



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Notes of Site Visit and Meeting held at Elleray Woods and Orrest Head on woods on 11th September 2024 at 1:45pm

Present: Cllr Lisa Greasley (Lead), Gary Hancox (Town Steward), Sally Parkyn (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Adrian Legge, Joanne Hicks Hargreaves,

Invited but on leave: LDNPA

1. Items Outstanding from the previous meeting in March 24:

These are all included in the notes below.

2. Update from LDNPA

There has been no update from LDNPA regarding Marian's replacement or restructuring. Clerk has asked about developments on the LDF collection box proposal but will leave it to LDNPA to chase.

3. Any issues regarding the summit: No current issues reported.

4. Update on potential tree work:

Clerk to contact Steve Unsworth to enquire about the progress of the tree inspection he had stated he was obtaining.

Clerk has the quote from Will Hicks.

Gary has identified another tree of concern a very spindly ash between the walled garden and new compartment.

The leaf on survey by Andy Nichol's should be kept to summer 2024 but booked in early.

This will be put on the October Agenda unless Steve Unsworth has a report that contradicts this plan.

5. Update on work in new compartment: The new compartment will be ready for opening 2pm on 18.9.24. Gary has created a new entrance on to the site and both ends will have wooden signage. There remain some further tasks such as additional fencing and footpath surfacing still to complete along with a refurbished bench to move.

6. Update on general issues from Town Steward: The vegetation overhanging the footpath at Old Elleray will be cut back in the Autumn.

The LDNPA will be notified about the need to gravel on sections of track.

7. Any other business

Bluebell glade: The advisory group plan to move a section of fencing in the lowest section of Elleray Woods adjacent to the track and create a fenced viewing compartment with seating where the bluebells and daffodils are at their best. The costs could be up to £2000 though it is likely that there will be people who wish to donate benches. Gary will dig channels to drain the track and the LDNPA will be asked to provide shilla stone to improve the muddy surface there and elsewhere on Orrest Head.

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th March 2025

