



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Notes of Site Visit and Meeting held in the woods on 13th April 2021

Present: Dr Helen Jones (Chair) Cllrs Adrian Legge, Lisa Greasley & Ian Telford. Gary Hancox (Town Steward), Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Rebecca Pinder (Asst Clerk)

Apologies: None.

1. Items Outstanding from the previous meeting on 21 October 2020:

It was agreed that new benches should be purchased for the commemoration of Fred Atkinson and Kathleen Atkinson for their service to the woods and that they should be sited at the entrance to the newly cleared compartment. Gary Hancox will indicate when the area will be safe to locate the benches and the Town Clerk will then arrange.

2. Compartment 18: Thinning, Improvement and Boundary Fence:

The Town Steward updated on this project, which will not be finalised for another 2 years. He set out proposals to join up access with the bottom path and this was agreed as a good idea. More detail will be needed closer to the time. The danger signs are now in place on the quarry area.

3. LDNPA Access Project & Summit Improvement:

Meetings had been held to consider the design for the information board and the orientation map. It was agreed that the map needed a lot of amendment and that there would be a short Zoom meeting to confirm the list of changes. Cllr Legge would then send this on to the LDNPA. There was also discussion about the bench and summit designs, which are in their final stages. It was agreed that it would be good to have matching metal benches along the "Terrace" below the summit and that the existing benches there should be re-used if possible. Cllr Legge undertook to double check if the contract includes providing the base and siting for the benches. The summit design is close to agreement and has a good support.

It was agreed that the commemorative plaques (which will replace the need for dedicated benches) should be sited somewhere strategic on the pathway up to Orrest Head and that the design of the location for the commemorative plaques be given some thought. It was agreed that the sponsorship plaques, recognising organisations who have contributed to the project, should be sited completely separately and potentially be part of the information boards (2).

4. Drainage:

The Town Steward has finalised the work on improving drainage drainage which will prevent flooding from King's Pond into the garden of Orrest Howe. This has included building a new culvert, which all agreed is an excellent piece of work.

5. Any Other Business:

- The Town Steward had just finalised the re-laying of the bark path through the walled garden and this is quite stunning.
- It was noted that the new gate which has been installed in the boundary wall to Windermere School car parking area onto the public footpath is not particularly attractive, but it was agreed that there is no need for any further signage to direct walkers down into Windermere.
- It was agreed that there should also be a memorial plaque to late Councillor Jennifer Jewell, when the access path is finalised.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 3pm (site visit and meeting).