (unless asked) and did not vote on the motion.</p>
144.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
145.	<p>Public Input: Theresa Wooll, Sally Johnson and Joan Pollard from Windermere Fairtrade group had asked to address the Council. Theresa Wooll spoke as the co-ordinator of the Windermere & Bowness Fairtrade Group. The group was founded in 2003, to promote fair-trade in the town. In 2004, Windermere & Bowness were awarded Fairtrade Town status, renewed in 2013 and due for renewal again. Some highlights of the last few years include: the 2013 Booths display of Fairtrade goods, raising awareness of the plight of banana farmers, fair-trade themed art displays in local schools, fair-trade fortnight in 2015, when Brockhole hosted local and fair, including talks from a cocoa farmer from Belize and in 2016 the fair-trade Bake Off at Cedar Manor, which raised £450. The group are very well supported locally and asked the Town Council to continue that support by endorsing the application for renewal of Fair-trade town status. Councillors asked a number of questions about the criteria for a fair-trade town and the role of the town council, after which the Mayor signed the application form on behalf of Town Council.</p>
146.	<p>Police Update: It wasn't possible for a representative from the Police to attend the meeting, but an email update had been sent and was read out by the Clerk. This was noted. Various observations were made about the new LED street lights, which have created darker street areas and the</p>

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	impact this may have on local policing.
147.	<p>Proposal to discuss item 13 (Ellerthwaite Square) in private session. This was due to the content, which compares the detail of two commercial bids and is, therefore, commercial in confidence. The proposal was approved and the item moved to the end of the meeting.</p>
148.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Borer</u> wished to highlight the need to ensure that local drains are cleaned out before the bad weather begins. This is essential to alleviate flooding. Individual councillors are aware of particularly bad areas of drain blockage and have or will report them to the CCC highways hotline. It was, however, agreed that the Clerk will encourage local residents to do the same, where they are aware of any problem areas and to include the hotline number in the October town council column in Windermere Now. <u>Cllr Atkinson:</u> updated Members on the poor take-up of lettings in the new housing association development at the old soldiers and sailors social club in Bowness. The clerk had passed contact details for Windermere Now on to the housing association representative, to assist with advertising the lettings. <u>Cllr Lilley:</u> reported back on the Windermere in Bloom awards evening, held in the Ladyholme Centre on 22nd September. It was well attended (c 80 people) and the new venue was a great success. However, there was a dearth of trophy winners present and many trophies could not be presented on the night, which was a great shame. Cllr Lilley thanked everyone who helped out. This is an important community event and crucial that the Town Council get it right. It was acknowledged that there is good scope for improvement and a “post mortem” meeting will be arranged by the Clerk, to take place in November. <u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Had met with the Clerk and LDNPA to assess the self-seeded sapling trees on the A591, which block the lovely initial view of the Lake as traffic comes over the brow of the hill. The LDNPA tree officer has agreed that the trees can be removed. Cumbria Highways have also given permission and the Clerk will obtain quotations and arrange for the work to be done over the Autumn and Winter. <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> had attended the CALC training session (New & Aspiring Chair), held, for the first time, in the Windermere Council Chamber. There were positive comments about the venue, but a need to signpost its location better and the course itself was very good. Also Cllr Greasley has become aware of many complaints about the new railway franchise operator, Northern Rail and it was agreed that Cllr Jewell will ask for feedback when he attends the Lakes Line User Group meeting.</p>
149.	<p>District & County Councillors’ reports: Cllr Williams had no significant issues to report, but did offer to assist with funding for Langrigge play area equipment via his local fund. It is hoped that this will result in an additional £1,000 funding for the play area.</p>
150.	<p>BWCCT Toilets Sub-Committee (joint meeting with representatives from Windermere Town Council’s Policy & Finance Advisory Group): The minutes from the meeting held on 12th September were noted and accepted. Cllr Smith reported that the Trust had decided to hold off starting the Quarry Rigg</p>

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	renovation project until January 2017, due to the need to firm up some outstanding issues with the specification.
151.	<p>Nat West Flower Bed The Town Steward has taken over maintenance of this flower bed throughout the summer and has much improved its appearance. He would like to improve it further and proposes that WINDERMERE is planted in box hedging in the bed, interspersed with bedding plants. He is prepared to fund the box hedging from his own funds and asks if Town Councillors would also wish to contribute individually. This proposal was welcomed enthusiastically and it was agreed that a collection will be made at the Christmas Town Council meeting. The Clerk also has some spare box hedging in her garden which she will donate.</p>
152.	<p>Langriggge Playground: At previous meetings, Councillors have been informed that the climbing frame would need replacing this Autumn and have confirmed a budget of £5,000. The Clerk has applied for funding assistance from the Windermere & Ambleside Lions and they have pledged £2,000 towards the costs. The Clerk has obtained estimates as follows: Option 1: New Climbing Frame and two springers (seesaw parrot and springer whale): £8,885 - £2,000: cost to Town Council would be £6,885. Option 2: Climbing Frame only. No springers: £5,581 - £2,000; cost to Town Council would be £3,581. All costs include safety surfacing, delivery and installation. Town Council was asked to decide which option is most preferable and it was agreed that option 1 should be agreed. The additional budget required (£885) will be met from Cllr David William's local fund (£1,000 pledged). The Clerk will now test the quotation competitively and place the order for the installation of new equipment prior to December 2016.</p>
153.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made: a)7/2016/5580: The Workshop, off North Terrace, Bowness: Demolition of substandard and unsuitable workshop accommodation and erection of two 3 bedroomed local needs houses. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO BUILDINGS AND STREET. b)7/2016/5436: Norman's Pier, Glebe Road, Windermere: Replacement of jetty with new timber jetty. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO AN EXISTING INSTALLATION. c)7/2016/5606: 35, Main Road, Windermere: New external balcony. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. IMPROVED SAFETY FEATURE AND DESIGN IS IN KEEPING WITH THE BUILDING. d)7/2016/5565: Old Fallbarrow, Fallbarrow Rd, Bowness: Removal of existing open porch and replace with a new open porch, removal of the existing bay window and replace with conventional window, replacement of existing window frames and glazing, external decorations. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. THE RESTORATION IS AN IMPROVEMENT AND IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE HISTORY OF THE BUILDING. e)7/2016/5618: 50 Windermere Park, Windermere: Single storey extension with balcony on flat roof and internal alterations (re-submission of 7/2016/5128). NEUTRAL. NO ISSUES WITH</p>

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	<p>THE MAJORITY OF THE APPLICATION, BUT THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT THE APPEARANCE OF THE WOOD CLADDING AND WHETHER IT WILL FIT IN TO THE SURROUNDING AREA.</p> <p>The following lawful development was noted: 7/2016/5610: Royal Windermere Yacht Club, Fallbarrow Rd, Bowness: Application for Lawful Development (planning already granted for alterations to ground floor male changing room, construction of disabled WC and shower, construction of lift, including an extension at first floor level).</p>
154.	<p>Tree Applications: The following tree applications were noted: a)T/2016/0122: Annesdale, Ambleside Road, Windermere: Fell one multi-stemmed sycamore and 4 lawson cyriess. Crown lift and cut back 1 laurel hedge. (Consideration of TPO). b)T/2016/0124: Crag Howe, Woodland Road, Windermere: Removal of 8 Trees (consideration of TPO)</p>
155.	<p>Planning Decisions: The list of planning decisions made by the LDNPA, as listed on the agenda, were noted.</p>
156.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates & times were noted. Wednesday 12th October (Full Council); Wednesday 26th October (Full Council, lighter agenda) Wednesday 16th November (NB changed from 9th November, due to Clerk's holiday)</p>
157	<p>The Mayor then closed the public part of the meeting and the following item was discussed in private session. Members of the public left the building.</p>
158.	<p>Ellerthwaite Square: The final bids from the two short-listed contractors were discussed in full. It was decided to appoint Jack Charnley as contractor and Town Council look forward to the commencement of the works in the Autumn. The Clerk was asked to confirm start and end dates and report back to the Council.</p>
159	<p>Windermere in Bloom: Cllr Borer proposed and Cllr Saunders seconded a special thanks to Cllrs Sandra Lilley and Christine Hallatsch for all their hard work to deliver the Windermere in Bloom awards ceremony. There was a presentation of potted roses.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.32pm</p>

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