



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th October 2022 at 7pm, Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Kate Tripp (in the chair), Cllrs Leith Hallatsch (Deputy Mayor), Adrian Legge, Jenny Borer, Catherine Musetti, Christine Hallatsch, Peter Cook, Christine Cook, Peter Hamilton & Esther Kirby. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Rebecca Pinder, Facilities Officer. SLDC/CCC Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7.15pm</p>
71.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies from Cllrs Marina Davis (holiday), Lisa Greasley (family commitments) and John Saunders (sickness). Also from CCC Cllr Jim Bland and SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones. The Clerk announced the resignation of Magda Khan.</p>
72.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>
73.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 28th September were noted.</p>
74.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
75.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
76.	<p>Items to be discussed in private session: The following items were approved for discussion in private session, due to the personal and confidential content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of Town Clerk; (proposed Cllr L Hallatsch, seconded Cllr P Hamilton)• Update on Langrigge Play area. (proposed Cllr C Musetti, seconded Cllr L Hallatsch)
77.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
78.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> had attended a meeting of the Ferry Advisory Group and provided a detailed update on progress being made with a new replacement ferry, which will be electrically powered. It is hoped to bring the ferry into service by Spring of 2024. <u>Cllr Cath Musetti:</u> raised a local issue with access to the Rugby Club in Bowness and the Clerk agreed to investigate. <u>Cllr Peter Hamilton:</u> raised the issue of a potential Air Show. <u>Mayor Kate Tripp:</u> expressed the honour she felt in leading the 1min silence for the late Queen at the War Memorial. Had been involved with the flying of the replica Waterbird and had observed the 2nd round interviews for Clerk.</p>

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79.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis</u> updated on the senior appointments that have been made to Westmorland and Furness Unitary.</p> <p><u>Cllr Holmes</u> had been involved with licensing sub-committee meetings and will be chairing Lakes Administration later this month.</p>
80.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway. She was pleased to update that she had been able to sign the final documents that afternoon for the transfer of the land at Longlands to the trusteeship of the Town Council.</p>
81.	<p>Elleray Woods & Orrest Head Advisory Group:</p> <p>The notes of the recent site meeting were noted, including the plans for repairs to the tarmac on the bottom part of the access track. Council agreed to a spend of up to £5k on the reduced tarmac scheme, provided donations are made from property owners. Proposed Cllr Adrian Legge and seconded Cllr Christine Hallatsch.</p>
82.	<p>Windermere Lake Water Quality:</p> <p>Cllr Peter Cook introduced his report which had been circulated with the agenda. It underlined the problems that have been experienced with poor water quality this summer in the lake. The report set out several proposed actions to be taken by the Town Council. Councillors agreed that this is a very important local issue about which the community has significant concerns and as much action as possible should be taken to maintain the profile of the problem and put pressure on organisations who have responsibilities. Although individual Councillors are free to openly support the campaign and petition of Matt Staniek, it was considered inappropriate for the Council to publicly support it at this point, until there is further clarification from the organisations responsible for Windermere lake water quality. As such the following action was agreed:</p> <p>A letter will be sent to the Environment Agency, highlighting the local concern about lake water quality and requesting information on what actions are being considered and proposed by the regulator.</p> <p>A letter will be sent to United Utilities, again expressing local community concern, acknowledging the work that has been done in the past to reduce sewage pollution in the lake but focusing on what further work the organization plans for the future to prevent further deterioration in the water quality and sewage disposal into the lake.</p> <p>Given the Town Council's knowledge and involvement in a wide variety of lake issues, a request be sent to "Love Windermere" for the Town Council to have a representative on the group.</p> <p>An enquiry be made to the Freshwater Biological Association, asking them to set out for the Town Council and the community, their views on the issue and actions that can be taken.</p>

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	<p>The Clerk was asked to put these actions into train as soon as possible and the motion was proposed by Cllr Adrian Legge and seconded by Cllr Leith Hallatsch. Council voted unanimously to support this.</p>
83.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payments list, which had been circulated with the agenda and, in addition, approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eon: Electricity for St Martins Lights: Sept 22: £8.66• Town Steward: Payment for work in September 22: £1,120.00• Treble 3: Amendments to email in boxes: £44.40• Healthmatic: Repairs to vandalized Radar lock on Bowness Bay disabled toilets: £411.60.• Marchesi Centre: Room rental for September: £43.00. <p>Proposed Cllr Christine Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Jenny Borer.</p> <p>b) A grant application from Better Leisure for funding to assist with providing entertainment at the forthcoming Christmas Markets on the Glebe was discussed and a grant of £700 was approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Leith Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Christine Cook.</p>
84.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 26th October 2022: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Thursday 10th November 2022: Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Langstone House. Wednesday 16th November 2022: Full Council, Marchesi Centre.</p>
	<p>The Mayor closed the meeting in public and moved into private session for the following items</p>
85.	<p>Appointment of Town Clerk:</p> <p>On behalf of the Chair of the Recruitment Advisory Group, Mayor Kate Tripp read out a short report, which updated on the process and recommendations of the interview panel. The following motion was proposed by Cllr Christine Cook and seconded by Cllr Cath Musetti. It was agreed that Sally Parkyn would be appointed as replacement Town Clerk, subject to suitable references. The offer of employment would comprise the terms and conditions set out in the report. The Clerk was authorized to put the offer in writing along with a draft contract of employment and to take up references.</p>
86.	<p>Langrigge Play Area:</p> <p>The Clerk updated Council on the progress that is being made to develop an up to date management agreement with Windermere Endowed and the forthcoming deadline of end of November. Council agreed that this is the correct approach and that a proper agreement needs to be put in place.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>

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