



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 March 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, Christine Hallatsch, Lisa Greasley, Peter Hamilton, Sandra Lilley, Marina Davis, Adrian Legge, John Saunders. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk designate) & Rebecca Pinder (Facilities Officer) & 2 members of the public. SLDC/CCC/W&F Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes, Dyan Jones, Jim Bland & Steve Bavin. The meeting opened at 7.11pm</p>
138.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies from Christine Cook & Peter Cook (holiday) The Clerk also announced the resignation of Cllr Esther Kirby.</p>
139.	<p>Additional Agenda Item: Councillors agreed to include a late item from the LDNPA, asking for feedback on the proposal to suspend the speed limit on Windermere Lake on 2 dates in May, to enable Waterbird to fly. As this is not an item for Town Council decision and urgent in nature, it was agreed that it would be acceptable to be included on the agenda.</p>
140.	<p>Full Council Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Accepted unanimously.</p>
141.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 22nd February 2023 were noted. There was a query regarding the application listed as Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool as the building is now Choices Gym. However, this is as listed on LDNP planning portal. Accepted unanimously.</p>
142.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Adrian Legge and Kate Trip have declared an interest in the item relating to Waterbird as they are trustees of the organization. They agree not to chair or vote on that item.</p>
143.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: None received.</p>



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144.	Public Input: None
145.	Mayor & Member Announcements: Cllr Lisa Greasley reported that half the new planters are now in situ with the remainder arriving shortly. Questions from the public regarding them should be directed to the clerk. She had also discussed restricting vehicle access to Queen's Park with SLDC in order to keep vehicles off the grass and reduce the damage they cause. She reported that Windermere Endowed are still consulting with their solicitor on the lease for Langrigge but there seem to be no major objections. Cllr Sandra Lilley had attended Cumbria Health on Call (Choc) patients panel, she found it a positive meeting and they will be publishing ideas soon. Cllr Adrian Legge has been on 2 site visits with the Windermere Vision group. Cllr Leith Hallatsch raised the question about what will happen to the planter brackets from the previous scheme. It was decided to retain them for this year. Cllr Jenny Borer attended the Love Windermere open event at Brockhole on 14.2.23. She advocated for town and parish council representation. Mayor Kate Tripp also attended the Love Windermere event at Brockhole, she also went to an event with Matt Staniek about water quality. She has put in application for a Red Arrows free Flyby following a suggestion by Cllr Peter Hamilton. Possible time 12:08 Saturday 17 th June. She attended the Lakes Line User Group in Burneside and Windermere Gateway Vision group meeting. Also attended the online Love Windermere group which raised the issue of parish representation. This is still open to discussion about how it will work in practice.
146.	District & County Councillors' reports: Retiring Cllr Jim Bland CCC attended Lakes Admin and was disappointed at the lack of funding for a new ferry. He thanked council for their support over his 30 years at CCC. There was unanimous thanks to Jim for his years of service. Retiring Cllr Kevin Holmes SLDC has enjoyed his time at SLDC and hopes that his successor as chair of Lakes Admin gives the matter the weight it deserves. W&BTC councillors thanked him for his chairmanship of Lakes Admin and his practical support to W&BTC.



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	<p>Cllr Dyan Jones WFC reported that the first WFC budget has been passed and the foundations for the transition are in place.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Jarvis WFC was pleased that the recently passed budget included plans for increasing the Council Tax on 2nd homes and tackling long-term empty properties. He had attended St Martin & St Mary School pool meeting on how to make it sustainable and useable to wider community. It is an issue that will need resolving in next few years. He also noted that CCC has withdrawn the carpark application at Applethwaite.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Bavin WFC had also spoken to Matt Staniek about lake water quality. He asked the council to use their Facebook Page and litter pickers to promote the Great British Spring Clean 17/3 - 2/4.</p>
147.	<p>Clerk's Report: The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway and updated on the meeting held that afternoon with the Bowness Bowling Club. It was useful to meet on site in person and the attendees have taken the proposals from W&BTC to their management committee.</p> <p>On 23rd March the clerk is giving a talk to 60 students from Liverpool University visiting for a talk on local government.</p> <p>The Facilities Officer was pleased to report that the public toilets at Rayrigg Meadow are now fully reopened and a frost heater has been installed. The Town Steward will be installing a security lights there in the near future.</p> <p>The Councillors from W&BTC, CCC, SLDC and WFC all thanked the clerk for her many years of service.</p>
148.	<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 February: £1,543.50b) Sally Parkyn: Mobile phone charge for March 23: £6, Toilets entry x 10: £5c) Mayor Kate Tripp: for Kendal Mayors Charity Event: £133.d) Wellers Hedleys: Legal work on Elleray Woods: £914.40e) Water Plus - Pinfold Toilets £53.22



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	<p>f) HSBC Bank charges £8</p> <p>Prop Cllr Christine Hallatsch 2nd Cllr Jenny Borer. Accepted unanimously.</p>
149.	<p>Speed Limit Exemption (additional item): Chaired by the Deputy Mayor as the Mayor had declared and interest in this item</p> <p>Councillors were asked to respond to the LDNPA consultation in support of suspending the speed limits on Windermere Lake on the following dates and times, to enable the Waterbird project to proceed: 11th and 12th May 2023 between the hours of 7am to 9.30am and 6.30 to 9pm.</p> <p>Councillors received clarification about safety and access for lake users at the new proposed location.</p> <p>Council supported the proposal unanimously. The Clerk was asked to notify the LDNPA.</p>
150.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm unless noted otherwise:</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd March 2023: Planning sub-committee, Langstone House. Thursday 23rd March 2023: Policy & Finance Advisory Group, Langstone House. Wednesday 29th March 2023: Elleray Woods & Orrest Head Advisory Group: 2.30pm Langstone House followed by inspection of woodland. Wednesday 19th April Annual Parish Meeting 6pm at Marchesi followed by Full Council at the same venue at on conclusion of the APM.</p> <p>Meeting closed 20:15</p>