



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 8th February 2023 at 7pm, Langstone House, Broad St, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor Kate Tripp (in the chair), Cllrs Leith Hallatsch (Deputy Mayor), Jenny Borer, Lisa Greasley, Christine Cook, Sandra Lilley, Marina Davis and John Saunders. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk designate) & Rebecca Pinder (Facilities Officer) & 3 members of the public. SLDC/CCC/W&F Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes & Steve Bavin. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
124.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies from Cllrs Adrian Legge, Peter Cook, Esther Kirby, Peter Hamilton, Christine Hallatsch. CCC Cllr Jim Bland SLDC Cllr Dyan Jones.</p>
125.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch Seconded: Cllr Lisa Greasley</p>
126.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 25th January 2023 were noted. Proposed: Cllr Jenny Borer Seconded: Cllr Sandra Lilley</p>
127.	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
128.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: None received.</p>
129.	<p>Items to be taken in private session: Councillors agreed to discuss the agenda item on terms and conditions of the Facilities Officer and quotations for the War Memorial Culvert in private session, after the close of the meeting, due to the personal & business in confidence content. Proposed: Cllr Lisa Greasley Seconded: Cllr Jenny Borer</p>
130.	<p>Public Input: Julie Tait, Director of the Lakes International Comic Arts Festival, updated Council on last year's event, held in Bowness. She began by thanking W&BTC for their support for what had been a very successful event with participants from over 26 countries. The artists were delighted with the location and many want to return next year. It was well supported locally with over 30 Bowness businesses participating in the Windows Trail and more would like to be involved next year. Three local schools took part, and a local autism group were supported to participate as volunteers. The main criticism they had was that it was too spread out, so for 2023 they hope to have their main spiegeltent base on the Glebe with other events at the Old Laundry. The structure will be there between 25/9/23 and 7/10/23 and will displace one Bowness</p>



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	<p>Market. Councillors asked a number of questions highlighting the need to mitigate noise and parking issues which may affect local residents.</p> <p>The mayor thanked Julie and her colleague for taking time to update council and confirmed the council's support for the event.</p>
131.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Cllr Lisa Greasley:</u> attended - (19th January) Policy & Finance advisory group, (17th January) United Utilities Tower Wood wastewater treatment plant visit, which was very informative, and a Cumbria in Bloom meeting. She conducted a site visit to Elleray Woods with a therapist who is interested in using it for meditation and forest bathing group sessions. She noted the Elleray Wood Tree report states some more felling is needed to make the area safe, putting back the opening of the new section. Also, that the St Mary's footpath work has still not started. She has contacted SLDC about cars damaging Lickbarrow common and Queen's Park and has suggested reinstating post barriers at the park. On 21st February, phase 1 of the new planters are arriving.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer:</u> attended the Lake Admin meeting and reported that it has been confirmed that under W&FC the structure of the group will continue as set out in the act of parliament. All the members with local interest will continue. The proposed 10% increase in lake fees was reduced to 5% after significant opposition from local people and town council representatives. She also attended the excellent Lakes Players pantomime and noted concerns about a potential increase in fees next year.</p> <p><u>Deputy Mayor Leith Hallatsch:</u> also attended Lakes Admin. He has attended the Lake District National Park partnership and CCC liaison as CALC representative.</p> <p><u>Mayor Kate Tripp:</u> attended - (13th January) a very useful LGR meeting, (18th January) the Windermere Vision/Gateway project meeting, (19th January) United Utilities online meeting about reducing water useage, (26th January) showing of <i>Windermere Children</i> at Royalty Cinema organized by Trevor Avery, (27th January) Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony at the Lakes School, (29th January) joined the Lakes Line User group at model railway show stand, (3rd February) Lakes Admin. She extended an invitation to councillors and their spouses to join her at the Kendal Mayoral fund-raising dinner on 14th April.</p>
132.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> chaired the final SLDC Lakes Admin meeting and endorsed the sensible decision on fees. He reminded council to spread the word that photo ID will be required for the elections in May.</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> reminded Council that the council tax consultation launched on 13th January can be commented on until 13th February. The proposed 100% increase on council tax on 2nd homes would increase the Windermere tax base significantly. He also noted that</p>



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	<p>from April 1st holiday lets will have to show that they have been rented for 70 days in the year to qualify as a business. He is also lobbying to have change of use from local primary residence to 2nd home or holiday let to be able to be addressed by local planning legislation. He held a site meeting at Applethwaite about the proposed car park illustrating the residents' concerns.</p> <p><u>Cllr Steve Bavin:</u> noted SLDCs council tax relief scheme will continue in the new authority.</p>
133.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway and highlighted the following: The positive 597 bus user group feedback letter. Progress that is being made on the repairs to the War Memorial Culvert; A meeting has been set up with the Bowness Bowling Club;</p> <p>She also highlighted areas of the Town Steward's report, including drainage work completed in Elleray Woods to ease and prevent flooding and work started in the new compartment with fence posts going in.</p> <p>On behalf of the Facilities Officer, she updated Councillors on the situation at Millerground. A repair estimate has been received which SLDC will fund and work will be started imminently so the toilets should be open by the end of the month. It was also noted that Lakes Parish are putting up their toilet fee to 60 pence.</p>
134.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group Council accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2023 with the following changes - that in section 9 the word Glebe be changed to Bowness Bay toilets and that SLDC have been advised to contact the builders regarding damage to Lickbarrow. Council noted the budget monitoring position for the first 9 months of the financial year. They approved the following recommendations, which were proposed by Deputy Mayor Leith Hallatsch (as Chair of P&F) and seconded by Cllr John Saunders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Setting aside an estimated £10k to a specific reserve to fund repair work to the War Memorial culvert.The Clerk to make amendments to the toilets budget projections for 2023-24 in light of the revised estimate of water costs and present this back to Policy & Finance.Delegate the clerk to re-write the grant applications guidance to incorporate the points made in the meeting and any further good practice from other Councils.The procurement of a mural for the Bowness Bay Jubilee Garden and funding of £350.That the Community Engagement group is temporarily dissolved due to lack of business.The quotation for the gardening work at the War Memorial. £2184.75A grant application from the Windermere Bowling club of £1,250.



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134.	<p>Finance: Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payments list, which had been circulated with the agenda and, in addition, approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Gary Hancox: Town Steward work in January: £1,349.99b) HSBC: Bank Charges for January: £10.00c) Sally Parkyn: Expenses for January & February: £58.35d) Sally Parkyn: Purchase of mobile phone: £119.00e) Eon for St Martin's Christmas Tree: £19.59f) Water Plus: Bowness Bay January: £285.14g) Water Plus: Broad St January: £92.73 <p>Proposed: Cllr Jenny Borer Seconded: Cllr Sandra Lilley</p>
135.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: Wednesday 22nd February 2023: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Wednesday 8th March 2023: Full Council, Langstone House.</p>
	<p>The Mayor then closed the meeting in public at 8:24pm and convened in private session to discuss the following two items:</p>
136.	<p>Facilities Officer: Terms and Conditions: The Clerk updated Councillors on the recent performance review and Councillors approved the resulting pay increment. Proposed: Cllr Leith Hallatsch Seconded: Cllr Lisa Greasley</p>
137.	<p>War Memorial Culvert: The Clerk presented Council with the two quotations received and it was agreed to appoint Cumbria Landscaping to carry out the full repair and new pipe. Proposed: Cllr Lisa Greasley Seconded: Cllr John Saunders</p>