



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

8th August 2018 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Mrs JS Borer, Ms S Lilley, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Peter Hamilton, Ms Magda Khan, Ms Sandra Britton, & Mr Adrian Legge. CCC/SLDC Cllrs Andrew Jarvis & David Williams Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) and 2 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
82.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Ms K Atkinson, Mike Stafford & Ms Grania Nicholson. SLDC/CCC Councillors Ben Berry & Dyan Jones.</p>
83.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th July 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
84.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
85.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
86.	<p>Public Input: Lorelei Khan-Robinson spoke to the Council about a sponsored litter pick that she would like to undertake, to raise funds to assist her activities (teaching English overseas) in her gap year. The Town Council was very supportive and happy to provide the equipment needed, which is stored at the Phoenix Centre. Individual Councillors pledged their support.</p>
87.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Updated Council about the 597 bus, which has an under-carriage problem, caused by some of the very deep pot-holes on the back roads (especially Droomer Drive). Also, the Well-being event planned for Queens Park has had to be postponed, until proper insurance etc can be put in place. Also drew attention to the continuing problems on the Lakes Line and the lack of guarantee of a service on a Sunday - a key tourism change-over day. <u>Cllr Adrian Legge:</u> Thanked the Town Steward for the planting scheme at the Forwood Fountain, funded by the Civic Society. It looks very good. <u>Cllr John Saunders:</u> Has had a positive reply from Highways about the flooding on Rayrigg Road and Lower Birthwaite. The Highways Authority will examine the drains and unblock them. It will now be put into their work programme. <u>Cllr Sandra Britton:</u> Spoke about the Lighthouse development and the uncertainty about permissions for the walling of the pavement area, which is owned by CCC on behalf of the public. She will continue to press for an answer and solution. There was a general discussion about planning issues, particularly pavement encroachment with permanent and non-permanent structures. It was agreed that the 6 Councillors attending the planning workshop in September will raise this with the experts and try to get clarity as to who is responsible and what can be done. The Clerk will write to the trainers and let them know that this</p>

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	<p>important issue will need to be covered.</p> <p><u>Cllr Khan:</u> reported seeing more vehicles parked on the Glebe on Sunday afternoon. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to SLDC and request that further bollards be considered.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch:</u> Reported on preparations for Windermere in Bloom. All invites are now distributed (thanks to Cllrs Legge, Saunders and Lilley for their invaluable help). There has been a good response so far. Trophies are cleaned and are being engraved. Cllr Hallatsch asked for Council's opinion on rewarding and recognising the Men in Sheds for their work on local benches and all agreed that this should go ahead.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer:</u> attended the inaugural meeting of the Lakes Action Plan Steering Group, which comprises LDNPA and SLDC members and officers, Cllr Borer representing Windermere Town Council (and Cllr Leslie Johnson representing Lakes Parish). The group will be overseeing the delivery plan to put in place the recommendations in the strategy and the Clerk will circulate the seven break-through actions which have been agreed. They are of great interest to Town Councillors and any thoughts and views are welcome (to Cllr Borer direct). It was noted as very positive that many of the delivery actions involve car parking and take on board the findings of the Windermere Town Council review.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch:</u> Attended the Boat Parade on Saturday and acted as judge. It was a great event and the Town Council's representation was appreciated.</p>
88.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> Reported that the Biskey Howe Road re-instatement and yellow and white lining is complete. There is a need to extend the lining up to Biskey Howe view and Cllr Jarvis has written to the County Council about this.</p> <p><u>Cllr David Williams:</u> Attended a meeting in Hawkshead to discuss the problems created by the non-operation of Windermere Ferry. It is hoped that the Ferry will be back in operation by the end of October. Cllr Williams aired the views of many in worrying about the long-term future of the Ferry and the CCC commitment to it. Cllr Borer provided a report to the Clerk from December 1999 which committed CCC to keeping the reserve fund intact to enable replacement of the Ferry in the longer term. The Clerk agreed to review the County Council's accounts and reserves and establish the level of funding in the Ferry reserve.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jarvis</u> followed up the issue after the meeting, in conversation with Ian Stewart at CCC and was able to confirm the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ferry is part of the highway network and will remain as such;• The current vessel only has around 5 years or so of working life left but it is currently too soon to start work on a replacement. He expects this to begin in a couple of years' time;• The capacity of the ferry is the decision of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. They <u>may</u> ask for a lower capacity given lessons learnt at the last evacuation (ie it is more difficult for people to exit their vehicles if they are parked too close together). <p><u>Cllr Williams</u> also reported on the email from the LDNPA about the Magic Roundabout. It is good to see that the dangerous and misleading advertisement has been removed but there is</p>

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	<p>clearly no intention by the LDNPA to take action on the pavement encroachment, even though, strictly speaking, it is in excess of what is considered acceptable and safe. <u>Cllr Hamilton</u> wished to speak about this and asked that his comments be recorded. He had taken photographs of this area and one in particular shows a disabled woman needing to get out of her wheelchair to walk unsteadily around the chairs on the pavement. Cllr Hamilton believes that it is only a matter of time before there is an accident in this area and asked what the Town Council can do. It was agreed to take this up in the planning workshop in September and report back to Town Council.</p>
89.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting and added the following items which had been received in the meantime: The Lakes Line Users Summer Bulletin (hard copy); Town Steward report for July: All planting schemes are completed, including new gardens created for the Forwood Fountain and alpine displays for the exterior of the Quarry Rigg toilets and the wall underneath the Lakeland/Booths sign. The recent weather has resulted in a lot more watering than usual and other normal activities have had to take a back seat, but normal work should resume in August. CALC: consultation on new fee structure, which will separate the element of the annual subscription that relates to NALC and CALC. A new method of calculation will be used. The impact on Windermere Town Council will be an increase in the fee of £60 to £80 per annum. Cllrs agreed to respond positively to the consultation. CALC is valued as a support organisation and the re-statement of fee levels is understandable and fair.</p>
90.	<p>Finance - Invoices for Payment: a)The invoices set out on the agenda were approved for payment. The following invoices, received more recently, were also approved: Town Steward: Work in June and July: £952 + Balance of planting costs: £173.04. Total: £1,125.04. Donation to British Legion for the GP90 cross and message (£50 was agreed). NALC: £50 for registration to the Local Council Award Scheme. Finance: Bank Mandate: b)The addition of the Clerk to the HSBC mandate, to assist with potential future internet banking, was approved. The 4 councillors on the mandate will remain. The management of any future internet transactions will be fully discussed by Policy & Finance Advisory Group at their November meeting and recommendations made to Council at that point. Finance: Building Society Mandate: c) The revised signatories to update the Cumberland Building Society Mandate were approved as follows: Removal of ex councillors: Allan Winrow, Joan Stocker and Bill Smith. Retention of current Councillor Jennifer Borer. New signatories: Mayor L Hallastch, Deputy Mayor John Saunders, Cllr Lisa Greasley. The arrangements for signing will not change and 2 signatures will be required on all transactions.</p>

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91.	<p>Planning sub-committee: Councillors approved the terms of reference of this new committee. The following Councillors were nominated to serve on the sub-committee; Cllrs Jennifer Borer, Sandra Lilley, Sandra Britton, Adrian Legge, Magda Khan. It was agreed that, in the absence of a ward councilor for Windermere Town, Cllr Legge will represent that ward's planning applications. Cllr Borer was elected as Chairperson of the sub-committee until the Council's AGM in 2019. It was noted that the first meeting will be held on 22nd August 2018.</p>
92.	<p>Policies/Local Council Award Scheme: The new Grievance & Disciplinary policies were approved. The Town Council confirmed that all the requirements were now in place for an application to be made for the Foundation Status of the Local Council Award Scheme.</p>
93.	<p>Lakes Line - Kendal Town Council A recent email from Kendal Town Council expressed dissatisfaction with the recent performance of Northern train services and the possibility of sending a joint letter to Northern with parishes affected. Councillors asked the Clerk to respond to Kendal Town Council positively and make it clear that WTC feel very strongly about the poor performance and its impact on the local economy, schools and workers. They would be happy to agree a joint response in September, which should take on board the expert views of the Lakes Line User Group. The Town Council would like to see the response reflect in particular Windermere's position as the ultimate destination on the line, receiving by far the greatest number of tourists. The impact on the local economy is significant when the trains do not run properly and Councillors were particularly worried about the lack of Sunday working being part of drivers' contracts as reported in the press. This must be corrected.</p>
94.	<p>Litter Problems : There was a general discussion about the litter problems being experienced in our area, which are reaching monumental proportions. It was agreed that SLDC are doing what they can but the problem is so great that there is a need to look at what can be done to supplement current activities. It was agreed that Cllr Dyan Jones, portfolio holder for the Environment at SLDC, be invited to attend the next Town Council meeting on 12th September and 30mins on the agenda be given to a joint problem solving session.</p>
95.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: 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 22nd August 2018: Planning sub-committee Wednesday 12th September 2018: Planning sub-committee at 6pm. Wednesday 12th September 2018: Full Council at 7pm (or on conclusion of planning sub-committee).</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm.</p>

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