



# WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7pm, Langstone House, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor Leith Hallatsch, Cllrs Jenny Borer, Adrian Legge, Sandra Lilley, Peter Cook, Christine Hallatsch, Caroline Kearney, John Saunders &amp; Peter Hamilton. Also: Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk), Beccy Pinder (Facilities Officer) and 1 member of the public. Also: Westmorland &amp; Furness Council (W&amp;FC) Steve Bavin and Andrew Jarvis. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
46.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Cllrs Kate Trip, Marina Davis &amp; Lisa Greasley (annual leave) Christine Cook (family commitments) also W&amp;FC Cllr Dyan Jones (unwell)</p>
47.	<p><b>Item to be discussed in private session:</b> NONE</p>
48.	<p><b>Full Council Minutes:</b> The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>
49.	<p><b>Planning sub-committee Minutes:</b> The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were noted.</p>
50.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
51.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
52.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> Simone Backhouse of the Bowness &amp; Windermere Community Care Trust and Windermere School came to talk about a project to commemorate 80 years since D-Day. She plans to work with the Royal British Legion and the pupils of Windermere School to create prominent artworks in locations such as the Station beds which Windermere School have adopted. She would need photographs of local D Day participants and Councillors had suggestions of possible sources. Cllr Legge will take the proposal to the Royal British Legion.</p>
53.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Updates:</b> <b>Cllr Christine Halltsch:</b> Windermere in Bloom certificates have been printed and judging is almost complete. <b>Cllr Adrian Legge:</b> Attended the fundraising event on Orrest head with double amputee 8 year old Tony Hudgell successfully reaching the summit. It was a very well attended and organized event which has attracted a lot of publicity. <b>Cllr John Saunders:</b> Attended the CALC SL AGM and congratulated Leith on being re-elected as Chair. The W&amp;FC Portfolio holder for local grants also attended and could be a useful</p>

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	<p>future resource. He also attended a workshop about the future of sustainable transport in the Lake district which was interesting but not very well attended.</p> <p><b>Cllr Peter Hamilton:</b> could not attend the Geese Management group meeting but passed on that they would like to get feedback from local businesses about the impact of geese.</p> <p><b>Cllr Caroline Kearney:</b> attended the geese management group. They are looking for a new goose counter as the previous student who carried out that role has moved on.</p> <p><b>Cllr Jenny Borer:</b> She had been down to the Diesen promenade and that area needs attention by W&amp;FC. She also attended the interesting Pipe Watch meeting run by a representative of Lakes Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Cllr Leith Hallatsch:</b> had attended the Bury Fire HQ Burns Unit Camp presentation following their camp at Ghyll Head Centre. His grandson is a former patient who attended the camp. The mayor of Greater Manchester also attended the presentation.</p>
54.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><b>W&amp;F Cllr Steve Bavin:</b> Steve reported on the pavement safety walk in Bowness carried out in conjunction with W&amp;BTC and reported that the dangerous section outside Tesco has been repaired. Other immediate dangers have been reported. A long term plan for improvements to the Ash Street paving will be drawn up ready for future funding opportunities. He intends to walk around the wharf area with Cllr Greasley on her return. Rat control in that area will be beginning soon following several complaints. The Crag Brow railings are due to be repaired shortly.</p> <p>He attended a useful site visit at the ferry just before the cable snapped and noted that they have been working to improve communication about disruptions to the ferry service so residents are kept informed.</p> <p>The chemical toilet disposal point at Braithwaite Fold is still under discussion and he is liaising with the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) on this matter.</p> <p>He noted that speed indication signs have been put in by police.</p> <p><b>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</b> He also attended the ferry meeting and noted that the ferry is due its 5 yearly inspection which will require it to be taken out of the water at the Windermere Lake Cruises facility. This means that work can't begin until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at the earliest and is likely to take one month to complete. As it operates in freshwater major issues are not anticipated however the opportunity to make some improvements which will enable the ramps to operate at a greater range of water levels will be implemented. The plan to replace the ferry needs to be reviewed by the new council as a pending project.</p>

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	<p>Andrew also carried out a pavement safety walk in Windermere in conjunction with W&amp;BTC. The immediate dangers have been reported for repair and a larger improvement plan for the east side of Crescent Road is to be drawn up ready for a funding opportunity.</p> <p>The issue with the surface of Princes Road has been repaired.</p> <p>He noted that people are finding the road signs officers are not as responsive as the potholes officers and W&amp;FC are working to improve that.</p> <p>The annual Canvas of Electors is taking place to ensure the electoral roll is up to date so households should expect to receive an email or letter.</p> <p>The locality board will be in a position to offer significant grants in future for 20mph schemes and other projects.</p> <p>W&amp;FC will send a rep to the CALC locality group.</p>
55..	<p><b>Advisory Group Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Liaison Group:</b> reported that the next meeting would be in September. In positive news, Fibrus were filling potholes as they carried out their road works.</p> <p><b>Water Quality Group:</b> The Pipe Watch meeting was very useful and there is a plan to set up a similar group for our area.</p> <p>Peter Cook attended the United Utilities Treatment Works tour as they said they would be explaining their Action Plan for Windermere but they weren't able to give that information on the day. They will hopefully be able to do that when they give a presentation to Council before the October meeting.</p>
56.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p><b>Facilities Officer Report:</b></p> <p><u>Facilities Officer (FO):</u> the two overgrown allotment plots have been taken by local residents and generated a lot of interest saving the clearance costs. Another allotment plot has been taken back due to lack of care and has been relet</p> <p>The 4th tree wrap has been carried out by Blanchere completing the Christmas lights scheme on 24.7.23.</p> <p><u>Public Toilets:</u></p> <p>Police have closed Broad Street vandalism case due to lack of evidence. Clerk has requested further information. The Broad Street opening times will be extended as there have been no further incidents. Healthmatic did a great job getting them reopened.</p> <p>Work on architraves carried out 17.7.23.</p> <p>FO has negotiated with Enviroguard to price match Dynorod (£200+VAT).</p> <p>Account set up with Dynorod as they offer weekend call outs though Sunday is £300 so will avoid using.</p>

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Braithwaite Fold has needed unblocking again.  
Marian Jones at LDNP has raised chemical toilet disposal facilities as matter of urgency.  
Sanitary bin company access has been sorted.  
FO is meeting with Healthmatic contact Lyn on 4.8.23 was productive.

**Clerk's report:**  
Town Steward: There has been a fallen tree into Orrest Howe's garden and a large oak branch on the terrace cleared by Gary. A huge Oak falling into a farmer's field needs tree surgeon. Gary to arrange needed tree surgery work in Elleray Woods. A new padlock has been put on the poo bag dispenser on Oak Street. The new planters at the bottom of Long Tail Hill and the Station Corner are now complete and there are lots of positive comments about the scheme so far. Baddeley Clock now partially planted and Jubilee Garden has relocated plants from the traffic island.  
Elections: Still waiting for the Declaration of Interest forms to be accepted by the Monitoring Officer.  
War Memorial Culvert: Clerk has requested Cumbria Landscaping pass on the paperwork so she can attempt to get the permits authorised by the Environment Agency.  
Longlands Land: Facilities Officer is getting quotes for parking signs.  
Langstone House/New council office: no developments in planning application. The First Responders are using Langstone House undercroft for temporary storage.  
Finance: The end of year accounts are with external auditor and additional information requested has been sent. Public inspection period closed with no requests to view.  
W&FC Liaison Group: Next Liaison group meeting 22.9.23. Items for discussion can be passed to clerk.  
Langrigge Play Area: Lease received from Windermere Endowed's solicitor.  
Parking: letter has been sent to Rachel Maclean MP Minister of State for Houses and Planning and Tim Farron MP. Tim has offered his support. Letter sent to police. LDNPA have responded saying that the use of Rectory Fields can't extend beyond 28 days even if rules change as it is tenanted land in a scheme and this would affect the farm payments. They said it has never opened beyond 28 days due to these schemes, even in 2021 when the permitted development was 56 days. The clerk will follow up with National Trust as Cllr Hamilton spoke to the farmer and got a different impression.  
Planning & Licensing: LDNPA has new planning portal. Clerk to chase progress of CIA.  
Elleray Woods: Meeting about the donation box with LDNP and LDF on 13/7/23 was successful and a trial for one year was proposed.

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	<p>On 8.8.23 Tony Hudgell in conjunction with Bendrigg Lodge is carried out a sponsored walk supported by Adrian Legge.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> A page has been added titled Advisory Groups listing the current advisory groups, their function and chair. This page now has the P&amp;F Notes. Clerk proposes that Orders for Payment also be published on the website to increase transparency as it seems to be done by many other town/parish councils.</p> <p><b>Emails and phone calls:</b> Ongoing at 50 a day.</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A letter from a W&amp;FC Officer regarding proposed sponsorship of the beds in Bowness Bay will be responded to requesting a properly funded long term plan for this iconic World Heritage Site, but noting that sponsorship with discreet signage would be acceptable.</li><li>• A letter proposing extending the Glebe market to three days 1-3<sup>rd</sup> December to make up for the cancellation of Windermere Christmas Market will be responded to noting no objections provided the Chamber of Trade are consulted but that having given generous initial funding to the market ongoing grants are not guaranteed</li></ul>
57.	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>a) Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payment list which had been circulated with the agenda and in addition approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waterplus Rayrigg Road July £240.97</li></ul> <p>b) Council viewed the end of month 4 general accounts budget and it was accepted. The end of month 4 toilets accounts budget was postponed until Policy and Finance Meeting due to a transcription error.</p>
58.	<p><b>Changes to Website</b></p> <p>Councillors authorised the publication of the orders for payment on the website.</p>
59.	<p><b>Grant Applications</b></p> <p>Councillors decided:</p> <p>a) Community Club: School's Out for Summer Tuesday Lunches could not be awarded a grant at this time as there was no indication of the amount of children this would assist, the staffing costs were felt to be high and other sources of funding had not been approached, thus it did not appear represent responsible use of W&amp;BTC public money.</p> <p>b) Kendal Concert Band: Concert moved from Band Stand to St Martin's Church due to rain but the council decided to award the £100 Band Stand grant despite the change in venue as they had still played in Bowness.</p>

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60.	<b>Langrigge Lease:</b> Councillors noted the receipt of the lease and have requested that the clerk get legal advice before the Mayor and Deputy Mayor can be authorised to sign.
61.	<b>Orrest Head Collection Box:</b> Councillors agreed in principle to the proposed terms of the agreement between W&BTC, the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) and the Lake District Foundation (LDF). The main points being: Money ring fenced to spend on the site. 50/50 split for trial year. LDF to do all work and cover costs from Gift Aid. Donation box located on terrace where paths diverge but not blocking the inscriptions. The final agreement is hoped to be received by the next Full Council meeting.
62.	<b>Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group Terms of Reference and Good Practise Guide:</b> a) Councillors approved the Terms of Reference. b) Councillors approved the Good Practise Guide
63.	<b>80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the D-Day Landings 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> a) Councillors approved the lighting of a beacon on Orrest Head. b) Councillors agreed in principle to support the proposal for the art project discussed in Item 52.
64.	<b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> Forthcoming meetings as follows, starting at 7pm, unless otherwise shown: Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2023: Planning sub-committee: Langstone House. Thursday 31 <sup>th</sup> August 2023: Policy & Finance Advisory Group: Langstone House. Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023: Orrest Head & Elleray Woods Site Visit: 3pm Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023: Full Council: Langstone House
	<b>The Mayor concluded the business of Full Council at 9:07pm</b>

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