



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 8th December 2021 at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere at 6.30pm

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Adrian Legge (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Peter Cook, Christine Cook, Christine Hallatsch, Leith Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley, John Saunders, Peter Hamilton, Fiona Wilkinson, Mike Stafford, Marina Davis. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Rebecca Pinder (Asst Clerk) + 1 member of the public. SLDC/CCC Councillors: Andrew Jarvis. The meeting opened at 6.30pm</p>
97.	<p>Apologies and absence: Cllrs Joanne Daley, Cath Musetti, Grania Nicholson, Ian Telford, Magda Khan & Alan Hands SLDC Cllr Kevin Holmes.</p>
98.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th November 2021 were approved for signature.</p>
99.	<p>Planning Minutes: The minutes of the planning meeting held on 24th November 2021 were noted.</p>
100.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
101.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
102.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
103.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports: In the absence of Cllr Jim Bland, the Clerk updated on the Christmas Lights. The update had been emailed to Councillors that afternoon. There are positive indications that the new lights at St Martin's Church will be erected. For Bowness Bay, the County Council are installing the command sockets this week. There are now very few motifs left in stock and choice is very limited. There are also still some uncertainties with regard to the price and contract conditions. Even if motifs can be obtained for the lamp-posts, it is proving very difficult to engage an electrician with the correct qualifications to erect the motifs. The Clerk advised that it would be preferable to wait until 2023 for taking forward the lights at Bowness Bay, due to the risks associated with rash decisions. Cllr John Saunders proposed that the Clerk and Asst Clerk continue to do whatever they can to obtain the motifs and get them erected and lit this side of Christmas. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Stafford and 9 councillors voted in favour of this approach. This proposal was therefore approved on a majority vote.</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> updated on progress with local government reorganization and the decision to share the senior officer position amongst the 3 district councils, after the resignation of the CCC Chief Executive. The appointment of a project director is well</p>

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	<p>progressed. There is still a huge agenda to fulfil. Cllr Jarvis confirmed that there is a January start date proposed for work on the Crag Brow roundabout in Bowness and that it is expected this work will be complete before Easter. The yellow lining at Brook Road, Lake Road, Craig Walk and St Mary's Park is also now on the early new year workplan.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Hamilton asked a question in connection with pavement space and street seating licensing. As this is the subject of a review by Cumbria Highways, which has been agreed by Town Council, it was agreed that it is preferable to await the outcomes of this consultation and review before progressing this issue any further at Town Council.</p>
104.	<p>Public Toilets:</p> <p>Cllr Lisa Greasley, as Chair of the Public Facilities Advisory Group, introduced the two reports on the agenda, which had been discussed at the group meeting held on 23rd November. She proposed the following recommendation from the Group which was seconded by Councillor Kate Tripp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Councillors approved the service specifications for the re-tendering of cleaning and maintenance contracts; (10 councillors voted in favour). <p>Cllr Greasley then proposed the contents of the option appraisal report and an amendment was tabled by Cllr John Saunders, who proposed that the report and its recommendations should be discussed and agreed at Policy & Finance Advisory Group in January 2022, prior to Council in February, as was envisaged in the original timetable. He highlighted that, as such an important decision, it is very important that there is a full discussion and debate at Policy & Finance.</p> <p>The Clerk explained the reasoning behind the deviation from the original timetable which included the fact that the report had already been discussed in an Advisory Group, the benefits of approval in December rather than February Council, with the timescales involved in the ordering of capital work. She also highlighted the provisions in the Council's Standing Orders, which provide precedent for this process.</p> <p>As there was no seconder for Cllr Saunders' amendment, the Mayor asked that Cllr Greasley introduce the report and its recommendations.</p> <p>The Mayor then asked for a vote on the substantive motion, which was proposed by Cllr Lisa Greasley and seconded by Cllr Mike Stafford. The following recommendations were approved (9 councillors in favour and 3 absences):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) That Town Council continue to manage and operate the 6 public toilets facilities directly, with costs being met from user fees;b) The Assistant Clerk continues to take on the majority of the tasks involved;c) That the Town Council continue to ring fence any surplus for re-investment;d) That short-term investment expenditure from the ring-fenced reserve is approved up to £27,000 (list included in report).

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105.	Budget & Precept: The contents of the Budget and Precept report were presented by the Clerk & RFO and proposed by the Chair of the Policy & Finance Advisory Group, Deputy Mayor Kate Tripp and seconded by Cllr Mike Stafford. The income and expenditure budget, as set out in the report, and a precept level of £131,600 (a 1.8% increase) was agreed unanimously.
106.	Finance: Invoices listed on the December Orders for payment were proposed by Cllr Jenny Borer and seconded by Cllr Leith Hallatsch, with the addition of: Assistant Clerk expenses (November 21) £48.19 Fairfield Property - repairs to Quarry Rigg lights: £94.49 Gary Hancox - £1,200 for Town Steward work in November 2021. These were agreed unanimously.
107.	Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 15 th December 2021: Planning sub-committee (Marchesi Centre) Wednesday 12 th January 2022; Full Council: Marchesi Centre Wednesday 26 th January 2022: Planning sub-committee (venue to be decided)
	The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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