



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Mrs JS Borer, Mrs Kate Tripp, Ms Grania Nicholson, Mr Mike Stafford, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Lisa Greasley (arrived 7.35pm), Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis &amp; Kevin Holmes, PCSO Sarah Blacow. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
185.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Cllrs Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Ms K Atkinson, Mr Alan Hands, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mr Adrian Legge &amp; Ms Sandra Lilley. SLDC &amp; CCC Cllrs David Williams, Ben Berry, Jim Bland, Dyan Jones.</p>
186.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
187.	<p><b>Planning Minutes:</b> It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning sub-committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019.</p>
188.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
189.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
190.	<p><b>Presentation from Cumbria Police on CCTV:</b> The Clerk reported that the presenters were not able to attend and would struggle to attend our next meeting in April. It was proposed that 2 Councillors and the Clerk meet separately with the Cumbria Police officers and report back. It was agreed that Cllrs Saunders and Tripp be delegated to attend this meeting.</p>
191.	<p><b>Report from Cumbria Police PCSO:</b> PCSO Sarah Blacow gave a brief update on the activities of police in the community. Burglaries are on the increase, especially bikes and tools from sheds. On 25 May, there will be a sports event on Queens Park and hopefully in November, a big lunch at the Phoenix Centre, aimed at bringing together young and old. The main news is that the problems in Bowness have been recognized and there is a bigger police presence there, with response officers in the area to deal with problems. There were questions from Councilors about the problems with Swans on the streets of Bowness and Sarah confirmed that, although this is not necessarily a police issue, the owners of shops who have been feeding the swans have been spoken to and warned not to do this. Sarah also introduced the scheme called Parent/Parking promise, aimed to assist in solving the problems with poor parking and highways problems during school drop offs. Also she updated on mini police at St Mary's and St Martin's school. To reward and celebrate these</p>

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	<p>initiatives, the Fire Service have volunteered to perform a car cut which is always a popular event. A slight problem is that there is now a payment needed to obtain a scrap car that is safe. With delivery this amounts to less than £100. It was agreed that the Town Council would sponsor this to encourage community safety and the clerk will make arrangements to pay the car supplier direct. Sarah thanked the Town Council for continuing support over the years. Councillors are invited to the event which will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Fire Station in Windermere.</p>
192.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> There was no further input from the public.</p>
193.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b>  <u>Cllr Mike Stafford:</u> reported on the complaints he has made to the Highways team about the poor quality of re-instatement outside the Co-op in Windermere and outside the Queens Hotel. These should have been done with the sets that are in stock at the depot and not with tarmac. He will keep Council updated on this.  <u>Cllr Magda Khan:</u> enquired about progress with the old Bowness signage and the Clerk agreed to follow this up with Cumbria County Council.  <u>Cllr Grania Nicholson:</u> updated on a Windermere Well Being pilot event that will be held at Queens Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The event will promote health and well-being and there will be exercise equipment to try. It is hoped that this will lead to a larger event in September.  <u>Cllr Jenny Borer:</u> Also attended the Health and Well Being meeting and was pleased with progress and the ideas being tabled. Attended the Windermere Lake Action Plan steering group and distributed the progress report on the plan, which deals with the overall strategy for the Lake. The paper copy was handed to the Clerk to retain.  <u>Cllr John Saunders:</u> Updated on progress with the Millerground project. The work on the path has been completed but progress has been hindered with the drainage problems caused by recent flooding of Rayrigg Road, which Highways have been out to fix. It is still hoped that the play area will be completed by summer. Swimsafe will take place again this year and volunteers will be needed. Also confirmed that planters owned by WTC have been moved from the Tourist Information in Windermere to the Crazy Golf area in Bowness to provide some spring and summer colour.  <u>Mayor Hallatsch</u> at this point in the meeting announced that he intended to resign from post immediately on close of the meeting. There will be one further Town Council meeting prior to the AGM and the Deputy Mayor will chair this.  Councillors were unanimous in thanking Cllr Hallatsch for all his hard work over the past few years and his contribution to the communities of Windermere &amp; Bowness.</p>
194.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b>  <u>Cllr Jarvis:</u> was pleased to report on the progress with painting the church railings in Bowness. The next stage will be completed in April/May this year. Also pleased to have donated his £500 Locality Budget to the Windermere Youth Project. Currently very busy with the SLDC budget. Announced the AGM of the Friends of the 597 Bus at the Marchesi Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> April.  <u>Cllr Holmes:</u> raised the issue of the potential closure of the Windermere Ferry over Easter</p>

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	<p>and it was established that the latest update shows that the work will be completed and the Ferry back in service for week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Cllr Greasley, who had arrived late, added to the update the bad news about Easter services on the Lakes Line. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Tim Farron MP to make clear the Town Council's dissatisfaction with this on behalf of the residents and businesses of Windermere &amp; Bowness.</p>
195.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting and added the following items which had been received in the meantime:</p> <p>Update on work on the A592 from United Utilities (emailed to cllrs).</p> <p>Resurfacing works in Broad Street car park(emailed to cllrs).</p> <p>Proposals for the artwork for the programme of Bowness Tennis Court markets . Comments had already been sent to Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward.</p> <p>The Clerk answered a number of questions on her work programme.</p> <p>The Clerk also gave an update on the forthcoming Elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Nomination packs had been printed and were available for Councillors to pick up. They need to be completed and delivered direct to SLDC by 3<sup>rd</sup> April (4pm). The Clerk will arrange to deliver to those Councillors not in attendance at the meeting this evening.</p>
196.	<p><b>Finance - Invoices for Payment:</b></p> <p>a)The invoices set out on the agenda were approved for payment. The following invoices, received more recently, were also approved:</p> <p>Town Steward payment for February: £978</p> <p>Horton Landscapes - inspection of hanging baskets and brackets: £95 + VAT.</p> <p>Viking: Stationery Order: £253.87.</p> <p>b) The quotation from Horton Landscapes for replacement of the lamp-post brackets was approved at £345 + VAT.</p>
197.	<p><b>Speed Indicator Devices:</b></p> <p>The Clerk explained that Cumbria County Council had been in contact and will install these devices if a clear list of locations and reasons is provided. SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones has already requested one for Claife Avenue. It is suggested that further locations are proposed and the Clerk will pass these to Cumbria Highways to be included in their schedule of work.</p> <p>After discussion the following locations were agreed as being the highest priority:</p> <p>A591 by St Mary's Church</p> <p>Troutbeck Bridge on the corner by the petrol station</p> <p>Limethwaite Road</p> <p>Junction of Lake Road and New Road</p> <p>Rayrigg Road - whole length but especially the approach to Bowness.</p> <p>Back Crook Road by Blackwell (raised by residents at a prior Town Council meeting and a secondary priority but important nevertheless).</p> <p>The Clerk will provide this list in advance of the next CRASH meeting to CCC.</p>

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<b>198.</b>	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> All meetings will start at 7pm at Langstone House unless otherwise stated. Notification of any agenda items/motions should be sent to the Clerk no later than 7 working days before the meeting. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6pm: Allotments Annual General Meeting. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019: Annual Parish Meeting (6pm) followed by Full Council Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019: Planning sub-committee</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.10pm.</b></p>

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