



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 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, Christine Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley, John Saunders, Peter Hamilton, Christine Cook, Peter Cook, Sandra Lilley & Catherine Musetti. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk designate) & Rebecca Pinder (Facilities officer) SLDC/CCC/W&F Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes, Jim Bland, Steve Bavin. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
101.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies from Cllrs Esther Kirby (work commitments) & Marina Davis (dentistry). Also from SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones.</p>
102.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2022 were discussed and it was agreed that the declarations of interest (item 90) should be expanded to include all the members of the Town Twinning committee. The decision to make the grant to the committee was re-visited and approved with those councillors who declared an interest, abstaining. The Clerk pointed out that the amendments could be made prior to signature as no substantive decision of the Council had been changed. The minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record. (Proposed Cllr Lisa Greasley, seconded Cllr Christine Cook).</p>
103.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 30th November 2022 were noted after an introduction by the Chair. (Proposed Cllr Christine Cook, seconded Cllr Leith Hallatsch). There was a general vote of thanks to the members of the planning sub-committee, who perform a difficult and vital role with great commitment.</p>
104.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
105.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
106.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
107.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> Updated on the Cumbria in Bloom AGM at Threlkeld and praised the completed toilets refurbishment at Millerground. The facilities are a credit to the Council. She reminded everyone that the Christmas Market would be taking place in Windermere that weekend. <u>Cllr Legge:</u> Informed members of improvement works that he has arranged, in consultation with the Town Steward, for the viewfinder at Orrest Head (general clean), the commemorative engraving at Brookside Bridge (cleaning and re-painting) and tree work in</p>

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	<p>Elleray Woods. The Town Steward is also giving thought as to how the damage to the Counties Meet stone can be best repaired.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge and Cllr Christine Cook</u> jointed updated Council on the outcomes of a pre-meeting to the planning sub-committee, with Cumbria Police, SLDC licensing and representatives of Bar Watch. There are a number of measures that can be taken to improve the situation in Bowness but what is needed first is a clear evidence portfolio, amassed from a variety of sources. The sub-committee will continue to work on this into the new year and hope to submit evidence then.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Hamilton</u>: Re-iterated the praise of the community for the Christmas Lights installation at Bowness Bay and wished to especially thank the Facilities Officer (Becky Pinder) for all her hard work on this project.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Cook</u>: updated on the work of the LGR Advisory Group and the informal meeting that took place with the new Westmorland and Furness Councillors. The meeting was useful for a variety of reasons and the Clerk has planned in some further dates in the new year. Cllr Cook also attended the on-line consultation session with the new Chief Executive and Leader of Westmorland & Furness. They underlined that it is their intention not to make any decisions that affect parish and town councils until after vesting day. Also, it has been agreed that a final letter will be sent to Michael Gove, as the previous responses from the department have not fully understood the issues raised about the lake.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u>: Had attended, first for some time, the LLRUG meeting, as it was held locally in the Council chamber. It was pleasing to see that the commitment and effectiveness of this influential group has not diminished over the years.</p> <p><u>Mayor Kate Tripp</u>: Reiterated the comments from Cllr Borer and reported on a recent meeting of the Community Rail Partnership, along with some interesting facts. The rail service locally is back to 89% of its pre-Covid capacity. The mix of users has, however, changed, with more local commuters using the service and less visitors. She also gave an update on the forthcoming industrial action and the launch of the 6 carriage train (separate email copied to Councillors). It was also pleasing to see the very low cancellation statistics for our area, compared to the region. This is partly due to the hard work of the Lakes Line User Group.</p> <p>Also attended “Mary Poppins” at Windermere School as a Council representative. Excellent production.</p> <p>Finally, enjoyed giving out the prizes for trader and eco trader of the year at the Bowness Christmas market. It was good to see the Council’s grant in action, as this funded the entertainment of a Santa and a Balloon sculptor. The profits from these activities have been donated to Mountain Rescue.</p>
108.	<p>District & County Councillors’ reports:</p> <p>SLDC Cllr Kevin Holmes summarized the key findings on a report to Lakes Admin about lake water quality.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Jarvis had attended one of the open visits to the waste water treatment facility in Bowness and would thoroughly recommend. A date for WBTC councillors has been set -</p>

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	17 th January. He reminded Councillors that the final recommendations of the Boundary Commission have been changed and that Windermere is now included in the Kendal area. Lots of work associated with LGR, including senior appointments.
109.	Clerk's Report: The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway. Specific questions were asked about progress with the War Memorial culvert and the date for the first meeting of the Longlands advisory group was noted (14 th December). There were no further questions or observations
110.	Finance: 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: Bank Charges for November 22: £8.00 CALC Training Course (Clerk Designate): £30.00 Water Plus (Broad Street November): £86.28 Eon (St Martins Christmas Tree): £18.58 Proposed Cllr Leith Hallatsch, seconded Cllr Christine Hallatsch.
111.	Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 14 th December 2022: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Wednesday 11 th January 2023: Full Council, Marchesi Centre.
	The meeting closed at 8.05pm and the Mayor's Christmas buffet was served.

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