



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting

9th August 2017 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor L Hallatsch (in the Chair), Cllrs Mr J Saunders (Deputy Mayor), Mrs L Greasley, Ms S Lilley, Mrs C Hallatsch, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs JS Borer, Ms K Atkinson, Mr I Telford, Mr Adrian Legge, Ms Sue Bloy, Mr Mike Stafford, Mr Ross McMillan. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), SLDC/CCC Councillors Ben Berry & Andrew Jarvis. The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
76.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Ms G Nicholson, Mr Peter Jewell, SLDC Councillor Dyan Jones.</p>
77.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th July 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record, with one small amendment (name correction), made on the hard copy.</p>
78.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
79.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: NONE</p>
80.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
81.	<p>Mayor & Member Announcements: <u>Cllr Stafford</u> made comments about problems with coach parking in Windermere & Bowness. <u>Cllr Bloy</u>: wished to raise concerns about Windermere Ferry. When using the Ferry recently, Cllr Bloy observed that there have been no improvements in the situation - the queues are still a problem, two of the pay machines were out of order and there was no sign of money being taken on board. The situation is very poor. (CCC Cllr Ben Berry to respond) <u>Cllr Saunders</u>: reported on the Car Parking advisory group meeting, which had taken place earlier that evening. Progress is good. The 4 ward surveys, looking at issues for every road in the parish is complete and Cllr Saunders will pull together the findings. The survey of Car Parks is underway and Cllr Bloy is on target to complete this by the end of August. Thanks to the hard work of councillors on the group. What is needed now are counting strips for the main entrance roads to Windermere, to get a clear idea of traffic numbers over the period of 1 week. (CCC Cllr Ben Berry to respond). <u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u>: 11 members of the Diessen twinning committee are visiting Windermere this week. All is going well and there is a very good schedule of events. The mayor will attend two. <u>Cllr Lisa Greasley</u>: has attended some really good local events, all positive. They include the Pop Art exhibition at Abbot Hall, the Windermere Art exhibition and the Lake District Summer Music festival (Carver Church). Also took part in the Windermere in Bloom judging on 26th July.</p>

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	<p><u>Cllr Adrian Legge</u>: Reported that the topograph at Orrest Head has been damaged for the first time, with someone scrawling their name into it. It is not too deep and it is hoped that it can be rectified via a polish.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kath Atkinson</u>, reported on a very successful coffee morning for the 597 bus, held at the Hydro</p> <p><u>Cllr Sandra Lilley</u>: underlined how useful the 597 bus route is for visitors and will lead to them leaving their cars parked rather than bring them into the centre. Had taken part in another train survey on behalf of the Lakes Line User Group. This showed how the lack of luggage storage is creating a real problem.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ian Telford</u>: drew attention to the fact that the Glebe is now experiencing its 3rd set of road works since the enhancement scheme and also the well witnessed problems with parking and enforcement.</p> <p><u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u>: updated the Council on arrangements for the Windermere in Bloom awards evening. All the trophies have been engraved, all the invites are out and there has been a good response to date. She gave thanks to Councillors who have helped with judging and invites - Cllrs Greasley, McMillan and Lilley. Also highlighted that the yellow lines on the Glebe are now in real need of re-painting.</p> <p><u>Mayor Leith Hallatsch</u>: had attended his first evening with the Diessen visitors which was very enjoyable. Also attended and presented trophies at the Boat Fair, always a pleasure and today had put the final plant into Ellerthwaite Square and had photos taken.</p>
82.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis</u> updated on the planning enforcement situation with the new signs at Poppi Red. The business will need to apply for advertising approval and changes to the colour scheme. Also understands that the new Magic Roundabout sign is with the LDNPA compliance team for review and action.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ben Berry</u> agreed that he will take forward the request for counting strips with Cumbria Highways (as requested by the Car Parking Advisory Group). Will also pass on the problems raised by Cllr Hallatsch with Glebe yellow lines to Cllrs Bland and Williams, who represent that ward.</p> <p>With regard to Windermere Ferry, the review is in the hands of the CCC Cabinet (local councillors are not taking part). The problems, as explained by Cllr Bloy, are well known and there is a great deal of concern that the Cabinet review will not provide answers. The community has decided to set up its own "Windermere Ferry Action Committee" to ensure that improvements to the current situation are secured. Their aims will be published in due course.</p>
83.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated her written report prior to the meeting and updated on the following:</p> <p>Orrest Head viewfinder: Photographs have been sent to Gordon Greaves and it is highly likely that the graffiti can be removed by polishing.</p> <p>Longlands: SLDC have been in contact to confirm that they will shortly be sending us the results of the survey of the boundary walls.</p>

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	<p>Allotments: the holders of the two plots which looked uncared for in the recent inspection have been in touch and confirmed that they have plans to rectify the situation. They are both relatively new plot-holders.</p> <p>Replacement street signs: All 20 signs that were identified for replacement by town councillors were surveyed by SLDC parks officers and the Clerk on 8 August. SLDC have agreed to order signs to replace the majority of them (some are old fashioned cast iron on buildings and policy is to leave these in situ as a historic record, but make sure that modern signs are adequate in the vicinity). SLDC will fund this project.</p> <p>The following items were added to the report:</p> <p>The Clerk has spoken to the network rail contractors, who are re-building the wall at the railway station. It was agreed that the Women's Institute bench, removed from Ellerthwaite Square, be restored by the Town Steward and put in place by the contractors.</p> <p>The LDNPA business plan for 2017-20 has been received and circulated to councillors on email. If any councilor would like a hard copy, please contact the Clerk.</p> <p>Town Stewards report - most of July has been taken up with designing and planting Ellerthwaite Square. Other duties have continued alongside this (litter picking, maintaining other planters, erecting the dog poo bag dispensers and signs). The focus will now return to Elleray Woods and catching up on clearance there.</p> <p>Invitation from LA23 NET, to their next event at the refurbished Windermere Works on 6th September at 5.30pm (a panel discussion on Brexit).</p>
84.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The payments as listed on the agenda were agreed, with the following additions: Pandora Signs (Noticeboard sign, 4 laser cut signs for flower containers, 9 signs for dog poo bag dispensers): £602.10 + £120.43 VAT. Total: £722.53. Town Steward: Work in June and July: £952.00 + refund of plant costs (£364.71 on agenda). Total £1,316.71. Jewsons (further 3 invoices for Ellerthwaite Square gravel): Total, inc VAT: £68.64.</p>
85.	<p>Policy & Finance Advisory Group Meeting 20th July 2017:</p> <p>Members noted the minutes of this meeting and approved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The proposed Gifts and Hospitality policy and form;The increase of the Windermere Town Council Mayor's Allowance to £2,000pa with effect from May 2017, to reflect increased responsibilities and to bring in line with other local Councils. (written report)That the Clerk be authorised to order the work needed to put a permanent water supply into the Council allotments on Orrest Drive (total costs are estimated to be less than £1,000 one off and up to £300 pa ongoing costs).

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86.	<p>Planning Applications: The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <p>a)7/2017/5478: Clubhouse & Office, Windermere Marina Village, The Marina, Bowness: Amend condition 2 of planning approval to allow changes to the approved design. NO OBJECTIONS. THIS APPLICATION HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AND THE CHANGES ARE NOT OF A MATERIAL NATURE.</p> <p>b)7/2017/5477: 1, Thornhill, Windermere: Extension to the dwelling and construction of detached garage. RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE LOCAL AREA AND WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED PARKING.</p> <p>c)7/2017/5466: Calbeck Howe, Old Hall Road, Troutbeck Bridge: Replacement boathouse and sunroom/store and foul drainage package treatment plant. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THIS BOATHOUSE IS IN KEEPING WITH OTHERS IN THE AREA.</p> <p>d)7/2017/5485: Troutbeck Bridge Filling Station: Proposed engineering works to support retaining wall, including installation of “rock armour” boulders. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THIS WORK IS A NECESSITY AND MATERIALS ARE IN KEEPING WITH LOCAL VERNACULAR. GIVEN THAT THIS AREA IS VERY PRONE TO FLOODING, IT WILL BE SENSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THE STORM DRAINS ARE KEPT CLEAR AND THAT ACCESS IS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT AND AFTER THE WORKS.</p> <p>e)7/2017/5493: 23, Bowfell Crescent, Windermere: Proposed conservatories to side and rear of building. RECOMMEND APPROVAL. PRIVACY OF NEIGHBOURS LOOKS TO BE MAINTAINED.</p>
87.	<p>The following tree works applications were noted.</p> <p>a)T/2017/0105:14, Queen’s Drive, Windermere: Fell Magnolia due to proximity to the wall and shading. COUNCILLORS FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL. THE MAGNOLIA IS HEALTHY BUT IT DOES SHADE A WINDOW. WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO PRUNE?</p> <p>b)T/2017/0111 (TPO no 136): Tree Tops, Storrs Park, Bowness: Fell 1 Hazel, 1 Ash, 2 Beech, 3 Birch and 1 Oak. Re-coppice mixed native trees.</p>
88.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 23rd August: Full Council (lighter agenda). Note meeting at Mountain Goat at 4.30pm prior to Council. Wednesday 20th September: Full Council Wednesday 11th October: Full Council.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.07pm.</p>

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