



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Meeting held on 6th April 2022 at the Marchesi Centre, following the completion of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Adrian Legge (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp, Cllrs Jenny Borer, John Saunders, Peter Cook, Christine Cook, Christine Hallatsch, Leith Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) & and 2 members of the public. SLDC/CCC Councillor: Andrew Jarvis. The meeting opened at 6.45pm</p>
152.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Marina Davis, Magda Khan & Alan Hands (Illness), Cath Musetti, Grania Nicholson, Fiona Wilkinson & Peter Hamilton (Holidays), & Joanne Daley (Work commitments). Also SLDC/CCC Cllrs Kevin Holmes, Jim Bland, Dyan Jones & Will Clark.</p>
153.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th March 2022 were approved.</p>
154.	<p>Planning Minutes: The minutes of the planning meeting held on 23rd March 2022 were noted.</p>
155.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
156.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
157.	<p>Items in Private Session: It was agreed that the following items should be discussed in private session at the end of the meeting due to the personal or confidential content of the reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town Clerk - succession planning• Town Steward - terms and conditions• Langrigge Play area - lease renewal
158.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
159.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Mayor Legge</u> gave a summary which included attendance at both a site and on-line meeting regarding progress with Bowness Promenade, Local Government Reform group, Policy & Finance Advisory Group, meeting of Phoenix Way residents (planning), Planning sub-committee and the site visit to Elleray Woods. <u>Cllr Greasley</u>: Had attended the Elleray Woods site visit, the fundraising meal for the 597 bus, a meeting about planting a bed in Library Gardens, Windermere Endowed Trustees, Policy & Finance Advisory Group, the Civic Society AGM and is looking to meet on site with the CCC footpath officer for improvements to Sheriffs Wood footpath and St Mary's footpath, both of which have been reported to the County Council.</p>

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	<p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u>, in her role as Chair of the planning sub-committee, requested that the recent consultation document from the LDNPA on second and holiday homes, be delegated to the next meeting of the planning sub-committee on 27th April, to prepare a response, in order to meet the deadlines. As this is such an important subject and one on which many councillors will have views, it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the link to the consultation and councillors could either respond via email with their comments or attend the sub-committee meeting in person.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Cook</u>: Summarised recent developments with regard to Local Government Reform, with the forthcoming elections being the key event. The group intend to contact each candidate standing for the Windermere and Bowness wards to outline the case being made by the Town Council with regards to income from Windermere lake. The group is now considering other assets that may be best managed locally.</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch</u>: Was sorry to announce that there is little chance of any further developments with obtaining speed devices until after the May elections/later in the year.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u>: Highlighted the importance of the recent South Lakeland meeting which focused on Local Government reform.</p> <p><u>Cllr John Saunders</u>: Was very sad to learn that the Windermere & Bowness Civic Society is very close to being wound up, due to the lack of any new members willing to take on responsibilities of office.</p> <p><u>Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp</u>: Had attended the CALC meeting referred to above and it was clear that the Town Council is very advanced in its understanding of Local Government reform and what it will mean for our communities. Cllr Tripp had chaired the recent meeting of the Policy & Finance Advisory Group (minutes on this agenda) and visited the Lakes Line 175th Anniversary exhibition at Staveley, which will be coming to the Ladyholme centre. She had also attended meetings on Local Government Reform and the planning sub-committee. On behalf of the Mayor, Cllr Tripp had the honour of greeting a group who had cycled from Sheffield to White Cross Bay to raise money for a Childrens Project. It was an inspirational event.</p>
160.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis had not been able to attend the Phoenix Way residents meeting to object to the proposed car park extension but had submitted his concerns in writing to the LDNPA. He had recently attended the oral hearings on the boundary commission proposals for new parliamentary constituencies and was able to explain the huge problems from many angles, particularly that of geography. The vast majority of current work is devoted to Local Government Reform, which recently included a presentation to a group of Town Clerks held in Grange.</p>
161.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, reporting progress on agreed project work for this year. Key work this month will focus on completion of the year end accounts, Policy & Finance Advisory Group, Planning sub-committee. Work-streams include Ellery Woods access road, succession planning, Langstone House.</p>

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	<p>The Clerk also raised a minor issue which had been requested after the agenda was issued. This concerns a project led by PCSO Sarah Blacow aimed at teaching children about the impact of anti social behaviour and designing a poster. It was agreed to fund an Amazon Voucher amounting to £20 and the Clerk will arrange this.</p>
162.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group held on 17th March 2023: Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp presented the minutes of this meeting, which were accepted and the following recommendations were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) That the projected financial out-turn be noted (minute 3);b) Appointment of Margaret Lees as Internal Auditor (minute 3);c) Grant payment to the Kendal Concert Band for performance at the bandstand (minute 4);d) Quotations for improvement works to the land behind Bowness public toilets (minute 5);e) Support in principle to the proposal for funding additional planning compliance work in Windermere & Bowness (minute 6);f) Arrangements for renewal of the lease for the parking space at Ye Olde Bathe House (minute 7);g) Estimates of £500 for upgrading Civic Planting and War Memorial planters (minute 8);h) Grant payment of £500 to the North West Air Ambulance (minute 14a);i) Re-submission of the original response to consultation on new parliamentary boundaries (minute 14c). <p>Cllr Tripp also requested that, at the next meeting of the Health and Welfare Advisory Group, a report is made and the leader of this group (Cllr Magda Khan) be requested to attend.</p>
163.	<p>Finance: a) Payment of invoices listed on the updated April Orders for payment were approved unanimously.</p>
164.	<p>Co-option Policy Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp presented this and the background as to why it had been drafted. The draft policy was approved unanimously without amendment.</p>
165.	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment: Cllr Borer, as Chair of the planning sub-committee presented this issue and the background to the unprecedented growth in licensed premises in Bowness and the subsequent problems that are experienced. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to SLDC to establish how the Council can obtain a Cumulative Impact Assessment.</p>
166.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 27th April 2022: Planning sub-committee (Langstone House) Thursday 28th April 2022: Policy & Finance Advisory Group (Langstone House) Wednesday 4th May 2022: Annual General Meeting Council (Marchesi Centre)</p>
	<p>The Mayor concluded business in public at 8pm and moved to private session for the following agenda items:</p>

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167.	<p>Town Clerk Succession Planning: The Clerk left the meeting room whilst this item was being debated. The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The timetable for recruiting a new clerk (as set out in the report);b) The Clerk to work full-time hours from April 2022 to March 2023 and prepare an analysis of how the current hours of 30 per week are distributed compared to the newly agreed 37.c) The formation of a separate Advisory Group with 5 councillor members, supported by the Clerk, to manage the recruitment process. The interview panel of 3 members should be drawn from this group;d) That a maximum of £22k is set aside from reserves to meet the potential costs of recruitment and succession.
168.	<p>Town Steward: Terms & Conditions: The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) An uplift in the daily rate of the Town Steward as proposed in the report, commencing from April 22;b) A contribution of up to £2k is made towards the purchase of a chainsaw and appropriate training.
169.	<p>Langrigge Play Area: The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) An extension to the current agreement to 30th September 2022, via letter from the Clerk to allow time to draft and agree an up-to-date legal agreement;b) That the Clerk contact the Windermere Endowed Trust to ask for more information on the nature of the land-holding.
	<p>The Mayor concluded the business of Full Council at 8.30pm</p>

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