



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

8th June 2016 at 7.30pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllr Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Mr J Saunders, Mr I Telford, Mr W F Smith, Mr P Jewell, Ms K Atkinson, Ms Sue Bloy, Mrs S Lilley, Mr A Legge, Mrs J Borer, Mr Allan Winrow. Also: Julie Wright (Town Clerk), Cllr Ben Berry (SLDC), Jim Maguire, SLDC, Derek Jones, North Country Leisure, Janet Chapman, Troutbeck Bridge Flood Action Group and Adrian Faulkner, Chamber of Trade. The meeting opened at 7.30pm.</p>
28.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Mike Stafford, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms G Nicholson, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Cllr D Williams (SLDC)</p>
29.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting (AGM) held on 25 May be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
30.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bill Smith in planning items d & e (clients of his company). Cllr Jenny Borer in planning items d & e (clients of close family). Councillors who declare an interest are allowed to remain in the room during discussion of the item, but do not participate in the debate or vote.</p>
31.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
32.	<p>Presentation: Future of Leisure Provision in Windermere & Bowness Derek Jones from North Country Leisure (NCL) and Jim Maguire from SLDC spoke about the partnership which has been in place for three years. NCL are a registered charity and the aim of the partnership is to re-invest all surpluses in leisure facilities, thereby increasing participation from the local community. There have been some tangible successes from the partnership, including the Millerground Swimsafe, which is growing in popularity and importance. The partnership are now focusing on the Glebe, described as a “hidden gem” with the aim to get the most of the facilities (tennis, crazy golf, pitch & putt) to contribute to the health and well-being of the local population. This presentation aimed only to deliver some key messages at this stage and some early ideas, to be followed up by a more detailed discussion with Town Council. Some ideas included having winter ice skating on the tennis courts, improving and modernizing golf facilities (eg football golf) to attract families and to possibly tap into the growing and very popular Park Run movement. The overall aim would be to have a good balance of local use and successful tourism facilities on the Glebe and to improve the quality and standards of what is on offer. Councillors were very positive about the ideas and asked questions/made comment on the following subjects - a local’s pass, the need to be aware of the bigger picture for the area, in particular the CCC proposals for land-use in the area, the real need to improve the attractiveness of the facilities, the particular difficulty in attracting residents to such a busy area in season, the lack of challenge on the pitch and putt, the opportunities to use the</p>

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	<p>whole open space more productively, rather than simple focus on the leisure facilities. Jim Maguire gave a quick update on the issue of Geese on the Glebe and the work of the Geese Management Group.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Jim and Derek for the presentation and ideas. The Town Council looks forward to a more detailed discussion on a future occasion.</p>
33.	<p>Public Input:</p> <p>Mrs Janet Chapman, representing the Troutbeck Bridge Flood Action Group:</p> <p>Janet thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to speak about and bring to attention the real problems that are being experienced in Troutbeck Bridge, which now floods on average once every 3 years. Compared to other areas in Cumbria, the impact isn't on a large centre of population, but the people who are affected suffer very deeply and their health and well being is being severely curtailed. Residents have been fighting for over 40 years to get something done. The key is the Environment Agency, who are responsible for the culvert and who have admitted in reports that the culvert is not fit for purpose, but that the cost of replacing it is too great to attract funding, (estimated at £350k 6 years ago). Funding is based on the number of properties protected rather than the regularity of flooding. As Troutbeck Bridge is a small community, they suffer on the points system for funding.</p> <p>Alternatives to the culvert being upgraded will not address the problem. Flood barriers on properties, which have been suggested, will not prevent the water rising <u>under</u> the properties.</p> <p>Councillors asked various questions for clarification, including the actual route of the culvert.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that they need to support the residents' efforts in lobbying for the culvert to be upgraded and agreed to write to the Environment Agency. The email details will be provided to the Clerk.</p>
34.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> Underlined the need to chase SLDC on the provision of more litter bins at Millerground, where the state of litter and debris is only getting worse. The Clerk agreed to write to SLDC. Cllr Saunders also attended the bus shelter meeting (with Cllr Borer) on 15 April, where it was agreed to re-locate the shelter outside St Mary's Church to a clearer and safer location.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jewell:</u> reported that he had been in discussion with a local artists group about the positioning of posters on lamp-posts to advertise events. It was agreed that they need to contact CCC for permission.</p> <p><u>Cllr Smith:</u> Expressed his concerns about the new location for the St Mary's bus-stop, particularly due to the speed at which cars approach the corner location.</p> <p><u>Cllr Atkinson:</u> Did not attend, but understands that the event on the Glebe last week was a great success.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer:</u> Attended the inception meeting of Windermere Forward, along with Cllrs Saunders, Legge and Jewell and the Town Clerk. It was a very positive meeting and it was agreed that a group will be created with the aim of taking forward joint events and initiatives in the Windermere & Bowness Area, along the lines of the Kendal Futures group.</p>

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	<p>The majority on the group will be local business people, who were well represented at the meeting. There will probably be one representative from WTC, who will be nominated at the next town council meeting. The meetings will be held on a monthly basis to begin with until the group are established.</p> <p>Cllr Legge: wished to highlight the improvements in parking enforcement since the issues had been raised with CCC by Amanda Davies.</p>
35.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Berry updated on the local campaign against the proposed Boundary and Ward changes for Windermere. The petition went live at mid-day and, so far, there has been a great response. A link will be provided to the Town Council website.</p> <p>Cllr Berry has succeeded David Williams as the Conservative Group Leader on SLDC.</p>
36.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk updated verbally on the following items, which had been sent to councilors via email. Hard copies were available for those councilors not on email:</p> <p>Letters sent on behalf of the Town Council to the Westmorland Gazette and SLDC re feeding of Geese on the Glebe, to the Chief Executive of the North Cumbria Health Trust re proposed closure of Kentmere Ward at Westmorland General Hospital, to various press re the Boundary Commission proposals for electoral ward boundary changes in Windermere.</p> <p>Allotments - in the process of doing the final allocation.</p> <p>Windermere in Bloom - hanging baskets and half tubs will be erected before 14th June and invoices to sponsors have been issued.</p> <p>Email received from United Utilities about emergency works on the Glebe.</p> <p>Lakes Parish Council agenda for 8th June.</p> <p>CALC Training course dates for September to December 2016.</p>
37.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2016 were noted and the recommendation not to partake in the partnership with Lakes Parish Council and Age UK South Lakeland was approved.</p>
38.	<p>Orrest Head and Elleray Wood Advisory Group:</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 30th April 2016 were noted.</p>
39.	<p>Commercial Lighting in Bowness & Windermere:</p> <p>The clerk's draft letter to the Lake District National Park, calling on action to limit the use of loud commercial lighting in Windermere & Bowness, was approved with amendment to reflect that the lighting has now been turned off at Café Italia.</p>
40.	<p>Ellerthwaite Square:</p> <p>Cllr Saunders outlined a proposal from the Civic Society which entails building a new low stone wall and incorporating new planting to be joint funded by Windermere Town Council and the Civic Society. Three quotations have been received for the work, ranging from £6.5k to £12.5k. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Policy & Finance Advisory Group to review the detailed costings and report back to Council with a recommendation.</p>

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41.	<p>Finance: The invoices as listed on the agenda were approved for payment, with four additions - Berry's Garden Services for £202.94 (summer planting at War Memorial), Treble 3 for hosting the clerk email at £24, Cumbria Clock Company for £132, for annual maintenance of Baddeley Clock, Gary Hancox for £952 for May Town Steward work. These payments were approved.</p>
42.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were made: a)7/2016/5246: The Promenade, Glebe, Bowness: Annual operations for the repair and maintenance of the beach between the jetties. NO COMMENT b)7/2016/5274: Near Orrest Farm, Windermere: Erection of a shed for loose housing of cattle and covering of midden on site of old implement shed/midden stand. NO COMMENT c)7/2016/5260: Stable Cottage: Heaning Lane, Windermere: Proposed extension and associate external works. NO COMMENT d)7/2016/5302: The Arts Bar and Grill (ex Spinnery Restaurant), Brantfell Road, Bowness: Proposed advertisements. RECOMMEND REFUSAL AS THE ADVERTISEMENTS ARE OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE LOOK AND FEEL OF THE LOCAL CONSERVATION AREA. e)7/2016/5303: The Spinnery: Brantfell Road, Bowness: To paint the external render in County Cream from Dulux Weathershield range. Change external signage due to rebranding. RECOMMEND REFUSAL AS PER COMMENTS FOR (D) ABOVE AND THE FACT THAT THE SIGNS ARE INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED, WHICH IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONSERVATION AREA. f)7/2016/5253: Hanse Building: Windermere Aquatic Ltd: Glebe Rd, Bowness: Change of use to restaurant/cafe with ancillary terrace. NO COMMENT g)7/2016/5285: Carlinghowe, Kendal Rd, Bowness: Extension to allow access from existing kitchen through to utility room and new kitchen. Replace 2 existing doors with one single access point. NO COMMENT h)7/2016/5278: The Hollies, Hazel Street, Windermere: Pair of 2 bedroom, 2 storey semi-detached dwellings, each of 70m sq floor area. NO COMMENT i)7/2016/5304: The Garth, Lyth Valley Rd, Bowness: Removal of conditions 3 (personal use) and 4 (office accommodation tied to property) of application 7/2005/5581 to allow the business to operate independently of the property. NO COMMENT j)7/2016/5280: The Studio, Queens Square, Bowness: Addition of cast iron balustrade to form patio on existing flat roof; replacement of window with French doors for access to balcony; replacement of existing glass and aluminium front door with solid wooden black painted door. RECOMMEND APPROVAL, AS THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE LOCAL AREA. k)7/2016/5292: 38 Queens Drive, Windermere: Proposed alterations to the existing conservatory. NO COMMENT.</p>
43.	<p>Planning Decisions: Members noted the planning decisions as listed on the agenda, approved by the LDNPA.</p>
44.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 22nd June 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda)</p>

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	Wednesday 13 th July 2016: Full Council
	Wednesday 27 th July 2016: Full Council (lighter agenda)
	The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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