



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Notes of Site Visit and Meeting held at Langstone House at 2:30pm and afterwards in the woods on 29th March 2023 at 3pm

Present: Dr Helen Jones (Chair) Cllrs Adrian Legge, Lisa Greasley, Kate Tripp (Mayor), Gary Hancox (Town Steward), Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Sally Parkyn (Clerk Designate) & Marion Jones, LDNPA

Apologies: None.

1. Items Outstanding from the previous meeting in September 22:

These are all included in the notes below.

2. Access Road re-surfacing: Update from Town Clerk/Town Steward. This will take place on Monday 15th May and take 2-3 days. There will be some disruption. The price of labour has been held but the cost of tarmac has increased 5%. Contributions from the homeowners has been agreed.

3. Update on work in new compartment was seen on site visit. Bat boxes made by pupils from the Lakes School will be installed mainly in this area. The additional fencing needed to make the area safe will be funded from existing budget. Quotes for the sculpture trail are being obtained by Cllr Greasley.

4. Update on general issues from Town Steward

The access in common wood was discussed on site visit. Advice from the tree survey will be used to decide where additional felling is required.

5. Update from Marion Jones (LDNPA)

The positive results of the visitor survey showing the increase in accessibility the project resulted in was shared with the group. Discussion about the allocation of the remaining contingency fund led to a request by WBTC for a contribution to the funding of the tarmac work which would improve access for all. There was also a request for LDNP to carry out remediation work to areas of the path that were becoming waterlogged.

There are rest points funded by DEFRA available to put by the path up. Suitable sites to be identified.

6. Collection Box proposal: Request from Marian Jones regarding Steve Tonkin from Lake District Foundation's proposal to put collection boxes on Orrest.

There was interest by the Council and questions regarding the proposal. The clerk will email the questions to Marian who will set up a meeting with LDF.

7. Any issues regarding the summit

None noted but Marian reported that a work order to reseeded and add extra material where it was wearing away in from to of benches had been **put in**.

8. Need for a new Chairman

Following Dr Jones stepping down, Lisa Greasley was unanimously elected.

9. Any other business

- The plan by a local organisation to use Elleray Woods and Orrest Head as a venue to run a foraging workshop in were discussed.

- The Town Steward will chase up the tree report.
- Civic society winding up funds allow up to £250 to be spent on daffodils to plant near the path. John Saunders is looking to source native varieties from Unsworth for delivery and planting in September/ October.

Thanks to Julie and Helen for their many years of service to Orrest Head and Elleray Woods in their various roles over the years was passed.

10. Date of next meeting: 6th September 2023